

**GREATER WHITTIER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
SEPT. 20, 2011 @ CHINA SEA RESTAURANT**

ATTENDING: Rebecca Langton, Fee's Custom Seafoods; Sandy Bartles, Fee's Custom Seafoods; June Miller, Junes Whittier Condo Suites; Sam Gimelli, Keller Williams; Kristen Labrecque, Saltwater Excursions; Teresa Wilson, City of Whittier; Dyanna Barnes, City of Whittier; Marie Wagner, Major Marine Tours; Lester Lunceford, City of Whittier; Pete and Marilyn Heddell, Capt. Cook Books; Kelly Bender, Lazy Otter Charters; Janet Gideon, Inn At Whittier; Jack Roskind, Knot Roughin' It Charters

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Jack at 12:10 pm.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Jack described a flyer being handed out about not only the charter fleet being reduced but also the bag limit of halibut being reduced to one per person. He also described how this not only affects the fishermen, but all business surrounding this industry, i.e. hotels that house visiting fishermen, restaurants that feed them, processors that tend to their fish, etc.

TREASURERS REPORT: Janet gave the treasurers report. Marilyn accepted, Lester 2nd.

The check was cut for the fire hoses.

CITY REPORT: Dianna - No quorum for the city council meeting for today.

Lester - There were several legislators and commissioners in Whittier that were very impressed by the town and it's projects. They vowed to continue support. Don Young also enjoyed his time in Whittier and will continue his support for the projects upcoming in the town.

- The city will be receiving the transfer of the tank farm land as soon as the language is approved.

- After 9 years of being mayor did not reapply for mayorship. He has been approached about a write in campaign and has received a lot of support for that. Lester is not sure who will be mayor after October but if the support continues for the write in campaign, he will accept.

Dyanna - there are 2 council seats open.

Teresa - 2 seats are open on Planning and Zoning as well as 2 seats on Ports and Harbor.

Lester - There have been a lot of compliments on the museum. He took the legislators and commissioners there and they were very impressed and said that city officials should start seeking money for the museum, a rec. center and a visitor center.

OLD BUSINESS

Derby - Derby winners will be contacted and checks will be cut.

Kelly - we need someone else to take the test to take Matt's spot. Kristen said she would take the test and, with help, run the derby for next season. Marilyn let us know to only 5% of our derby income can be spent on advertisement.

Kelly - we need to set dates now for submission in the map and milepost printings. Derby dates will be May 15 thru Sept. 15.

Jack - we can apply for permit in November.

June - we need a better hanging area for pictures with fish and a place to put the charter names so they are included in the pictures.

Kelly - we need to build some confidence in the derby, and then we can do other things to support the derby, i.e. t-shirts, banners.

Memberships - Emails went out, 100 paper letters were mailed; any vendors can be sought after for memberships. Memberships are due by 10/1/11. If memberships are not paid by the first week in October they will be removed from the website. Invoices are being sent now.

Requests have been made for a more accurate drawing of the map. Pete made a motion to research it and Lester 2nd.

Sportsman Shows - Shows are available for sign ups now. Other chambers charge to have brochures on the tables. Would businesses want to sponsor the booth?

Mat-Su March 23-25 **Great Alaska Sportsman Show** March 29-April 1

Walk To Whittier - March of Dimes going to continue with the walk. There was some negative feedback because of the charge for the walk; it's something we'll have to work on.

The Whittier residents would have liked better notification that the walk was free to them.

NEW BUSINESS

Marilyn - Really noticed local foot traffic this summer heading to and from the Peninsula and stopping in Whittier 'just because'.

Jack opened the floor for nominations for the Chamber seats. Pete nominated the current holders of the seats, Dyanna 2nd. All votes were in agreement. Jack remains president, Kelly as vice president, Janet as treasurer and Rebecca as secretary.

Next meeting will be October 18th at noon at the Lone Star Restaurant