

MINUTES FOR THE MAY 2019 MEETING

- The May 14, 2019 meeting was called to order at 5:15 PM at the Ketchikan Public Library conference room.
- Advisory Board members present: Leslie Jackson, Caroline Seabright, Teri Hoyt, Rick Hauver, Amanda Kiely, and Arika Paquette
- Staff present: Aaron Ostby
- The agenda was approved by Leslie seconded by Amanda
- The minutes from the March 2019 meeting was approved by Amanda and seconded by Leslie.
- Correspondence: None
- Persons to be heard: Floyd McClennan. Floyd expressed his interest in becoming a CAB member and gave a background on his interests.

STAFF REPORT:

Aaron Ostby reported:

- First Haida Descendant Dancers performance of the summer was a success. It was the largest May attendance in the history of the event.
- Assisting First City Rotary with the stair project at Refuge Cove SRS. Project should be completed in a few months. Teri suggested thanking the Rotarians when the project is completed. It was decided that some of the members would attend a Rotary meeting after the stairs are finished.
- Several vacancies need to be filled for the summer.
- Met with Adam regarding the Alaska Waste donation to the RTP project at settler's cove. Project will be completed by July 19th
- Working on getting all picnic shelter reservations on-line.
- Design and Construction is in Ketchikan project planning for Lunch Creek Trail improvements. This led into a discussion regarding the proposed new PUC and Design and Construction's involvement due to outside grant funding.
- The Totem Restoration Building is now open to the public. There was a discussion regarding future building uses.
- Met with all Totem Bight commercial tour managers with Ranger Garasky, going over operations, expectations and rules for the season. Additional optional guide training was scheduled.

CHAIR'S REPORT:

Teri Hoyt reported:

- Discussed future meeting locations. It was decided that the Library should be used next year as the meeting location. Amanda will schedule.

KASPER REPORT:

- KASPER has shown interest in bidding on the bookstore concession at Totem Bight when the RFQ is completed.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Spring Marine Park Visits:** Staff will let the CAB members know when there will be time for a trip to check on some of the Marine Parks this summer.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Breakfast with the Birds Debrief:** It was agreed that the event was a success, with over 80 people in attendance. There was \$23 collected in donations for KASPER, which did not cover costs. Teri commented on the positive feedback she received but was concerned about how big the event was getting and suggested charging a fee to help cover expenses. Amanda suggested doing two groups for the bird walk instead of one big group, a more serious birding group at 7am and the family group after. Staff commented that the electrical system issues in the VIC need to be resolved. Teri thought the event was a great way to introduce birding to people and get them out in the State Parks.
- B. Refuge Cove Stair Project:** This item was discussed during the Chair's Report.
- C. Board Applicant:** Staff explained the selection process. Applicant, Floyd McCellan commented on his professional photography and his willingness to use these skills as a Board member.
- D. Goals / Projects for Next Season:** Amanda suggested trying to organize another park event. Teri commented on the difficulty planning something with so many other competing community events. Leslie suggested having an official Christmas Lighting ceremony at Totem Bight. It was agreed that the First Day hike should be attempted again this year. Teri suggested a community park picnic. Staff commented that many park areas do something for National Trails Day in June, but it is difficult coordinating events mid-summer. There will be further planning at the next meeting. There was discussion about the need for the Board to do more political advocacy next year due to State budget issues and the deferred maintenance needs in the Parks.

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

- A: Goal Development and Event Planning
- B: RTP Program Grant for 2020/2021
- C: Lunch Creek Trail Improvements

The meeting adjourned at 6:15pm. The next meeting was scheduled for September 10, 2019