



BBRSDA Board Meeting Minutes

June 6, 2015 – 4:00 p.m.

BBEDC Board Room – Dillingham, AK

1. Call to Order/Establishment of Quorum

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:18 p.m. Present were board members Johnson, Christensen, Andrews, Gibbons, Williams, and Solberg were present. Board Member Marinkovich was excused. A quorum was established.

Also present was Sustainability/Marketing Program Coordinator Lang and outgoing board members LaRussa and Carscallen.

2. Approval of Agenda

Andrew moved and Williams seconded the approval of the agenda as amended by the addition of Lindsay Bloom's letter relative to Commercial Fishermen for Bristol Bay.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Approval/Ratification of Previous Minutes

- May 9, 2015

Solberg moved and Christensen seconded to ratify the May 9, 2015 meeting minutes with the following amendments:

- The meeting was held May 8, 2015, not May 9, 2015.
- The board discussed and agreed that Christensen likely moved the motion and Marinkovich seconded.
- Page 2, #5 Part A – Christensen prefers to drop “we” in favor of “it became apparent”.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- May 11, 2015

Solberg moved and Christensen seconded to approve the May 11, 2015 meeting minutes as presented. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. Member Comments

Katherine Carscallen provided a history of the Commercial Fishermen for Bristol Bay (CFBB) creation and its intent. This is relevant because BBRSDA has received a request by Lindsey Bloom and Trout Unlimited to host and take over CFBB to maximize its effectiveness.

5. Review of Conflict of Interest Disclosures

The board discussed the following interests:

- Johnson receives compensation from BBEDC that sometimes receives grant monies from BBRSDA. Johnson is also a member of the Alaska Board of Fisheries.
- Solberg contests his previous COI statement to disclose employment at LFS. Solberg will work with Executive Director Aspelund on an updated form.
- Christensen wonders if board members' board seats and employment could be noted as 'interests'.

NOTE: Executive Director Aspelund and ex-officio board member Friccero joined the meeting telephonically at 4:48 p.m. and 5:01 p.m., respectively.

- Andrews sits on the Bristol Bay Native Corporation's (BBNC) board and notes potential for future BBNC and BBRSDA partnerships. He also sits on the Executive and Finance committees of the Bristol Bay Economic Fund. Johnson inquired about BBNC's stand on potential mineral developments in Bristol Bay region. Andrew stated that BBNC is "target specific" rather than adopting a general attitude towards development in general. However, BBNC has a "Fish First" policy regarding every partnership/attitude, including development.
- Gibbon's conflict of interest includes being the principle of Wild Fish, LLC.
- Solberg noted he has an LLC with direct marketing interests.
- Williams noted that he is the President and Executive Director of a group that supports responsible mineral development. He has previously consulted, and may continue to consult in the future, with a Pebble Limited Partnership with fisheries and community-related outreach. He also owns a maritime industries company that retrofits and refabricates boats. He is the owner of the vessels *F/V Crimson Hunter*, *F/V Crimson Fury*, and *F/V Lost Boys*. He is involved with Paug-Vik Corporation on research/development.

Christensen suggested renewing COIs each year. Executive Director Aspelund advised that the COI policy requires annual disclosure, but that since the original disclosures weren't provided until late December 2014/early January 2015 she didn't request board members to update them for this discussion. However, they need updating each May in the future.

Williams suggested rewriting the COI because its current wording is vague and not written in a way that asks for specifics or details.

The board directed Executive Director Aspelund to edit and rewrite the COI disclosure to reflect anything of interest.

6. Election of Officers

- Secretary/Treasurer

Williams moved and Christensen seconded to nominate Lange Solberg as BBRSDA Secretary/Treasurer. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Following discussion, Andrew moved and Williams seconded to move discussions on the election of President and Vice-president to Executive Session. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Due to flight time constraints, agenda items 8 – *Review/Approve March 2015 Financial Reports with Darcy Carney of Carney Consulting Group* and 9 – *Request to Fund Fall Salmon Market Report with Andy Wink of the McDowell Group* were moved up on the agenda.

8. Review/Approve March 2015 Financial Statements – Darcy Carney
Christensen moved and Solberg seconded to approve the March 31, 2015 financial statements as presented. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9. Request to Fund Fall Salmon Market Report – Andy Wink
Andrew moved and Williams seconded to approve funding a Fall 2015 Salmon Market Report. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Williams moved and Gibbons seconded funding of a quality project proposed by Wink in the amount of \$3,500 that would provide BBRSDA a targeted list of Bay drift fishermen most likely to respond to RSW messaging. **MOTION CARRIED 5/0**, with Gibbons out of the room during the vote.

12. Andrew moved and Williams seconded to go into Executive Session at 6:15 p.m. to discuss personnel. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Andrew moved and Williams seconded to come out of Executive Session at 7:08 p.m. with no action taken. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6. Election of Officers
Williams moved and Andrew seconded to nominate Buck Gibbons for the president officer position. Andrew moved and Williams seconded to close nominations. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Andrew moved and Williams seconded to nominate Larry Christensen for the vice president officer position. Williams moved and Andrew seconded to close nominations. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7. Committee Assignments
The board discussed committee assignments and the following assignments were proposed, pending approval, by the board after fishing season since not all board members were present.

- **Quality Committee**

Fritz Johnson
Larry Christensen
Mike Friccero

- **Marketing Committee**

Abe Williams
Mike Friccero
Peter Andrew

- **Sustainability Committee**

Lange Solberg
Abe Williams
Matt Marinkovich

- **Finance Committee**

Lange Solberg
Larry Christensen
Peter Andrew

- **PR/Outreach Committee**

Lange Solberg
Sue Aspelund
Fritz Johnson
Matt Marinkovich

- **Buyback Committee**

Gibbons suggested the discussion on re-appointing seats on the buyback committee be tabled pending further discussion and evaluation of postcard/poll survey results regarding whether or not to continue with the second phase of the socio-economic study. Williams believes that the information from the buyback studies may be beneficial to discussions at the Board of Fish meetings in December 2015. Johnson and Christensen agreed that there is no urgency in proceeding in buyback discussion at this time.

10. Ratify Executive Director Transition Contract

Williams moved and Andrew seconded to ratify the addendum to Aspelund's Executive Employment Contract. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

11. Review of Annual Membership Meeting

The board chose not to discuss the Annual Membership Meeting due to time constraints of return transportation back to Naknek for Solberg, Williams, Gibbons, and Christensen.

13. Miscellaneous Business

Solberg provided background on Salmon State, along with Tim Bristol's and Lindsey Bloom's request to reacquire Commercial Fishermen for Bristol Bay as a project housed under Salmon State.

Solberg moved and Christensen seconded to gather more information from Lindsey Bloom with Gibbons; and, pending the board's comfort level with information provided to make a sound decision, will instruct Executive Director Aspelund to facilitate an e-mail vote by Wednesday, June 10 with votes due no later than 5p.m Friday, June 12. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

14. Review/Confirm Future Meeting Dates

September 22–23, 2015 – Fairhaven Village Inn, Bellingham, WA
October 18–19, 2015 – Fairhaven Village Inn, Bellingham, WA
November 16–17, 2015 – Silver Cloud, Seattle, WA
January 19–20, 2016 – Fairhaven Village Inn, Bellingham, WA
February 16–17, 2016 – Fairhaven Village Inn, Bellingham, WA
March 3–4, 2016 – Anchorage, AK

15. Adjourn

Williams moved and Andrew seconded to adjourn at 8:09 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**