

GREATER WHITTIER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

February 11, 2013

ATTENDING: Kristen Labrecque, Saltwater Excursions; Margaret Varlamos, Swiftwater Seafood Café; Bill Rome, Willard Island Video; Laurie Boogse, Major Marine Tours; Bruce LaLonde, ARR; Greg Vancil, HAP/Ak Yukon; Doug Thompson, HAP; Gordon Burton, DOT; Pete and Marilyn Heddell, Capt Cook Books; Sue Cogswell, PWSEDD; Dave Goldstein, PWS Eco-Charters; Kelly Bender, Lazy Otter; Rebecca Langton, Fee's Custom Seafoods.

CALL TO ORDER: 12:10. Dave approved January minutes, Margaret 2nd.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: The map is here. They went to print this morning. AND banner has been approved. The derby ad is in there.

TREASURER'S REPORT: 1099's have all been sent out. Dawn has been paid. Sportsman's shows have been paid. 4 businesses have dropped from membership. No others will be able to get on the map but they can still get on the web site. AT Publishing held the price from last year. Margaret approved report, Kristen 2nd.

CITY REPORT: Pete – there are a lot of things going on around the city and in the council, we'll know more next month.

OLD BUSINESS

Membership: Map is at the printers. New design is great and very helpful. Thank you to Scott and Andrea Korbe for the road info. Web site is to go live tonight.

Derby: King derby is on. Jim Norris is working on the rules. Kristen and Jim will be listed on the state permit. Points thru bank are available to purchase gift cards as prizes. Jim REALLY needs help on the derby prep.

Sportsman Shows: Please check your schedule and volunteer some time for either booth. It is a great way to let folks know about all that Whittier has to offer. Slots are available for both the Mat-Su and Sully shows. Email Rebecca @ jars_1990@yahoo.com to sign up.

Walk To Whittier: Still no sponsor.

4th of July: No report.

NEW BUSINESS

NCL has committed for 2 years to dock in Whittier. Norwegian Sun will be coming to Whittier this year carrying 1900 passengers. 1600 are self-travelers. Unload time is at 5:30 am, reload and departure is 9 pm.

Princess will stock our map in the terminal.

5/18 is the first Princess for the season. This ship will be arriving from Asia and passengers will be able to explore Whittier for the day.

New building is in the plans for the Portage cruise. Tickets will be available at the lodge.

Gordon – 2/11 tunnel will close @ 6 pm for tunnel maint.

Sue – New tsunami signs will be put up. Phone # will be available to sign up for instant updates on your smart phone.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE MARCH 18 @ LONE STAR AT NOON.