

Approved Minutes CCANH Board of Directors Meeting December 10, 2009

Location: Zampa's Restaurant Epping, NH

Present: J. Barnum, M. Kalter, M. Reeve, B. Bode, D. Gittins, R. White, P. Whelan, M. Watosky, D. Swanson, G. Thompson, D. Beattie, T. Browning
Guest: E. Goethel

Meeting was called to order by J. Barnum @1834H

Nomination of Ellen Goethel: A motion was made and seconded (Bode/Whelan) to elect Ellen Goethel to the CCANH Board of Directors. Accepted unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the November 11, 2009 meeting were reviewed and a motion was made to accept them as written. (Swanson/Bode). Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Mike Reeve reported that there was little change in cash reserves. Motion made and seconded (Kalter/Gittins) passed unanimously.

Government and NGO Reports

PREP: Mitch Kalter announced the next meeting would be December 17th. Any comments concerning PREP should be given to Mitch,

ASMFC: Ritchie White reported that Striped Bass Stock Assessment showed adequate breeding stock biomass in the system. The low 2009 numbers combined poor 2006 & 2007 were offset by above average numbers for 2008. The condition of Chesapeake Bay has reached a point where the EPA has become the lead agency. Federal and State agencies are to report by Spring to EPA with their conclusions. The NMFS is launching an ecosystem management program. Don Swanson participated in a CCA conference call dealing with the Menhaden fishery in the Chesapeake and the decline of Striped Bass in the North and South. Don and Ellen Goethel explained about catch shares and how all species will eventually be regulated by them. Herring catch share will be posted Friday Dec. 12 at www.nmfs.noaa.gov/catchshares.

Old Business

Tuna Mania: Ritchie White and the committee are waiting to hear from one more presenter that will complete the panel. First Light Anglers and Capt. Terry Nugent both asked for a \$750 fee to appear. The committee declined their fee in the interest of maximizing the proceeds. This year's Tuna Mania will have a conservation theme. Ticket price will be \$42.00.

Banquet: Jeff Barnum announced the KTP gift Certificate for \$500.00 is in hand. Raffle tickets are coming so they will be available for outreach shows. The committee will pursue Great Bay Gallery in Somersworth as the banquet location in order to minimize expense and reduce ticket prices.

Oyster Restoration: The committee will be meeting after the Board adjourns. Bags and bucket covers have arrived. The committee will be working on marketing and outreach.

Website: Jeff appreciated all the comments made in the final edit of the new website. The committee met Friday night 12/6. It has become apparent that monthly updates will be needed. More thought will be given to who will be responsible. All Board members are asked to submit two pictures for use on the site.

New Business

Taylor River Dam Removal: Public comment has been extended through Dec. 31. Ellen reiterated her concerns about downstream contamination of marsh and harbor. CCANH position will include:

- Full study of contaminants prior to project
- Impact study on marine life as well as human
- Adequate funding of EIS and engineering

Dockside Striper Tournament: Board members expressed an interest to proceed pending satisfactory review of financial data.

2009 Program/Business Plan: Motion made so submit as written (Swanson/Reeve) Passed unanimously.

2010 NHF&G Digest Ad: Board felt the circle hook promotion content is acceptable. Jeff Barnum will investigate the cost. Motion made and seconded (White/Bode) to authorize up to \$500.00 for ad. No discussion, unanimous.

Striper Survey: A motion to donate one print to NHF&G was made and seconded (Watosky/Reeve) Unanimous.

Conservationist of the Year: Tabled until next meeting

Other Business

Newsletter deadline is January 1, 2010.

Seacoast access map will be revisited. P. Whelan & B. Bode will assist Dave Bryant and Dave Beattie.

Don Swanson is looking for volunteers for an outreach event at the Nashua Public Library on January 14 from 5:30 until 7:00pm.

We need to start lining up donors for the banquet March 27, 2010

Next Meeting: January 13, 2010 Zampa's Restaurant Epping, NH

Meeting Adjourned 2105H

Respectfully submitted,
Gordon Thompson
Secretary CCANH