

Aleutian Islands Waterways Safety Committee
Managing Board
Meeting Minutes
October 30, 2018
9:30AM
Webinar

Attendees:

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

Ex Officio:

LT Bart Buessler, NOAA Office of Coast Survey
CDR Justin W. Jacobs, U.S. Coast Guard, Sector Anchorage (USCG)
Aaron Poe, ABSI, LCC
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 seventh meeting of the AIWSC Managing Board was called to order by Sec/Tres Buddy Custard at 9:35AM

Agenda Approval

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

Review and Approve Meeting Minutes of May 16, 2018

Motion Kelty, McLaughlin to approve the Minutes of the May 16, 2018 Meeting with one change – add LT to Bart Buessler’s name under attendees. Motion passes by non-objection.

Secretary/Treasurer Report

Mr. Robertson reported that the contract with the NFWF Grant funding is on budget, and that they have granted permission to extend the final date of the grant to June 30, 2019. He also gave an overview of the current figures prepared for the group in the following document: [181029 AIWSC Budget Report](#)

The 501c3 application is still pending. As the organization is still operating under the auspices of the grant, and has not achieved 501c3 status yet, there is no requirement for an IRS filing, nor any taxes due this year.

Nuka Research is preparing an interim grant report the NFWF grant and will provide a copy for the Board, once it is complete.

Committee Chair Report

Chairwoman McLaughlin gave an overview of the proposed WSC Agenda for 8 November, stating that the body is committed to getting a Draft Waterway Safety Plan out by the end of the year. The bulk of the meeting will be spent going over the draft plan section by section. Nuka Research has will act as a technical writer to help with sections that need drafting.

The group discussed which of the Board members would be giving the Managing Board Report to the Committee in case Mayor Kelty is unable to make it. McLaughlin or Marquardt stated they would be able to cover.

Mr. Poe asked if he could be added to the WSC Agenda to discuss a geo fencing project and ask for their input. Nuka Research will make him a standing agenda item under Ex Officio Reports.

Facilitators Report

Mr. Robertson reported that Nuka Research has been busy preparing for the upcoming WSC meeting, developing a sustainable funding plan, and trying to coordinate Workgroup members for drafting the Waterway Safety Plan. Over the Summer, there was a lack of engagement at the workgroup level with regard to individual sections of the plan. As an organization, we need to encourage involvement to achieve these goals.

Membership Committee and Workgroups

There has been a personnel change at Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation and the Ex Officio representative Lisa Krebs-Barsis will be no longer be able to hold the seat. Geoff Merrill submitted Bernie Nowicki's name to fill the seat.

Motion Bereskin, Marquardt to appoint Bernie Nowicki as the ADEC Ex Officio representative. Motion passes with non-objection.

Sustainable Funding Plan

Mr. Robertson reported that over the summer an ad hoc group was formed out of a coalition of the various Maritime Safety Committees in Alaska to solicit funding from the State (Alaska). A letter was sent to Governor Walker from each Committee asking for a \$200k allotment from the excess head tax funds. The money would be divided between the existing Maritime Safety Committees, leaving the potential for developing a Southeast organization. This will be a possible funding source for the Organization in the future, with

statewide support. We need to develop a strategy to see it through. Resolutions from the Board's various bodies will be helpful.

Mr. Poe reported that he followed up with Sarah Allen with NOAA, who is managing the Selendang Ayu funds and the AIWSC will have to come up with a proposal that relates to the metric amount of oil spilled. It was suggested to work with Northern Economics (a contractor during the Aleutian Islands Risk Assessment) and have them develop how the Selendang Ayu funds apply to the AWISC.

Mr. Robertson presented a list of Sustainable Funding Plan talking points and suggested the concepts should be socialized at the Committee level, especially that a key tenet is membership contributions. [181029 Funding Key Concepts](#)

The group decided that the person who does the Managing Board Report will be the one to introduce them.

Pribilof Concerns

The group discussed the issue of a lack of Pribilof representation in the organization and the issue they have with the absence of Pribilof in the name. All agreed that a name change at this point would be too problematic. Some potential solutions, however, would be to create a new Board seat for the Pribilof representation or a new Committee seat specifically designated for a St. Paul/ Pribilof representative. Mr. Poe agreed to present the idea to constituents in the Pribilofs.

Action Items

- Nuka Research will continue working with the attorney to process the 501c3 application with the IRS.
- Mr. Robertson will work with Mayor Kelty on the Board report to WSC.
- Nuka Research will add Aaron Poe, ABSI LCC to the WSC agenda under Ex Officio Reports; this will be a standing agenda item.
- Mr. Robertson will forward Cost Benefit Analysis from the Aleutian Islands Risk Assessment to all as a piece that may be used in the application for Selendang Ayu funds as they pertain to the AIWSC.
- Mr. Poe will take the ideas of creating a seat specifically for St Paul/Pribilof back to Lauren Divine as a possible solution.

Set Next Meeting

Next meeting tentatively set for some time in December.

Adjourn

Motion McLaughlin, Marquardt for adjournment. Voice Vote, Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 10:34AM.