

Minutes CCANH Board of Directors Meeting January, 13 2010

Location: Zampa's Restaurant Epping, NH

Present: J. Barnum, M. Reeve, B. Bickford, C. Stallkamp, M. McCarthy, L. Albright, D. Gittins, M. Kalter, G.R. White, B. Bode, M. Watosky, D. Bryan, D. Swanson, B. Ferri, M. Bartlett, P. Whelan, P. Bickford, D. Beattie, G. Thompson

Guests: R. Ruais, D. Grout, K. Jakobs

Meeting was called to order by J. Barnum @1832H

Treasurer's Report: Mike Reeve once again reported national is not sending him current statements. No significant change in cash positions. Motion made to accept(Gittins/Stallkamp) Motion passed.

Government and NGO Reports

PREP: Mitch Kalter reported that PREP is still looking for a director. The public comment period for PREP's Comprehensive Conservation Management Action Plan will end January 15<sup>th</sup>.

ASMFC: Ritchie White advised that the Commission will meet the first week in February. He will report at the February meeting.

NEMFC: Don Swanson encouraged anyone interested to attend the Herring Catchshares Meeting to be held at the Sheraton Portsmouth on January 26 at 2:00pm.

Old Business

Tuna Mania: Bryant Bickford ticket sales are increasing. Board members are urged to volunteer for the event. Bryant will contact members directly.

Banquet: Jeff Barnum & Pia Bickford- Banquet date is March 27<sup>th</sup>. Location is the Great Bay Gallery in Somersworth. Ticket are \$55.00/\$100.00 for individuals and couples. Donor/solicitor list will be sent out. Program advertising prices to be the same. Major donors have been contacted. A Banquet Committee meeting is scheduled for January 20 at Me&Ollies Greenland.

Orvis Oyster Restoration Project: Jeff Barnum- Restaurants have been contacted by letter. Committee will meet immediately after Board meeting.

Website: Jeff Barnum- Committee is meeting January 20, 4:00pm at Me&Ollies to discuss comments. All Board members must contact Jeff to permit their email addresses to be included on the website. Brigham Pendleton Design has offered to maintain website for \$100.00 per month. A motion to authorize \$100.00 per month to be paid to BPD for

maintenance on a month to month basis was made.(Whelan/P.Bickford) Unanimous vote followed discussion.

#### New Business

Kittery Trading Post Invitation: Jeff Barnum-CCANH has been invited back as a nonprofit exhibitor at the KTP Paddle Watersport Show. The fee is\$100.00. Motion to authorize payment(Ferrie/Bode) passed unanimously.

Big Brother/Big Sister Fishing Tournament: Jeff Barnum- Deposit required for early June. Motion(White/Gittens) unanimous.

Conservationist of the Year: Jeff Barnum- Three names have been proposed, Peter Wellenberg, Ted Deers, and Dr. Frank Richardson. All are highly qualified for the award. A consensus was reached that Peter Wellenberg be asked first.

Dockside Striper Tournament: G. Thompson- The tournament committee has decided to change the direction of the tournament and is not looking for CCANH support at this time.

Clam Legislation: Doug Grout- Doug appeared on behalf of NHF&G before the Board as a guest to request CCANH oppose HB1331 which would adversely affect clam population by potential over harvesting. A motion was made to support opposition and a letter to be written accordingly(Bartlett/Watosky) was made. Following discussion, unanimously passed.

Bluefin Tuna Listing on CITES: Rich Ruais- Rich is the Executive Director of the Blue Water Fisherman's Assn. He has been actively involved in fishery issues since the late 1970s. Rich presented the tuna fishing industry's position on a CITES listing for the specie. Numerous examples of why his group opposes listing were presented. Proponents for listing Blue Fin Tuna on CITES were not present at this meeting. The following motion was offered( White/Whelan):

Move that CCANH requests CCA National to reconsider supporting the CITES Listing of Bluefin Tuna at this time to allow for the implementation and Enforcement of the recently approved ICCAT quotas.

After lengthy discussion, the motion was voted on with 12 for and 7 against. A letter is to be sent to National reflecting the outcome of this vote.

NH Saltwater Digest:Jeff Barnum- The Board had previously authorized \$500.00 to be spent on an advertisement in the new saltwater regulation booklet published by NHF&G. The least expensive ad size is ¼ page for \$730.00. Motion made to authorize \$730.00 payment(Kalter/Reeve) passed.

Piscataqua River Dredging: Tabled until February meeting.

Don Swanson announced that upcoming National meetings are scheduled for March 13, June 12 and October 23.

February 8<sup>th</sup> at the Urban Forestry Center at 7:00pm; NEMFC Nominating Committee will meet concerning board vacancy.

Motion to adjourn(Whelan/Bode) unanimous.

Meeting adjourned 2108H

Respectively submitted,  
Gordon Thompson  
Secretary CCANH