

Minutes CCANH Board of Directors Meeting April 14, 2010

Location: Zampa's Bistro Epping, NH

Present: J. Barnum, P. Bickford, M. Kalter, G.R. White, P. Defosses, B. Bickford, J. Habig, D. Swanson, G. Thompson, M. Reeve, D. Lovett, D. Beattie, K. Jakobs

Call to order 1830H

Minutes of the March meeting unanimously accepted (Kalter, Swanson)

Treasurer's Report: Report to be part of Annual Banquet Report in Old Business.

Government and NGO Reports:

PREP: Mitch reports that PREP has \$150,000 in grant money available for the following projects.

Oyster Restoration

Culvert Work on Oyster River

Land purchases in Salmon Falls Watershed

The new Director is Ruth Robidoux.

ASMFC: Ritchie explained hearings were held as part of Addendum III regarding increasing Herring quotas for the small mesh fleet which is made up of primarily New Hampshire boats. It appears there is 100% support of the additional quota.

ASMFC will meet in May in Washington DC

Herring Committee of NEMFC is being chaired by Doug Grout

CCA National Meeting: Swanee announced the big item coming out of the meeting is an increase in membership dues. Membership will now be \$35.00, a \$10.00 increase. CCA projects a 28% drop in membership due to the increase. Discussion followed with several ideas suggested to offset the projected membership loss.

Swanee also reported that state chapters may hold election of officers at any time.

Old Business

Banquet: Mike passed out copies of the banquet financial results. Raffles were off considerably. In spite of reduced expenses, net results of banquet were \$7008. This generated discussion about the return on investment in planning and executing an annual banquet. Further discussion will follow.

CCANH participated in several outreach events in March and April. Jeff and Mike Watosky manned a table at the Navtronics Show. Jeff and Gordon served as grill cooks for the Eldredge Brothers Fly Shop Expo while explaining and promoting the oyster restoration project. Watershed health and oyster restoration was the focus at the KTP Paddlesport Show. Swanee will be representing CCANH at the NH Wild Days event in Concord on April 17th & 18th.

New Business

On April 18th at 0900H volunteers will meet at Wallis Sands parking lot for a beach cleanup coordinated by the Blue Ocean Society of Portsmouth with help from CCANH and Home Depot.

Future Events

June 5 Piscataqua River Gundalow Event- A motion made and seconded (B.Bickford/K.Jakobs) to appropriate \$20.00 to participate passed unanimously. Pia is organizing this.

June 5 Big Brothers Big Sisters Fishing Day - Silas Gordon is coordinator. Details are all in place. Any volunteers should contact Silas. John Habig has made a generous donation to this event. Thank you John!

June 15 Flatbread Pizza- Bryant and Gordon are organizers of this fundraiser and would like any and all CCANH BOD members to attend and volunteer as well.

Circle Hook Initiative- A date is needed for the actual canvassing and handout. Ritchie suggested that an effective distribution method would be

for the recreational fishing survey takers to pass them out. Doug Grout will be contacted. Fishing Tournaments was another idea to get the brochure and hooks into fishermen's hands.

Nominating Committee: A motion was made and seconded (B.Bickford/Kalter) to hold elections in June for officers with terms beginning in September. Unanimous

The Nominating Committee, P&B Bickford and Thompson, will have a slate of officers for the June meeting. A long discussion followed regarding defining/redefining the President's role. Jeff will submit a job description. This subject will be continued at the May meeting.

Karl Jakobs offered his connections and talent to obtain canoes/kayaks at cost and then raffle them off as a fundraising tool.

April 29 Exeter Dam Removal meeting Exeter, NH

Eric Orff will attend the May meeting and report on climate change effect.

Motion to adjourn(Kalter/Habig) unanimous.

Meeting adjourned 2009H

Respectively submitted,
Gordon Thompson
Secretary CCANH