

**North Lakes Community Council Minutes  
Boys and Girls Club Wasilla  
General Membership Meeting August 24, 2023**

**I. Call to Order/Determination of Quorum:**

- A. Called to order by T. Bair, President at 7 pm Quorum established.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance led by T. Bair, President.

**II. Agenda Discussion/Approval:** Brief discussion of proposed agenda: L. Calandri moved to approve the agenda,  
Seconded by R. Sayen-Lambert, Agenda approved unanimously.

**III. Minutes Approval- June 22, 2023:** Motion by L. Calandri to approve minutes as presented, second by A. Sayen,  
Minutes approved unanimously.

**IV. Correspondence:**

A. Incoming and outgoing :

Incoming: State of Alaska Bi-Annual Report notification received by T. Bair. Rachel will complete report for the State. P. Purcell received in the mail returned picnic notices, which will be given to the Borough to update their addresses. All other correspondence will be handled in meeting items.

Outgoing: email notices for meeting

**V. Officer /Committee Reports**

A. President's Report: Nothing new to report.

B. Treasurer's Report: R. Sayen-Lambert reported \$64,836.30 in checking and \$5,685.00 in savings.

C. Committees and Special Working Groups:

1. AMCO Liaison Committee: P. Purcell reported the AMCO is setting up a test for the new online application for liquor and marijuana licenses. Title 4 is the legal explanation of this process. The online system will be operational in 2024. They are doing a test in September.

2. Communications Committee: Rod asked Board about access to the email communication and wants input on if we can access them.

3. Intergovernmental Liaison Committee: T. Bair asked for a volunteer for this.

4. Traffic & Road Safety Committee: C. Schnipke reported Committee will be spending next few months getting a priority list for Legislature. He asked for items if anyone has anything of concern. By end of Oct. the plan is to have priority list to approve. Radar signs are deployed on Green Forest and Charlie. There needs to be a request and approval for next locations. Brackets needed for the signs (less than \$100 each) R. Hanson is working with Borough to get software to access the results from the signs. L. Calandri made the motion that R. Hanson purchase 6 brackets not to exceed \$600, seconded by J. Matlock. Discussion followed and R. Hanson amended motion to purchase 6 brackets and 1 battery at total of \$700. Approved unanimously.

5. Finance Committee: Finance Committee met to discuss Grant applications. 5 applications were received and budget was approved for \$10,000. L. Calandri moved that since we received additional funding we fund 3 of the projects at \$5,000 each total \$15,000 to distribute Mat-Su Valley Rebuild for property and buildings on Palmer/Wasilla Hwy, The Fish Park for a BBQ and Big Lake Trails for a snow machine. F. Conaway seconded. Discussion followed about money we have available, funding we distribute and how long the Borough gives us to distribute funding. Motion passed 7 in favor with no opposition. R. Hanson will send out notification letters. Finance Committee will meet in November to develop Budget for 2024.

\*\*L Calandri moved to extend meeting 30 minutes, R. Sayen-Lambert seconded, approved unanimously

**VI. Presentations/Speakers**

A. Cheryl Metiva, Arctic Winter Games Sponsorship and Community Relations Manager reported on the upcoming Arctic Winter Games. This is different from The Alaska Native Games. The Arctic Winter Games is an international event and is held every 10 years. This is the first time it is being held in the Mat-Su Valley. It will be held during Spring break March 10 – 16, 2024. It will be the largest winter event ever to be held in the Valley with 2000 athletes expected to attend, over 2000 volunteers and 4000-5000 additional guests from many countries. There will be 20 different sporting events held at schools throughout the Valley. They need lots of volunteers and sponsors. Web site is AWG2024.org for more information on how you can help.

B. MSB or State Representatives: Jasmin Martin, representing Senator Wilson asked if anyone had any questions?  
She was available after the meeting or we could call Senator Wilson's office.

**VII. New Business**

A. Annual NLCC BBQ debrief/lessons learned/recognitions: J. Coleman reported she was there for most of the event and thought the raffle could be done while people were present. BBQ was good, but could be a potluck with variety of dishes. Location & signage were also good. R. Hanson reported we had a good turnout and got 4 or 5 new members. R. Hanson noted that Nicole Faulkenberry should be recognized with flowers or a gift certificate for her efforts with the BBQ. She did a great job and may be willing to do it again R. Hanson moved we recognize Nicole's efforts and get her flowers and a certificate not to exceed \$100, J. Coleman seconded.  
Approved unanimously.

B. NLCC Grant awards – review recommendations/ make decisions: Details in Finance Committee Report.

- C. MSC Code 17.05 essential Services Utilities Amendment/NLCC position involvement? R. Hanson explained There is an effort to revise code 17.05 to include public input and we should support this. Discussion followed regarding sending a representative or letter? L. Calandri moved we authorize Theron Bair, President to speak on behalf of NLCC on subject of MSB Code 17.05 if it increases public input, R. Hanson seconded and motion passed unanimously.
- D. MSB initiative on derelict properties/cleanup efforts-NLCC involvement? R. Sayen-Lambert attended Borough meeting and it was more formal than she expected. She will attend next meeting Nov 14<sup>th</sup> .  
\*P. Purcell moved to extend meeting to 9 pm. L. Calandri seconded and motion passed unanimously They may be giving all Community Councils combined \$288,000 which could be \$10,000 each to deal with issues. Tiaina Hiler is planning to also attend the next meeting.
- E. NLCC Officer Elections – Kick Off Nomination Process for October Election : A. Sayen and R. Sayen-Lambert will be terming out. R. Sayen Lambert would like to continue or would be willing to assist a new person. R. Hanson moved a proposal to amend the By-Laws to align with an October election cycle for Board Members, seconded by P. Purcell. Motion passed unanimously.

Complete proposal as follows: Rod D. Hanson August 24, 2023

I make a motion to do a simple amendment to the NLCC Bylaws to align with the desires of the membership and Board to return to an October annual election cycle for Board Members. The necessary amendments are as follows:

1. Article 7, Section 2.B. Revise to read: "Annual election of Board Members shall take place at The October General Membership meeting",
2. Article 9, Section 4.A. Revise to read: "The Board shall appoint a nominating committee at least 2 months prior to the October General Membership meeting each year. The nominating committee shall be responsible for soliciting and presenting nominees at a general membership meeting at least one meeting prior to the October General Membership meeting (See Article 10-Committees)"
3. Article 9, Section 4.B. Revise to read: "Nominations from the floor shall also be permitted with the consent of the nominees. Nominations for all open offices shall be closed and become final at the October General Membership Meeting, immediately prior to voting for Board Members."
4. Article 9, Section 5.C. Revise to read: "If a Board position cannot be filled at an October election, the term of the outgoing Board Members may be extended for an additional (30) day period by a supermajority vote of two-thirds (2/3) at a General Membership meeting."

After significant discussion amongst the Board Members about the difficulty in finding candidates for Board positions, it was suggested that term limits be removed from the current Bylaws at the same time. T. Bair provided the Bylaw reference and R. Hanson agreed to amend his initial motion to also strike Article 9 Section 6, Part B term limits. L. Calandri seconded, Motion passed unanimously.  
Nominating committee volunteers are R. Hanson, P. Purcell and L. Calandri.

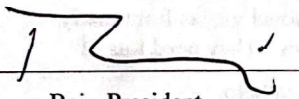
F. Other topics identified under "Correspondence": Nothing new.

**VIII. Old Business**

- A. Welcome to North Lakes Signs – Status update: L. Calandri/T. Bair no progress
- B. Membership Strategy/Bylaw revisions: T. Bair, President had several potential By-law amendments that he presented regarding Articles 7 and 9, as well as changing the Communication Committee to a standing Committee. Discussion followed. Articles presented for revision will be presented in written form either at the September NLCC meeting or prior to the September meeting.
- C. Black Sheep Ministry/Williwaw/Homelessness issues: T. Bair reported they are selling tents and cars on Facebook and are still living in the bus and on the property. Basically no change in the issue.

**IX. Audience Participation: none**

**Meeting adjourned 8:58 pm**

Signed by:   
Theron Bair, President

26 Oct 2023,  
Date Signed

Attested by: Patricia A. Purcell  
Patricia Purcell, Secretary

10/26/23  
Date Signed