

## *WEfish Meeting Minutes 8/5/16*

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: Adrienne moved to call the meeting to order, Laura 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- II. Attendance: Molly Bold, Adrienne Jones, Marci Hollingsworth, Laura Roehrich, Jody Pope, Doug Fricke, Mary Toal, Michelle Kachman, Jenee Bearden, Sarah Beese, and Greg Mueller.
- III. Approval of Minutes: A mistake was found on 4/1/16 minutes that the life jacket lockers were put as \$50 a box but needed to be changed to \$500. The change has been made.  
Laura moved to approve, Marci, 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- IV. Clothing- Michelle Kachman:
  - a. Michelle has been working on clothing for Tides n Anchors Boutique and is willing to help with our WeFish clothing. Adrienne motioned for WeFish to stock \$1000 in shirts and sweatshirts to have for our events, to sell at Tides n Anchors, the Maritime Museum and Englund Marine. Jody 2<sup>nd</sup>. It was suggested by Michelle to add a sample to the WEFish website of the shirts/sweatshirts.
- V. Old Business
  - a. CFF review
    - i. Adrienne informed us that we didn't lose any money on this event, even though the weather wasn't in our favor. We all agreed that we need to have more outside help for next year. Jody added that it would be helpful to ask people who have knowledge in the different booths/events we have available to be involved, such as the life suits.
    - ii. Doug Fricke is willing to donate his expired life suits for next year.
    - iii. Fisherpoets went well. Sarah added that it would have been nice to have more WeFish member support. Molly added that we will ask Jon Branshaw to help organize the Fisherpoets event next year.
    - iv. Blessing of the Fleet was great and there was a lot of positive feedback from the boat parade. Mary and Richard Toal volunteered to help organize the parade next year.

- v. The Clam Chowder feed didn't get a lot of positive feedback. We will approach Merino's Seafood for their Clam Chowder next year.
- vi. We will start forming committees for 2017 CFF in Sept/Oct.
- b. Life Jacket Lockers
  - i. Laura informed us that the life jacket locker are getting a lot of use. Josh Roehrich will be building 3 more lockers. Molly mentioned asking the seascouts to possibly monitor the lockers to make sure nothing is vandalized.
- c. Scholarships
  - i. The 2016 Scholarships were awarded to Peter Samuelson for \$1000 and Liz Alton for \$200. Sarah Beese asked if we could add a box to check on our membership forms each year to donate toward scholarships and when the scholarships are awarded, those who donate could be announced along with the recipient.

## VI. New Business

- a. Donation Guidelines
  - i. Molly informed us that we have been receiving multiple donation requests. We all agreed that a donation application needs to be filled out a month in advance and needs to follow our mission statement.
- b. Tour with Natural Resources Committee
  - i. Greg Mueller shared with us about Senator Pierson and the Natural Resource committee coming out to Westport for an educational visit. A possible date for this is August 22<sup>nd</sup> and would be a morning presentation, lunch, and an afternoon presentation.
  - ii. Molly added that Patty Murray's assistant is planning a visit out to Westport also but a date hasn't been set.
- c. Seafood Festival
  - i. The Seafood festival is September 3<sup>rd</sup> and Molly will be sending out formal requests for volunteers in the next week.
- d. CG Appreciation Lunch
  - i. The CG luncheon is October 9<sup>th</sup> and WeFish will offer games and crafts for the kids during the luncheon.
- e. Operation Shore Patrol
  - i. WeFish will be declining our help at this event this year.
- f. Fall Fundraiser-Scavenger Hunt

- i. This event would be held in November and would be a fundraiser directly for our WeFish scholarships. More details to come.
- g. Port of Grays Harbor
  - Molly went and met with Commissioner Thompson and had taken pictures of what the Marina looks like in Westport to see if anything can be done to make it look more presentable. Nothing further has been done. Molly suggested going to a Port Meeting to continue pursuing the commissioners that something needs to be done.
- h. Crab Races 2017
  - Jody volunteered her time at the Crab Races this year and it had been mentioned to her if WeFish would be willing to help run the event next year. We will discuss further at another time.

#### VII. Long Term Planning and Priorities

- a. Molly wanted some feedback on what our long term goals are for WeFish. We agreed to have an informal meeting with our board to discuss this further.
- b. Molly Motioned to adjourn, Laura - 2<sup>nd</sup>.