

Alaska Common Ground
49th State Brewing Company, Barrel Room
Minutes for the Annual Meeting
April 25, 2018

Alaska Common Ground's 26th annual meeting was called to order by Chair Cliff Groh at 6:34 pm.

Welcome: Cliff welcomed members and guests to the meeting.

Minutes: Minutes from the Annual Meeting on March 22, 2017 were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Dick Mylius reported:

- Cash on hand is \$17,780, up from last year's meeting when it was \$16,807.
- Total income for 2017 was \$30,731, of which 50% was from membership dues.
- Our expenses in 2017 were \$30,174, of which events were 64%.
- He also shared the 2018 approved budget with expected income at \$30,250 and expense at \$30,021.

Program Review:

Transportation Series: Mary Lu Harle reported:

- Idea for transportation series came from member suggestions.
- Over 500 people attended the series which ran from March to May, 2017.
- Audio was rebroadcast on KSKA.
- Slides, audio and some video is available through our website.
- AK Movement, which arose out of this series, is looking to bring one of the speakers, Rollin Stanley, back to Anchorage for a Baconfest event, featuring short films on planning and transportation.
- Sponsors included Stantec, AARP Alaska, Bettisworth North, Brooks and Associates. Anchorage Public Library, League of Women Voters, Alaska Trails, and Vision Zero have assisted with these events.

Healthcare Series: Cliff reported:

- He interviewed over 40 experts for this well-attended series.
- Held 5 events from November, 2017 to January, 2018.
- All audio and video is available on our website.
- Thanked our sponsors, Alaska Humanities Forum, Agnew::Beck, and the Anchorage Public Library.

Upcoming Events: Cliff reported:

- Looking at several possible topics including: housing, ballot measures, and a fiscal update.

Membership and Development: Danielle Williams.

- At the end of 2017 we had 138 members, a 12% increase from 2016.
- We moved our membership data to an updated system, allowing for more customized communications with our members.

- Provided member benefits, including member only line at events.
- Providing opportunity for member feedback, including a member survey which 75 have already taken part in, as well as tonight's member feedback portion. The results show that our members value our efforts to convene people and educate them about timely public policy issues.
- This feedback will help guide our strategic planning later this year.

Member Feedback: Taylor Brelsford led this discussion.

- Suggestions for discussion topics:
 - LNG
 - Housing – looking at homelessness
 - Housing – looking at prisoner reentry
 - Consequences of budget cuts on our daily lives
 - Housing – affordable housing
 - Housing – affordable senior housing
 - Food security for Alaska
 - Oceans – importance to Alaska, what are the effects of acidification for example, impacts from trash and erosion
 - (By suggestion card) The opioid crisis in Alaska, and lack of rehab facilities.
- How can we improve our statewide reach?
 - Webinars
 - Google Hangouts (use technology)
 - Statewide chapters of ACG
 - Use libraries as community dialog centers
 - Partner with other non-profits
- Could we share the results of the survey?
- Events are well-planned and thoughtful and provide a well-balanced discussion.

Election Results:

- Cliff reported that the 4 board members up for reelection: Janet Bidwell, Drew Cason, Mary Lu Harle, and Danielle Williams, all were reelected.
- The two appointed candidates: Katie Dougherty and Amanda Moser, were elected.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:27 pm.