

Aleutian Islands Waterways Safety Committee
Managing Board
Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2018
2:00PM
Webinar

Attendees:

Captain Buddy Custard, Secretary/Treasurer
Mayor Frank Kelty, President
Shirley Marquardt, Vice President
Peggy McLaughlin, WSC Representative

Ex Officio:

Aaron Poe, ABSI
CDR Justin W. Jacobs, U.S. Coast Guard, Sector Anchorage (USCG)
Geoff Merrell, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC)
LT Bart Buesseler, NOAA Office of Coast Survey
Jeff Williams, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Others:

Tim Robertson, Nuka Research and Planning Group
Sara Nichols, Nuka Research and Planning Group

Call to Order

The sixth meeting of the AIWSC Managing Board was called to order by President Kelty at 2:05PM

Agenda Approval

Motion Custard, McLaughlin to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passes with non-objection.

Review and Approve Meeting Minutes of April 16, 2018

Motion McLaughlin, Custard to approve the Minutes of the April 16, 2018 Meeting as presented. Motion passes by non-objection.

Secretary/Treasurer Report

Captain Custard and Mr. Robertson gave an overview of the current figures prepared for the group in the following document: [180508 AIWSC Budget Report](#)

Committee Chair Report

Chairwoman McLaughlin reported that the last meeting of the WSC was well attended and the mission statements of both workgroups were adopted. The Committee also worked on tasking for the Workgroups and how the assignments fit into the proposed structure of the Waterways Safety Plan. Interested Committee Members signed up to help with the various assignments and the group has a solid way forward after the three-hour meeting. The next Committee meeting will be held in September.

Facilitators Report

Mr. Robertson reported that Nuka Research spent a lot of time on logistics organizing the second meeting of the WSC, as it was a webinar with over 35 people in attendance. The webinar software worked well but we would appreciate any feedback you may have for improvement. Utilizing the webinar technology is imperative to keeping the budget in check. There has been a lot of enthusiasm and participation in the process so far. Nuka Research will begin the organization of the next meeting in 60 days, and will let the Workgroups meet and work throughout the Summer. The 501(c)3 application is near completion. Nuka Research is seeking direction on the official address of the organization and will be reporting that the AIWSC show no expenditures currently, as all operations are working under the auspices of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation grant.

The group agreed that the address should be PO Box 175, Seldovia, Alaska 99663, and that the organization should report no expenditures at this time.

Membership Committee and Workgroups

Vacancies - Commercial Fishing, Alternate – Gary Covich

The resignation of Gary Covich was accepted by Non-objection.

Appointments - Barges and Associated Tugs, Alternate – David Ridge

Motion Marquardt, McLaughlin to appoint David Ridge to the Barges and Associated Tugs, Alternate Seat. Motion passes unanimously.

Sustainable Funding Plan

Captain Custard and Mr. Robertson reported that they held a productive meeting regarding the future of the organization once grant funding has been spent out. The group discussed the balance between having a large enough budget to accomplish the mission of the AIWSC, and having an organization that is too bureaucratic to fund. All agreed that \$50k is not realistic considering the logistics involved in the region, and requested that the draft budget be re-worked to reflect Nuka Research's continued involvement, change the line item "Special Projects" to "Sustainable Projects". It was also suggested that legal and accounting costs should be increased, the need for travel costs to be analyzed, and including the allowance for the maintenance and publication of the Waterways Safety Plan. In consideration of the funding struggles of other Safety Committees, it was suggested that this group hardwire membership contributions into the over-all plan.

Pribilof Concerns

The group discussed the issue that some of the Pribilof groups have with the name of the organization not representing them as well as the Aleutian Islands. All agreed that a name change at this point would be cumbersome. Mr. Poe volunteered to follow up with his contacts to point out that the Scope of the AIWSC includes the Pribilofs and what, short of a name change, would they accept. Mr. Robertson suggested that the Board expand and that a permanent Board position be created for a representative of the Pribilof Islands and Alaska Peninsula.

Action Items

- Nuka Research will complete the 501c3 application making the official address of the AIWSC PO Box 175, Seldovia, AK 99663, and continue working with the attorney to process the application with the IRS.
- Captain Custard, Mr. Poe, and Mr. Robertson will meet again to discuss the revisions to the draft budget and work on a funding plan to bring back to the Board.
- Mr. Poe will reach out to the St. Paul community via Lauren Divine to feel out the situation and work on a way to convince them their involvement in the Committee is highly valued.

Set Next Meeting

Next meeting tentatively set for some time in June.

Adjourn

Motion Custard, Marquardt for adjournment. Voice Vote, Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 3:29PM.