

## CCANH Board of Directors Minutes of September 9, 2009

Location: Zampa's Restaurant, Epping, NH

Present: J. Barnum, M. Kalter, C. Stallkamp, B. Bickford, M. Watosky, M. Reeve, T. Browning, D. Beattie, R. White, G. Thomas, B. Bode, D. Bryan, M. Reeve, D. Swanson

Meeting was called to order by J. Barnum @ 1840H

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of August 12, 2009 were reviewed and a suggested amendment brought forward for further investigation. A motion was made to accept the minutes and seconded (M. Watosky, B. Bode) and passed. Subsequent amendment was investigated and no amendment made.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**BOD Discussion of Mission and Vision:** President Barnum explained that this discussion had been approved in previous minutes to help define and reach some consensus on the feelings of the board toward CCA NH's current and future course. The question presented to the BOD members was to describe what has brought them to the table and encouraged them to participate in the board of CCA NH. All members were asked to contribute in order of those with the longest seniority to the newest members of the BOD. Many views were brought forward some involving and stating values, vision and interpretation of the CCA mission; others were practical actions to achieve some of the various mission statements discussed.

At the end of the discussion it was put to the Secretary as to what would be the most effective way to summarize the discussion and the major issues brought forward, and possibly reach conclusion and consensus. The Secretary suggested that each member synthesis and email to the Secretary the two or three major points that they felt were most important to them. He would then work from these major points and discussion notes to synthesis the discussion into a usable format. A motion was made and seconded to have each board member send these comments to the Secretary by Tuesday, September 15 (B. Bode, T. Browning). The motion passed unanimously. The Secretary agreed to make these minutes available as soon as possible for BOD review.

A brief recap of some of the issues discussed follows:

**Vision/Value Statements-** There was general consensus to the following value statements.

- Influence at Legislative/Policy Level of Government is Crucial and makes CCA NH an effective conservation organization. CCANH should make every effort to place informed board members on these panels and committees and take an active role in giving testimony in Concord when needed.
  - ASMFC/NEFMC
  - NH State Legislature/Legislative Study Committees
- Youth Oriented Programs
  - Hunters and fishermen lead in conservation initiatives
  - Kids are the future hunters and fishermen and they need to be engaged

### **Value Statements with mixed review**

- Membership Growth Through Outreach
  - Some felt that this was too much effort for little gain and that the chapter is now more effective even though it is smaller than before.
  - Some felt that this was important even with low yield; it was a duty to try
- Membership Services and Meetings
  - Some felt that this had been tried before and failed; members expect the board to “get things done.”
  - Some felt that more events for paying members is an obligation of the chapter and part of getting the local community involved and engaged in conservation.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

**ASMFC Herring Advisory Committee Appointee:** President Barnum announced that CCANH BOD member, M. Watosky, has been appointed to the ASMFC Herring Advisory Committee. R. White noted that Mr. Watosky’s association with CCA NH was a significant factor in easing his appointment due to the high credibility of our chapter.

M. Watosky then updated the BOD regarding the one day per week increase of allowed landing days due to the lower than predicted landings to date. This was felt to be due to the poor

weather conditions earlier in the season. R. White noted that the TAC would be achieved by season's end.

**Future Meetings & Events:** President Barnum then reviewed the following upcoming events.

**KTP September fest:** Will be held this weekend. As of this meeting there was no coverage for Friday, and he therefore recommended that only Saturday and Sunday would be manned. He also recommended that the proposed raffle of a fishing trip and rod, tentatively donated by BOD member P. Whelan with some incurred cost to the chapter, be withdrawn due to the shortened period of exposure to the public of only two days and the predicted inclement weather for one of those days. The CCA NH table would be located outside for the event. There was general consensus to shorten the days manned and withdraw the raffle.

**Blue Ocean Society Beach Cleanup September 20<sup>th</sup> 9-Noon:** President Barnum noted that Wallis Sands beach and Fort Stark would be covered by CCANH. M. Watosky would head the Fort Stark cleanup effort.

**GBNERR Work Day September 26<sup>th</sup> 9-Noon:** This was a request from Peter Wellenberger for volunteers to work on trail improvements. Volunteers will meet at the Great Bay Discovery Center in Greenland.

**October 1<sup>st</sup> Newsletter Deadline:** The article deadline is set for October 1. Articles on the Wentworth Kid's Fishing Tournament (R. White), Kid's Fishing Day (T. Browning), beach cleanups (J. Barnum, M. Watosky), Septemberfest (J. Barnum, et al) and Winnicut Dam ceremony (J. Barnum) are expected.

**Next BOD Meeting:** Will be on October 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Winnicut Dam Decommissioning Ceremony:** This event will be held October 15<sup>th</sup>. J. Barnum will attend and encouraged additional CCANH representation at this event.

**PREP State of the Estuaries Conference:** The annual conference will be held at the Great Bay Gallery in Somersworth this year. You must be registered to attend. J. Barnum will be attending.

**Administrative Assistant Turnover:** J. Barnum noted that Carla Lizotte has assumed the role regarding membership administrative assistant. The transition has gone smoothly.

**Website:** Awaiting follow up report.

**Oyster Restoration Grant Proposal:** President Barnum noted that he had received communication from Orvis that the CCANH proposal had moved forward to the budget phase, but no guarantee could be given if funds for the grant would be available.

An additional grant opportunity had been made know to him by a circuitous route, but involved a second opportunity to apply for an oyster restoration grant through a NOAA program for community based action projects. He will work with the secretary to present a preproposal prior to the October 5<sup>th</sup> deadline.

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded (B. Bode, C. Stallkamp) and approved. Meeting adjourned @ 2046H

Respectfully Submitted,

Mitch Kalter, Secretary CCA NH

*Approved October 7, 2009*