

**Homer Marine Trades Association  
May 24, 2022  
Homer Harbor Master's Office**

The meeting was called to order by President Aaron Fleenor at 6:30 p.m.

Officers/Directors Present: Aaron Fleenor, Eric Engebretsen, Mark Zeiset, Cinda Martin, Kate Mitchell, Matt Alward and Claire Neaton, telephonically. Jen Hakala, Bruce Friend and Josh Hankins-Foley were absent, excused. A quorum was established.

Guests: Bryan Hawkins, Homer Harbormaster reported that he went back to Juneau last week, our project is in the budget that has been presented to the Governor for signature. He did a presentation to the Corps of Engineers on the expansion project planning as well as challenges with working with the corps as a small boat harbor emphasizing the need to look at small harbors through a different lens. The Hickory's berth has been dredged. Bruce Friend has been added as a Port & Harbor commissioner. Met with former Governor Bill Walker who is running for Governor in the upcoming election. Working on damage to the Pioneer dock sustained by the Tustamena during a storm. Senator Sullivan stopped in during his visit to Homer, expressed support for the expansion project and has big ideas for utilization. He and Senator Murkowski are working through the challenges with the Corps budget.

Approve Agenda: Motion by Mark Zeiset to approve the Agenda as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> and carried.

Minutes of the April Meeting: Motion by Kate Mitchell to approve the Minutes of the April 24<sup>th</sup> meeting as written, 2<sup>nd</sup> and carried.

Treasurer's Report: no report

Committee Reports:

- Advertising – Aaron reported that they did not meet in May; re-scheduled for June 14th
- Workforce Development – Kate reported that Jesus' position has been terminated due to lack of funding; UAA/KPC is looking for a new funding source to continue with the program.
- FOL recap – Cinda reported that BBQ was well organized and attended. Jen and Matt Hakala, Bruce and myself were present to help cook and serve. The staff at the high school greatly appreciated the donation and help. Pictures were taken that can be posted on the website. We did not award any shirts this year due to the number of FOLs cancelled late this spring; will try again next year.
- Scholarship – Cinda reported that HMTA received \$3,000 from the Aleutian Harvester Memorial to use for our KPC reimbursements. She received 10 applications for the Deckhand course held on 5/7, 8. All applications including the one remaining 100-Ton course that was left to fund have now been paid thanks to the unexpected donation. HMTA funded a total of \$6,419 in KPC scholarships and the \$1,000 spring scholarship awarded to Joshua Rudy. Thanks to Aleutian Harvester and Homer Kachemak Bay Rotary for their contributions. A total of 18 reimbursements were awarded this year; 8 of which were high school and middle school students; and 6 100-Ton certificates.
- Website – no report

Old Business:

- Sweatshirt count – Mark reported that we have a dwindling supply of shirts; 1 SM, 2 LG, 3 XL, 5 2XL, currently stashed at his store on the Spit. Will need to order more for next year. Kate reported that there are decals ready at Skiff Chicks that were paid for a few years back. Will need to decide if we want to use those and use them up before printing our new logo.
- Back to the Bay – Kate reported that the boat will be sailing on July 5<sup>th</sup> and she would like HMTA to participate in some manner; she will let us know via email if an opportunity arises.

New Business:

- PME – dates have been released - November 17-19, 2022; Mark will start talking to members about attendance and banner advertising

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at NOMAR

Adjourn: There being no further business to come before the board members, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cinda Martin  
HMTA Secretary