

Matanuska Valley AC March 15, 2017 7 p.m. MTA building in Palmer

Members present: Jehnifer Ehmann, Andy Couch, Steve Bartelli, Hans Nordstrom, David Young, Terry Nininger, Herman Griesse, Birch Yuknis, Herb Mansavage, Chris Watchus, Bob Marshall, Darren Spano.

Members absent: All excused - Mel Grove, Mike Buirge, Tom DeLand, Randy Talvi, Chad Lipse.

Persons to be heard: none

Board of Fisheries Meeting Wrap up — Andy Couch talked about board of Fisheries meeting:

Jehnifer mentioned that last week Reed Moriksy's hearing occurred.

John Jensen— is up for confirmation.

Meeting prep for Board of Game meeting: Steve planning to leave at 7 am Saturday for Board of Game meeting — invites people to attend/ ride with him. He is planning to participate and come back in one day. Gino reported there will be 3 department reports — his will be about 10 minutes — Subsistence report may last 1 hour — Frank Robbins area moose / caribou report. Gino thought public testimony may start after noon. Public testimony may also occur on Sunday. Gino mentioned the department of law comments are useful. Dr. Fall's subsistence report has a lot of information as well.

Herman mentioned that he read through the AC letter to the board as did Terry and Herb. Members liked the letter.

Andy Couch made a motion to adopt the letter and submit to the Board of Game / Board Support. Second by Dave. Approved without objection.

Board of Game Appointments suggestions:

Ted Spraker: Herman Greise — mentioned we know we have issues with different board members both Board of Game and Board of Fisheries. Herman mentioned Ted is very pro hunting — but not overly so pro subsistence. Herman believes Ted is attempting to provide opportunity for sport hunters. Herman mentioned that everyone has issues with some vehicles / aircraft or other ways of hunting. A member mentioned that he believes that Ted in his opinion bullies other board members and or the Advisory Committee — rather than allow everyone to participate equally. Steve mentioned agreeing to some of the points Herman made — but believes Ted is too willing to restrict access. Steve is worried about who else might be appointed if not Ted. Terry is concerned about who else might be appointed.

In answer to the question if an AC letter of support or opposition would make any difference, Andy Couch mentioned that it would only make a difference if it was written. Members opted to not put forward a letter in support or opposition but to submit individual comments. Andy will write a proposal for any bull moose hunting in Unit 16 B.

Jehnifer asked AC members if any of them had hunting proposal ideas. Needs proposal ideas by next meeting.

Neil Dewitt requested a proposal that would get rid of the 50" regulation would be desirable.

Terry Nininger offered to draft a letter on the Klutina Access Road. Birch made a motion to have Terry draft the letter. 2nd by Dave Young. Approved with no objection.

March 29 may be our last meeting before elections. 5 members terms expired on January 2017 — there are other members that will stay on until the next election. Randi, Terry, Hans, Andy, Tom terms have already expired.

Bob Marshall mentioned that he could go along to the Board of Game Meeting.

Darren thanked Steve for going to the board of Game.

Meeting Adjourned.

Minutes take by Andy Couch