

WEfish Meeting Minutes 04/06/2018

Location: Blackbeard's brewing company

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.

1. **Order:** Adrienne Jones called the meeting to order at 6:19
2. **Attendance:** Jody Pope, Holly Rydman, Trisha Cornett, Shirley Urquhart, Mark Towle, Andy Towle, Adrienne Jones, Jennifer Custer, Josh Roehrich, Sarah Beese, Hillary Bearden, Laura Roehrich and Dan Reeves.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** We did not have copies of the last minutes. This will need to occur at May 2018 meeting.
4. **Announcements:** Molly Bold had her baby boy April 4th. 10 lbs 5 oz.

I. Old Business

- a. Signage Grant
 - i. Molly Bold was unable to make the meeting to provide an update. Will at next meeting.
- b. Englund Marine Open House
 - i. Adrienne Jones, Tatum Andersen and Jody Pope served at the WEfish booth. It was a great day and many connections were made. No new memberships, but \$417.00 in clothing sales and cookbooks were offered by donation for scholarship fund. Donations were \$120.

II. New Business

- a. Crab and Clam Derby-Update
 - i. Adrienne Jones and Jody Pope provided a brief update. The event is in 2-weeks and they are still in need of donations for the hourly give-away. They still need a few volunteers for the booth and help putting up signs the morning of the event. Hillary Bearden mentioned that she would help write something up for loss/damage of the crab pot as well as rental paperwork. A driver's license will be a place holder for a rental of a crab pot.
- b. Weekend with the Fleet-Update
 - i. Laura Roehrich and Jody Pope provided a lengthy update about the festival. This coming Monday, both Laura and Jody will attend the city council meeting requesting Itac funding be reallocated from the Maritime music festival to WEfish to cover the costs of the tackle box rental and tent. This is to move the location of the festival to the tackle box (across from islander, formally known as three G's). Laura said that we have confirmation from the following: USCG, WDFW boat, Fin the Salmon (a girl ☐), Merinos, Crab cracking, Live Radio station (102.1 and 105.7), fire department tacos, blackbeards brewing, looking into waffle wagon and maybe turkey legs. At this time there are 5 confirmed fisherpoets that will perform at blackbeards at 7pm Saturday night. Laura set planning meeting

for all Festival volunteers. Meeting will be April 27th 530-6 at Laura's house. The next tentative planning meeting will be May 11, 530-6 again at Laura's house (Astoria lane).

- ii. Sunday- Chowder will be served at the Tackle box. A suggestion was made to broadcast the blessing on VHF radio so all the boats can hear it. Jody Pope will look into borrowing a VHF.

c. Scholarship-update

- i. Sarah provided a brief update. Scholarships are due May 5th. We will have one for \$1000. Patty Graham has inquired about providing funding for another scholarship in honor Pete Grahams.

d. Wefish computer needs

- i. Wefish purchased a computer last year that still has not been used. Jody Pope has the computer and paid for a year subscription to Office 365. The issue is that Tatum our treasurer and who also volunteered to update and maintain our website needs a computer to use. Problem solved: Holly Rydman mentioned that she has a computer that she will wipe and we can add QuickBooks and office if necessary. Jody will follow up with Holly and get the computer to Tatum with the necessary items.

e. Corporate members "thank You Gifts"

- i. A few ideas have been suggested for a while. The idea that most members like was the idea to purchase metal crabs from Englund Marine and either 1) have them engraved, or 2) have chains hang from the crab with plaques that read "2018 Wefish Corporate Sponsor. There was a motion made by Holly to purchase 5 crabs from Englund Marine. Shirley 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

f. Website:

- i. Our website is under construction and Tatum is working hard to get things back in order. She was unable to make the meeting but wanted any suggestions as to what members wanted to see on the website, or changes or any new ideas. The group suggested a photo gallery of our events, recipes and links to other associations, weather sites (buoy report) or other important fishing sites such as NOAA.

III. Other business:

- i. Memorial Clean-up is May 5th. Jody asked if anyone was willing to head this up. No takers at this meeting. Someone suggested talking to the coast guard wives for additional support and help.

IV. Adjourn: Adrienne made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Andy 2nd the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.