

## *WEfish Meeting Minutes 12/1/17*

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, Matt & Sarah Beese, Mark & Holly Rydman, Josh & Laura Roehrich, Tatum Andersen and Jody Pope.
- III. Approval of Minutes: Sarah moved to approve, Holly 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### IV. Old Business

#### a. CG Appreciation

i. The Appreciation Dinner turned out great, even with the weather being very stormy. The gift baskets were a great hit and most people were very thankful.

Next year, we will plan to have 2 dinner lines, less seafood for dinner and a speaker system to hear better. It was also mentioned to have a *WEfish* member stand up and say thank you next year and have an elected official there to give gratitude.

National CG Appreciation is in July/August. We will be discussing moving the event to the summer time for better weather to work with.

#### b. Marine Expo

- i. Molly reported to us that Marine expo was great. *WEfish* shared the booth with the Trollers Association again this year. It is \$2700 a booth for the event. The booth was decorated nicely and we had a crab pot donated by Trilogy to raffle off if the attendee took a survey or checked in via facebook on the *WEfish* page.

Molly also talked about the forum in which the Newport Fishermens wives and *WEfish*, spoke for 45 minutes. They talked about our mission and the main ideas of what they all do. They also had a question/answer time. Around 50 people attended and Molly felt as if many more people stopped by our booth because of the forum. It was a great event.

We discussed making the Marine Expo a time that the WEfish group could have a retreat.

## V. New Business

### a. Review WEfish commitments/Priorities

i. Molly discussed with all the members present asking our greatest priorities are for our organization. We all agreed that the Commercial Fishing Festival/Blessing of the Fleet is of utmost priority.

### b. January Open House Event

i. Molly brought up doing an open house for the new year. 2 yrs. Ago, we had it at the museum. Last year we had the event at the green door. Molly suggested having it in February at the Green Door. Possibly even having it catered. It was brought up that the Green Door was hard to find, so we need to have a sign out with some balloons for people to be able to find it easier.

### c. Dump Day Cookies/Treats

i. Matt suggested having Safeway donate the cookies for dump day, so we aren't having to do so much work. Matt, Sarah, and Adrienne are in charge of dump day cookies.

### d. Crab Derby

i. WEfish is taking over the crab derby. The dates for the derby is April 21 & 22.

### e. Weekend With The Fleet

i. Laura will be the lead for this event and Sarah will be the Co-Assistant.

This is the list of what everyone is in charge of:

\*splicing/buoy display- Josh & Laura

\*Fish Display- Mark & Holly

\*Tatum- \$\$\$

\*Kids Crafts- Marci (talking to businesses about sponsoring crafts; Home Depot, Port of GH, Seascouts, Anchor Bank, Hoquiam Shipyard, Dennis Co.

\*Flyers for the Festival-

\*Passport-

\*Vendors-

\*Clam Chowder Feed-

f. Christmas Families

i. Sarah brought up the opportunity to adopt local families for Christmas. If anyone would like to donate, please contact Sarah. WEfish also will donate \$100 for the school families. Molly motioned, Jody 2<sup>nd</sup>.

g. Museum Donation

i. Molly explained to us how much the Maritime Museum has given to our group letting us use their facilities numerous times. It was suggested to donate \$500 to them. Jody motioned to give the Museum \$500. Tatum 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Molly Adjourned