

WEfish Meeting Minutes 11/12/16

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: Sarah moved to call the meeting to order, Adrienne 2nd.
- II. Attendance: Molly Bold, Adrienne Jones, Marci Hollingsworth, Laura Roehrich, Andrea Towle, Tatum Andersen, Mark Rydman, Holly Rydman, Sarah Beese, and Laurie Deranleau.
- III. Approval of Minutes: Molly moved to approve, Laura, 2nd.
- IV. Old Business
 - a. Leonard Barnes meeting
 - i. Molly discussed the meeting that took place with Leonard Barnes from the Port of Grays Harbor. Leonard had informed us on the new upgrades to the Westport Marina. In 2016, the Port installed new cameras, made some improvements to the rotten fencing, and fixed some pavement where areas are sinking in. In the near future, the Port will be installing new bathrooms across from floats 5 & 7, placing new float signs and replacing old lights with new led lighting. Laurie suggested talking to Leonard about getting needle biohazard boxes in the new bathrooms, due to the issue with needles being all over the grounds.
 - b. Billboard updates
 - i. Ocean Gold and many other local businesses are contributing to the sign. There is electricity available where the sign will be placed. Adrienne was concerned of the sign being too “straight on” to the main road. Molly was going to look in to having the cement moved to make the sign more visible. WeFish is hoping for the sign to be up before the end of this year.
 - c. Grant Opportunities
 - i. Molly discussed the idea of wanting to pursue a grant for building a new fishermen’s memorial. Our memorial was hit and had some damage done to it this last month. WeFish will be planning a meeting with the Port, City of Westport, The Maritime Museum and anyone else wanting to be involved in this upcoming project.
 - d. Scavenger Hunt update

i. The date is set for February 11, 2017 and much more details to come. All proceeds will go to the WeFish scholarship program.

V. New Business

a. Treasurer Position

i. Adrienne has resigned due to many other obligations. Tatum was nominated for the Treasurer position. Laura nominated, Molly 2nd. Tatum is the new WeFish Treasurer.

b. Scholarships

i. Sarah informed us that the 2016-17 scholarship has been given out to the Ocosta High School. We discussed as a group whether to open the scholarship up to all Grays Harbor and Pacific County Schools. WeFish will keep the \$1000 scholarship strictly at Ocosta for this current school year. If more money comes in with our Scavenger Hunt fundraiser, then we will possibly do one more scholarship.

c. Bylaws

i. Mary Toal will be looking over our bylaws in the month of December to see if there are any changes we need to make to them. Mary is very knowledgeable and has done a lot of work with bylaws in the past.

d. Weekend with the Fleet

i. This event will take place May 26th-28th 2017. We will be talking to Shirley about vendor information and planning to send out vendor letters in January.

e. Sponsoring a family

i. Laurie had talked about the great need in our community. She discussed the option of having WeFish adopt a family for the holidays. Molly also suggested planning a coat drive to benefit these families in need.

f. Cookies for dump day

WeFish will be doing cookies again for dump day. The fishermen were very appreciative of them last year. Sarah will lead this and Laura has opened her home to get the cookies ready to give out.

Laura Adjourned, Marci 2nd.