

## **HMTA Meeting Minutes**

**April 26, 2022**

**NOMAR**

The meeting was called to order by President, Aaron Fleenor at 6:10 p.m.

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

Guests: None

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

Minutes of the March Meeting: Motion by Mark Zeiset to approve the minutes of the March 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting as written, 2<sup>nd</sup> and carried.

Treasurer's Report: Kate Mitchell reported on behalf of Jen, there is \$17,504 in the checking currently. Eric was able to get the Expo banner invoice cut in half for us, it has been paid.

### Committee Reports:

- Advertising/Social Media –
  - Updates – Mark reported that the committee members met with Erica at Port & Harbor to discuss the 2022 Expo. They learned about the City's involvement behind the scenes and reviewed costs and split for 2021. Discussion held regarding promotion strategies for 2022.
  - Schedule Next Meeting – May 10th
- Workforce Development – no report
- FOL List – Aaron reported that Walter has been ill and canceled Bay Weld and NOMAR field trips and Salmon Sisters for tomorrow. Being close to the end of the school year, we'll pick up in the fall. Aaron will work on the attendance list with Walter to determine sweatshirt awards.
- Scholarship – Cinda reported the following:
  - KPC reimbursements total \$3,724 with \$165 over budget and one more application for a \$700 100-ton reimbursement. Motion by Kate to approve \$165 over budget for KPC reimbursements, 2<sup>nd</sup> and carried. Cinda will talk to Dee Dee Shoultz about funds from Aleutian Harvester to fund the last request for 100-ton reimbursement. In the meantime, Jen can get us an accurate balance of funds set aside for workforce development.
  - Annual Scholarship – received 1 application from Joshua Ruby who is attending the AVTEC Welding program. Motion by Mark Zeiset to approve Joshua as our selection for a \$1,000 scholarship.
- Website – Aaron reported that he spoke with Grady about maintaining our site @ \$100/month flat fee. Kate gave Grady some Homer marine history. He would like access to the email to make things easier for him to obtain content. Grady is developing a form to submit content and pictures with to give us some control.

Old Business:

- Mitsubishi Lunch & Learn – Aaron reported that attendance was light primarily attributed to the time of year. They are expressed interest in doing it again next year and will plan differently.
- Homer Marine Trade Show – Mark suggested that the week prior to Kodiak’s Comm Fish in March would be ideal to put a show together with various vendors who are traveling to Alaska already for Comm Fish and the Outdoorsman Show.
- PME – discussed above

New Business:

- Bill Walker Meeting 4/27 9AM at Northern Enterprises – Bill is running for Governor again and would like to meet with fishermen and marine industry folks. There is a fundraiser at Buck and Shelly Laukitis’ that evening. Aaron will be attending the meeting and will highlight the efforts of HMTA.
- HHS BBQ May 19<sup>th</sup> – Cinda reported that Paul Story from the HHS has requested support for their year-end BBQ, both financially and with cooks/servers. Motion by Mark Zeiset to donate \$500 toward the BBQ, 2<sup>nd</sup> and carried. Cinda will email Paul for more information regarding time and serving.

Comments:

- Eric reported that he and a group of folks testified at the State Budget Committee on behalf of the Harbor Expansion project for their feasibility study. The State has to participate in order for the Feds to pick up the remainder of the cost. He and a few of his AVTEC graduates attended a job fair at AVTEC and found it to be very well attended. His involvement on their board has proved to be beneficial with positive changes to their curriculum.
- Mark reported on Port & Harbor; if anyone has anything to report at the meeting, he is happy to relay. They have an open seat; Eric is interested.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Harbor Office

Adjourn: There being no further business to come before the board members, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cinda Martin  
HMTA Secretary