

Bristol Bay Regional Seafood Development Association

**Board Meeting Minutes**

June 7, 2014 – 4:30 p.m.

Bristol Bay Borough School – Naknek, AK

1. Call to Order/Establishment of Quorum

President Heyano called the meeting to order at 4:36 p.m. Board members present were Robert Heyano, Fritz Johnson, Mike LaRussa, Matt Luck, Katherine Carscallen, and Larry Christensen. Matt Marinkovich was excused.

Also present were Sue Aspelund, executive director, and Scott Coughlin, Fieldwork Communications.

2. Approval of Agenda

Luck moved and Christensen seconded to approve the agenda as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

A. March 6–7, 2014

LaRussa moved to table because the draft minutes presented did not include March 7 discussions and actions; Carscallen seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.** Johnson and Carscallen will provide their notes meeting notes to the executive director.

B. April 21, 2014

LaRussa moved and Johnson seconded to approve the minutes as presented.  
**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. Election of Officers and Committee

Johnson moved to maintain the current officers of Heyano as President, Johnson as Vice-President, and LaRussa as Secretary/Treasurer; Christensen seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

By discussion, committee appointments were postponed to the next meeting subject to recommendations from committee chairs to the President.

5. Directors & Officers Insurance

The executive director will seek other quotes and talk to others who have similar exposure, making an effort to do business in Alaska. The executive director was further directed to purchase a commercial liability and umbrella policy.

6. Change of Fiscal Year to Calendar Year

The recommendation resulting from discussions at the June 6, 2014 budget workshop is to return to a calendar-year fiscal year (FY) in order to optimize BBRSDA's financial accounting for the following reasons:

- A. A majority of BBRSDA's funded projects are single-year projects that primarily occur over the spring, summer, and fall, therefore requiring budgeting and tracking over two FYs—a situation that would not occur with a calendar-year FY;
- B. Trying to close out the FY while the Treasurer is still involved in fishing also creates a challenge that would be alleviated by a calendar-year FY; and
- C. Budget approval in the fall prior to the project RFP is a desirable outcome.

Christensen moved and Johnson seconded to change to a calendar-year fiscal year.  
**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7. FY 14 Stub Budget Approval

Johnson moved and Christensen seconded to approve the FY 14 stub budget as presented in the total amount of \$955,688.75. LaRussa made a friendly amendment, accepted by Johnson and Christensen to authorize use of up to \$400 K of the reserve, if needed, to balance the budget. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

8. Buyback Report Status

The executive director was directed to seek resolution on the last few remaining report issues with Northern Economics based on the Buyback Committee's recommendation so that report can be reviewed/approved by the board in September.

9. Review of Annual Membership Meeting

The board was generally positive about the Annual Meeting. The Quality Committee will review the "report card" concept raised at the meeting.

10. Review/Confirm Future Meeting Dates

The September 23–24 and November 22–23 (following Pacific Marine Expo) meeting dates are fine; however, the October 21–22 dates may conflict with the Alaska

Federation of Natives meeting.

11. Miscellaneous

- A. Aspelund presented a sample of BBRSDA letterhead using new blue and green colors to replace the red and gold colors of the current letterhead. The board concurred with the change.
- B. There was a discussion about expanding the size of board because of the time and effort necessary because of committee process. The issue will be discussed further.
- C. There was a discussion about setnetter membership in BBRSDA; does the board think that it's worth taking a second look at it? The board previously decided to provide talking points to setnetters that are supportive of the concept. All it takes is 90 signatures on a petition to BBRSDA to hold an election on the issue. The executive director was tasked with having follow-up discussions with Paula Cullenberg on it.

12. Adjournment

Christensen moved to adjourn at 6:26 p.m.; Carscallen seconded @ 6:26 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**