

Minutes CCANH Board Meeting June 9, 2010

Location: Zampa's Bistro, Epping, NH

Present: J. Barnum, M. Reeve, L. Albright, P. Whelan, M. Kalter, B. Bode, R. White, P. Bickford, K. Jakobs, B. Bickford, D. Swanson, G. Thompson, D. Beattie
Guest: Eric Orff

Meeting called to order: 1830H

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the May meeting with changes.(Swanson/Bode) Unanimous

Treasurer's Report: Cash balances to date are \$31,500 with \$8,800 in restricted Oyster Restoration funds. From the available \$22,900, tuna research has yet to be paid. Jeff Barnum will follow up on current address for Dr. Lutcavage. Mike also presented a breakdown of costs associated with the BB/BS fishing event as well as a summary of CCA membership state by state.

Eric Orff presented a check to CCANH on behalf of the Wildlife Foundation of America in gratitude of CCANH support of the American Powers Act. Thank you to WFA and Eric for their generous contribution.

Government and NGO Reports

PREP: Mitch Kalter- New director is in place. On 6/10, review of the Comprehensive Conservation Plan. Part of the Plan allocates \$75,000 to oyster restoration and research in Great Bay and \$62,000 towards culvert impact studies in the estuary.

ASMFC- Ritchie White reported the next ASMFC meeting would take place the first week in August.

Menhaden- Will be reviewing reference points and over fishing during 3 of the last 5 years.

Blue Fin Tuna- Commercial limit set at 2 per day, recreational 1 per day. At present rate of harvest, Ritchie estimates recreational fishery will be closed by mid August. Southern states are hammering the quota. Quota set by NMFS.

Don Swanson reported that the NH Striped Bass public hearing will be held September 13, 7:00pm at the Urban Forestry Center in Portsmouth. He recommended that CCANH have a position letter to present at that meeting. Jeff Barnum will draft the letter and email it to the board for input.

NEMFC- Dick Brahme would like to have a CCA member on the Menhaden Advisory Board. Don Swanson will complete and submit the application. Don will be attending the NEMFC meeting in Portland,ME on 6/23 & 6/24.

Dam Removal Status

Taylor River Dam- The DOT is committed to replacing the I95 bridge and adjacent dam. A meeting will be held 6/21

Winnecut Dam- Financial issues prevented original subcontractor from completing job allowing bank damage and other problems. A new sub contractor has been hired to complete fishway and dredge the river channel. Work will begin after 7/1.

Oyster River Dam- A study has been done to test strength of concrete in the dam. \$150,000 has been allocated to replace wing wall.

Exeter River Dam- No funding in place.

Newmarket Dam- An exploratory meeting will be held 7/21.

Sherry Brook Dam, So. Berwick- CCANH may be contacted by group studying dam removal for funding.

Old Business

Kid's Event- Good weather, some new faces, everyone had great time. More help needed on shore before and after fishing trip. Approximately 45 participated.

Piscataqua Outreach- 2009 had 1100 attendees, 2010 numbers lower. Hot humid weather. Highlights were a new restaurant signed on as shell source for Oyster Restoration, Mike Watosky got a date!

Pia Bickford will look into September event- Seacoast Fishtival.

Access Map- Bob Bode reported photos of listed access sites have been taken. He estimated the project is 85% complete.

President's Role- A discussion on the overwhelming duties of the president resulted in consensus on avoiding burnout, no chairing events or committees, no ultimate responsibility for programs, and a two year limit.

It was suggested that each officer position has a job description. Current officers will submit to Jeff a self evaluation of duties.

A motion to postpone election of officers until August meeting was made and seconded(Bickford/Bickford)Unanimous

The nominating will continue its work to find a nominee for president.

Fundraising

Peter Wellenberger has proposed a joint CCANH/GBRR Rummage Sale. The board seemed willing explore the possibility.

Annual Banquet vs No Banquet- Board members are asked to bring a fundraiser idea to the August meeting.

Flat Bread- Flatbread Pizza in Portsmouth will host a fundraising night on June 15th from 4-9pm.

Other Business

Peter Whelan- A fence has been installed on Shapley Island on the causeway from Portsmouth to Newcastle. The fence cuts off access to shore fishermen. The Portsmouth City Attorney has been asked and has agreed to look into ownership of the land in question and the legality of the fence. Wait and see approach was agreed to, then approach DOT and county commissioners if necessary. CCANH Board is unanimous in removal of west end Shapley Island bridge.

Jeff Barnum reported no further word on value of consigned artwork in Virginia.

American Independence Festival has asked CCANH to participate in their event on July 17 in Exeter. A 12'x12' space is \$40.00. No one at the June meetin expressed interest in working the event. Jeff said he will see if any other members would be interested.

Upcoming Events

6/15 Flatbread Pizza Night

No July meeting

Next Board meeting 8/11

Motion to adjourn(Reeve/Whelan)Unanimous

Meeting adjourned 2031H

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon Thompson

Secretary