

WEfish Meeting Minutes 10/8/17

Mission of *WEfish*: to preserve the legacy and promote the value of commercial fishing in our families and community through promotion, education, outreach, and service.

- I. Order: Molly moved to call the meeting to order, Marci, 2nd.
- II. Attendance: Molly Bold, Marci Hollingsworth, Sarah Beese, Andrea Towle, Holly Rydman, Kennedy Halterman, Laura Roehrich and Jody Pope.
- III. Approval of Minutes: Holly moved to approve, Jody 2nd.
- IV. Old Business
 - a. Seafood Festival
 - i. Saturday, September 2nd was the annual Seafood Festival. Holly and Trisha ran the *WEfish* booth and Holly said it was very popular. There was a lot of positive feedback about the fish display and a lot of opportunity to talk to the guests about commercial fishing.
 - b. Coast Guard Appreciation
 - i. The CG Appreciation dinner is Wednesday, October 18th at 5pm. The plan is to serve food outside so we have maximum capacity seating in the McCausland Hall. We will have chips and dip at each table. The menu will consist of seafood Lasagna, regular lasagna, hot dogs, hamburgers, Caesar salad and desserts donated by *WEfish*. We are asking 4-5 people to bake for the event. Holly is making centerpieces for each table. Holly is also putting together some color book baskets for the children. We will also be raffling off a few baskets and having door prizes. Holly and Andrea will be cooking and putting the food together on Monday the 16th. We also need a few people to help waitress, setup at 4pm and cleanup after the dinner.
 - c. School Supplies/Scholarship
 - i. Sarah talked about the school supplies that were donated. She let us know that a lot of backpacks, paper and pencils were donated. The school was very grateful. We still have \$60 left over from a donation and \$80

from Cathy Whitney and would like to use that money to purchase coats for the winter.

- ii. Sarah also shared that the scholarship paperwork will be handed out to the school in January. We will forming a committee to make decisions on the candidates and we will also be making a rubric of guidelines to go by.

d. Fishermen's Memorial

- i. Molly spoke on how we gained some feedback from the Museum committee. They spoke about the possibility of shrinking back the current memorial (where the trees and flowerpots are) and adding on the memorialization of the 1933 and 1946 Coast Guard losses. This will also be a good way to move forward with ideas for the new memorial.

e. Pacific Marine Expo-

- i. The Expo is November 16th-18th. Wefish is sharing a booth with the Troller's Association. Thursday the 17th is the forum that the Wefish ladies along with the Newport Fishermen's Wives and CWFF will be speaking at. Molly had asked us to brainstorm ideas on how to draw people to our booth. We decided that raffling off a crab pot would be a great way to do this. We also discussed having a stuffed fish/crab at the booth and asking the guests take a picture with it and place the pic on the Wefish facebook page to be entered for the drawing. Holly was going to call to find out about getting a crab pot donated for us to raffle off.

f. Seagrant Fisheries Tour

- i. We are tabling to our next meeting.

V. New Business

a. Board Retreat

- i. Tatum and Molly had met with Nikki Wells, our accountant a while back. Nikki had made some suggestions for our group that need to discuss and also Molly would like us to create written board roles for each of the current positions for Wefish. Molly discussed having a board retreat to make these decisions at. We all tried to figure out a time that would work for everyone and found it to be a challenge. We

then discussed renting out a local condo to have for an afternoon/evening. We will be discussing this at the next meeting.

b. Volunteer Recruitment

i. Molly talked about trying to recruit more volunteers to make Wefish even greater. She mentioned talking to local businesses by sending out letters to get them to commit to donate a few hours of their time to our local events. It was also brought up that we really need a Volunteer Coordinator.

c. Quilt Raffle

i. Jody has a quilt that was donated to our Wefish group to raffle off. Tides and Anchors has generously offered to sell the tickets for the quilt at their shop. The tickets will be 6 for \$5 or \$1 a ticket. Holly was going to check on the rules for raffling items off to make sure we were abiding by the proper rules.

Molly adjourn, Marci 2nd.