

Maine Seafood Alliance
Directors' Meeting
October 17, 2006
Minutes

President Jim Markos opened the meeting at 10:12

Present: Jim Markos, Randy Ramsdell, Dan Rogde, Denis Nault-DMR, Gary Edwards-
DERC&D, Deborah Bailey-Barnstormer design Group

Item 1 Minutes of October 3 meeting: motion to accept by Randy, second by Dan, all in favor

Item 2 Treasurer's Report – motion to accept by Dan, second by Randy, all in favor

Item 3 Southern Maine meeting – Jim had talked to Stan Bayley and confirmed **November 29** as the meeting date. There was some discussion on format. The meeting will be scheduled for 4:40 with some appetizers provided. Jim will talk to DMR to ask the department to participate in the presentation, which will include:

- Handing out information and membership flyers
- Discussing the organizations history and successes
- Asking for feedback about what MSA can do to help the industry

Item 4 Membership meeting(s) & strategies

- Direct mailings-DERC&D hopes to be able to activate the Council's bulk permit and do a mailing to harvesters before the scheduled meetings
- Dan is firming up arrangements for MSA to be represented at the George's River group on **November 14**. Denis will ask the Regional Biologist to be there as well. MSA representation will be decided at the next board meeting.
- Fisherman's Forum- Gary researched having an exhibit at the Forum on March 1, 2 & 3. A table is \$425 for the three days. There is an insurance clause in the contract that Gary will pursue. The board agreed that exhibiting is a good idea
- Web Site- Deborah Bailey from Barnstormer design group was in attendance at the suggestion of Janet Toth. The board discussed the process for developing a web site with her. She collected information about MSA and will present a proposal at the next meeting

Item 5 Red Tide Disaster Program- no new information from the State

Item 6 Other - Denis Nault discussed the Municipal Shellfish Management program and the Maine Shellfish Council. He encouraged a link between these programs and MSA. He indicated that DMR is updating its web page with newer information on the program.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15