

Minutes
BBRSDA Board Meeting
March 6-7, 2014
Anchorage, AK

Thursday, March 6, 2014

President Heyano called the meeting to order at 8:42 a.m. and noted the full board was in attendance. Guests included Abe Williams and Brad Angasan.

Agenda: MOTION: moved by Fairbanks, seconded by Johnson, to approve the draft agenda with one change: switching the sequence of the Financial Committee Report with the Executive Director's report on 2014 projects and concepts. After discussion the motion was approved unanimously.

Minutes: MOTION: Moved by Fairbanks, seconded by Johnson, to approve the draft minutes from the February 21-22, 2014 board meeting. Following a minor correction regarding meeting fees, the motion passed unanimously.

Finance Committee: The Executive Director introduced Darcy Carney of Carney Consulting, the Association's bookkeeping service, to present the standard financial report. She provided an in-depth report on the Association's financial position as of January 31, 2014. MOTION: After board discussion and questions, Marinkovich moved, with a second by Johnson, to adopt the financial report. The motion carried unanimously.

FY 2015 Budget: The Executive Director asked for board direction on developing the FY 2015 budget. He presented two general options: 1) asking the standing committees to develop initial programmatic outlines for next year's activities which would serve as the starting point for FY 2015 activities and budget, or 2) asking the Executive Director to create a first-round budget to be supplemented with input from the standing committees. After discussion the board directed the Executive Director to follow option #2.

Check Approval Policy: The Executive Director asked for board review of the previously addressed revision to the section in the Association's Financial Policy pertaining to approval of large dollar checks. MOTION: Luck moved, with a second by LaRussa, to approve the amendment as follows:

1. Increase the dollar limit for checks needing additional approval from \$5,000 to \$25,000.
2. Require that all checks requests exceeding that limit that

are not approved during the budget process be emailed to the Treasurer or President for approval.

3. The Treasurer or President will promptly approve/disapprove by return email.
4. If the Treasurer is not available or has not responded within 5 days, the Executive Director will sign the check and notify the Treasurer of his/her having done so.

After discussion of the recommended policy change, motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Fee: The Executive Director asked for board review of final language pertaining to the recently approved meeting fee. MOTION: Johnson moved, seconded by Carscallen, to approve a resolution governing board member meeting fees as follows:

Whereas: The Board of Directors increasingly relies on its committees to create and help implement programs benefiting Bristol Bay's commercial fishermen.

Whereas: This evolutionary development in board process has significantly increased role of committees with a commensurate increase in board member time.

Whereas: For the entire history of the Association, board members time has been strictly voluntary.

Now be it declared: That as a result of the increased time and diligence required by the board, that a meeting fee of \$200 per day shall be available to all board members for participation in BB-RSDA board meetings, committee meetings, or other meetings attended as a BBRSDA representative requiring travel or that are longer than four hours in duration.

After discussion the motion passed unanimously.

Captain Steven Hall (Alaska Wildlife Troopers) joined the meeting to introduce himself and to answer board questions about Bristol Bay enforcement activities, policies, and procedures. After discussion, the President expressed the board's appreciation for Captain Hall's participation at the meeting and asked that our two entities stay in contact.

Recess: T President recessed the meeting until 3:00 pm for lunch and an informational meeting of the Board with Bristol Bay seafood processors and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

The president called the board meeting back to order at 3:05 pm.

The Executive Director provided a brief update on activities pertaining to projects and concepts approved at the February 21-22 meeting.

Marketing Committee: Committee Chair, Matt Luck, provided the Board with an update on marketing-related activities since the last Board meeting. Among the issues discussed were Chefs Collaborative, direct marketers, and the Boston Seafood Show. During the discussion, the board reiterated its definition of a direct marketer as being an S03T permit holder that sells Bristol Bay salmon.

Sustainability Committee: Katherine Carscallen reported on EPA's initiation of the 404(c) process on February 28 and on likely next steps for that process. MOTION: Moved by Johnson, seconded by Marinkovich, to adopt the Sustainability Committee report. The motion passed unanimously, with Carscallen abstaining.

Quality Committee: Fritz Johnson, chairman of the Quality Committee, updated the board on recent activities of the committee. Included in the items discussed by the board were contracting a person to coordinate and push quality improvement projects, and the ice bag project. MOTION: Carscallen moved, seconded by Fairbanks, to approve the Committee's report. The motion passed unanimously.

Recess: The board recessed until 8:30 am Friday.

Friday – March 7, 2014

President Heyano called the meeting to order at 8:50 am. All board members were in attendance. The president asked guests if they had any concerns or questions they'd like to address to the board. J.C. Ford spoke about the importance of vigilantly monitoring fishing harvests in the newly redefined district off Port Heiden.

Contract: MOTION: Marinkovich moved, seconded by Fairbanks, that the board contract with Katherine Carscallen (Neqleq) as the board's Sustainability Director. After discussion, the contract was approved unanimously, with Carscallen abstaining from all discussion and the vote.

Off Port Heiden: The board directed the Executive Director to work with the Alaska Wildlife Troopers to establish an enforceable district line that comports with regulations approved by the Board of Fisheries at its December 2013 meeting.

Executive Session: MOTION: Johnson moved, with a second by Marinkovich, that the board enter executive session to discuss personnel matters. The board entered executive session at 10:23 am.

The board returned to open session at 3:10 pm. MOTION: Moved by Johnson with a second by Marinkovich, that LaRussa and Fairbanks work with Waldrop on a contract for transition services following his resignation as Executive Director. The motion passed unanimously. MOTION: Moved by Johnson, seconded by Marinkovich, that Carscallen and Heyano work with Mike LaRussa on a contract for his services as Interim Executive Director during the transition. The motion passed unanimously. LaRussa abstained.

Adjournment: MOTION: LaRussa moved, seconded by Marinkovich, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm.

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