

GREATER WHITTIER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
October 12, 2010 @ Lone Star Restaurant

ATTENDING: Kelly Bender, PWS Glacier Cruises; Janet Gideon, Inn At Whittier; Kathie Janik, representing City Mngr.; Dyanna Barnes, City of Whittier; RC Collin, Harbor Store/Out Post; Bill Rome, Willard Island Video; Ruth Williams, AK. Mag./Milepost; Ron and Cindy Meininger, AK. Gold Runner Charters; Rebecca Langton, Fee's Custom Seafoods, Alex Langton, Dimond High School Gov. Class; Pete and Marilyn Heddell, Honey Charters; Sandy Bartles, Fee's Custom Seafoods; Jack Roskind, Knot Roughin' It Charters; Sam Gimelli, Prudential Jack White.

CALL TO ORDER: Jack called meeting to order at 12:20.

- Minutes approved by Marilyn and seconded by RC.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: A violation that had been brought up by the Gaming Commission was cleared up when they realized it was a mistake made in the States paperwork not by our treasurer or accountant.

- Thank you letters were sent to charter captains that volunteered their vessels for the Veterans Fishing Day.

TREASURERS REPORT: One deposit made for membership. No printed report, Janet is still learning Quick Books. Jack motioned to accept verbal report, RC seconded.

NEW BUSINESS

- Dyanna went to the State Chamber of Commerce meeting in Juneau Sept. 20 thru 22. She went to classes on the Laws of Marketing and Social Media. As she talked to people there she found that most didn't know about Whittier as a town. Dyanna went to a talk given by Lisa Murkowski on small business in Alaska. We are now on the mailing list for the State Chamber and Dyanna said she made some good contacts.

- There is now one in the City to update the city website so we gave Dyanna the info for the Chamber's web designer.

- The election count is not final; the city is still waiting on absentee votes.

- There are City Council and Planning Commission meetings tonight in Whittier.

- Kelly attended the ATIA convention in Whitehorse. There were approximately 400 people there, down from about 500 due to the location. Everyone said that their year had

been 'good'. 2013 is looking to be the year we see steady, positive tourism growth patterns again.

OLD BUSINESS

Sportsman Shows: The Mat-Su show is all set. It will be March 25, 26 and 27th at the Menard Sports Center in Wasilla. The Anchorage show will be at the Sullivan Arena the following weekend, March 31, April 1, 2 and 3rd.

- There will be sign up closer to the events. Please consider volunteering some time for these events. It is a great way to show case Whittier and all that it has to offer.

Map: **The Chamber membership forms are due by October 31.**

- The Chamber is out of cases of maps. If you have any extra maps please take them to the tunnel or email the Chamber.

Walk To Whittier: Frank Blakely will be at the November meeting to work more on the Walk/March of Dimes. The date has been confirmed; the Walk will be on Fathers Day, June 19th 2011.

- Feedback from previous walkers was disappointment that there was no tunnel walk this year.

- AK. Mag/Milepost needs dates and photos from previous Walks.

Autocross: There were 26 cars that raced; everyone enjoyed themselves despite the weather.

- Fur Rondy is still looking for a place to run their Rondy Autocross races.

Derbies: The derbies made \$12,840 in ticket sales this summer.

- All receipts must be in this week for reimbursement.

Veterans Day: The 2011 Veterans Fishing Day will be the 20th of May.

Next meeting will be November 9th for lunch in Anchorage at Lone Star at 12 noon.