

WEfish Meeting Minutes 3/11/18

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: Adrienne moved to call the meeting to order, Jody, 2nd @ 4:10pm.
- II. Attendance: Molly Bold, Marci Hollingsworth, Josh & Laura Roehrich, Tatum Andersen, Shirley Urquhart, Jennifer Custer, Adrienne Jones and Jody Pope.
- III. Approval of Minutes: Adrienne moved to approve, Tatum 2nd.

IV. Old Business

a. Open house

i. Open house was a great success. It was agreed that we need a bigger space for next year and would like to continue doing the event annually. The raffle brought in \$947.00. Ocean Gold Conference Room and the Chateau meeting room were mentioned for the event next year. Molly added that she felt we need to have a speaker for next year.

The Newport Fishermen's wives do an open house/fishermen appreciation gathering all together and that might be something we are interested in doing next year.

b. Membership Updates

i. Tatum informed us that she will be emailing a list of all the current business/family memberships within the next few weeks.

c. Crab Derby

i. The dates for the Crab Derby are Saturday, April 21 8-5 and Sunday the 22nd 8-12. Jody and Adrienne informed us that we need to set a budget for how much to spend for the Crab Derby. Molly suggested \$1000 and \$500 for the prizes for a total of \$1500. Shirley motioned for a budget of \$1500 and Laura 2nd. The Crab Association will also be splitting costs with us also. *WEfish* needs to purchase new derby tickets and will be checking with Dunsire Printers on a price for them. The F/V Anna Marie will be donating 10 crab pots to rent at the derby. Mike Cornman from Merino's will also be donating

100lbs of bait for us to sell and will sell us anything over 100lbs very cheap.

WEfish will also be having a Clam Derby since there are clam tides this same weekend. We will have signage at the beach approaches and clam weighing at the docks. We will need to have buckets for rinsing and scales to weigh the clams.

Englund Marine is donating a clam gun, belt and net for the winner. Adrienne brought up the idea to purchase plastic crab measurers with the WEfish logo on them to sell at the event. She will be looking into the costs of the measurers.

Molly suggested going on the radio and talking about the Crab/Clam Derby. It will help get the word out!

d. Weekend With The Fleet

i. Laura talked about needing to set a budget for the WWF. Molly let us know that the budget last year was \$1730 and suggested \$2500 for this year. Jody motioned and Tatum 2nd. Our budget is \$2500 for WWF. Laura also informed us that we will be hosting the Fisherpoets again this year. They will be performing earlier in the day on Saturday at the WWF event and then again on Saturday evening at Blackbeard's Brewery and Pizza. We will be providing their lodging too.

Laura also discussed the need for a port-a-potty near the event. Molly will check into a port-a-potty and a handwashing station for the fish display. We would also like to have a radio DJ or have music playing in the background.

Jody will be contacting the High School to see if any of the classes would like to sell hot dogs for a fundraiser.

Alysa and Trisha are taking over the kid's crafts. Alysa may also be planning on a coloring contest.

Laura will be planning another meeting in 2 weeks to make Final plans.

e. Sweatshirt/Apparel Update

i. Adrienne talked about our apparel inventory. She informed us that we are well stocked for the upcoming events. Also, sales at Englund Marine are going very well. They are buying our gear outright and apparel is selling. Adrienne requested another debit card to make purchases.

V. New Business

a. South Beach Little League Sponsorship

- i. We all agreed to sponsor a t-ball team for 2018.

b. Signage Grant Application

- i. Molly informed us that she is working on a grant through the GHCF for 5 educational pieces that summarizes commercial fishing. Seagrant will be willing to cover the design fees. Molly will send out the grant for us to read before she submits it.

c. Englund Marine Open House

- i. Englund Marine will be having an open house on April 6th from 11-3. Adrienne and Jody will have a WEfish table at the event. Adrienne would like to sell the crab measurers and have a raffle giveaway. Anyone is welcome to come and be apart.

Next Meeting: April 8th at the Loge Community Room

Adrienne adjourned Tatum 2nd @5:15pm