

## GREATER WHITTIER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

January 14, 2013

**ATTENDING:** Rebecca Langton, FCS; Kelly Bender, Lazy Otter; Andrea Korbe, Chugach School Dist.; Tim Melican, Magic Bus; Dave Goldstein, PWS Eco-Charters; Gordon Burton, DOT; Dyanna & Keith Pratt, COW; Leslie & Seth Cottrell, Inn At Whittier; Jim Norris, MJ's Bread and Butter Charters; Bill Rome, Willard Island Video; Kristen Labrecque, Saltwater Excursion; Kea, ADN; Linda Gutierrez, ADN; Margaret Varlamos, Swiftwater.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Call to order at 12:10. Margaret approved November minutes, Dyanna 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**PRESIDENTS REPORT:** Sorry for the date changes. Destination Alaska booklet to the cruise ship passengers. Princess has stopped the handing out from our brochure rack. We need to check with Princess as to who will stock for us.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Money looks high on the report because map is not yet paid for. Margaret approved report, Dyanna 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**CITY REPORT:** City Mngr is on vacation. No Council mtng in Dec. Tax letters are going out. City Mngr. is going to Juneau in February to lobby for more money for top projects.

Tim - Does the Head Tax is going to Whittier? Dyanna - Money has to go towards projects that benefit the cruise ships. We have talked about a few projects such as more bathrooms.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Membership:** Only a couple members left to pay. We gained a couple members and lost a couple of members. Dawn should have draft of new map by Wednesday. Web listings will update this week. Lauren at the tunnel updated tunnel info for map.

**Derby:** Kristen - made \$5730, paid out \$4297, profit for Chamber \$1432. 61.1# halibut won and 13.05# Salmon. Don Young Charter will be back this summer, Aug 9, 10, 11<sup>th</sup>. Project needs to be decided for monies.

Jim - Project had been talked about for the monies to be put towards a lagoon up at the Head of the Bay but seems to have gotten lost. Dave - Kings are starting to return. There is parking at the Head of the Bay. Fish and Game is on board. Needs to go to the city with ideas and plans. Jim - Wants king derby May 15 - July 15<sup>th</sup> with a party on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Weighing will be very helpful for Fish and Game to watch returns.

2013 Derby - Jim is thinking of chairing the derby with help from Kristen. Kelly - will the bigger sponsors sponsor again this year? Derby will stay the same for slot weight on halibut.

**Sportsman Shows:** Time for sign ups. Mat-Su Show 3/22, 23, 24. Sully Show 3/28, 29, 30, 31. Check your calendars for availability to volunteer a couple hours. It's a great way to let folks know how great Whittier is and what fun you can have there.

**4<sup>th</sup> of July:** Nothing to report.

### NEW BUSINESS

Linda/Kea - Alaska Visitors Guide rates are the same as last year. There will be a different layout this year. 1/29 is the deadline. Publication on 4/21. Restaurant page is available. Alaska.com also available for out of state advertisement. New publication called Xtra - great for press releases.

Ak Marine Highway 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary wants to have a community celebration at the ferry terminal. Shall we BBQ? Local seafood?

Dave - reality show "Tunnel Town" cameras are around.

Gordon - DOT Commisioner looked at heights, standard height is now 15feet. Toll will be revised. There was 107,000 round trips, #'s down from 2011.

**NEXT MEETING IS FEBRUARY 11, 2013. LONE STAR @ NOON**