

Maine Seafood Alliance
Directors' Meeting
March 11, 2008 10:00 A.M.
Down East RC&D Office-Cherryfield
Meeting Minutes

Present: Jim Markos, Dan Rogde, Randy Ramsdell, Cecil Wood, Stan Bayley, Ginny Olsen, Steve Beathem, Denis Nault, Gary Edwards (DERC&D), Marie Emerson.

Item 1. Minutes of January 8 meeting were accepted on a motion by Cecil and second by Dan, all in favor.

Item 2. Treasurer's Report- Balance Forward \$6,154.52

Item 3. Fishermen's Forum Report – Denis and Ginny talked about the Clam day meetings and Gary reported on the Communication meeting held on Saturday. Clam day went well and the Communication session was well attended despite the weather. Gary also suggested that the Board should discuss whether to continue having a booth in future years. There was good discussion that led to the conclusion that there is a good opportunity for MSA to take an active role in helping to develop the shellfish industry presence of the Forum. It was decided to ask Paul Anderson, Forum Board chair, to attend a future board meeting to explore how this can be done. Jim will contact Paul. It was also suggested to work to find funding to get Tom Harrington, one of the review team, to present at the 2009 Forum.

Item 4. MSA/DEI agreement – The board agreed to enter into a partnership agreement with DEI. Jim will sign the letter of agreement and send it to Brian Beals.

Item 5. Legislative update – Gary gave an update of pending bills. There was discussion about two bills that affect the scallop industry, especially in Cobscook Bay. After reviewing language that was suggested by the scallop industry and the Cobscook Bay Resource Center. Dan moved to support the bills with the amended language. Randy seconded the motion and it was carried.

Item 6 Annual meeting – Gary will review the by-laws to determine the best way to do a meeting. (Note, there will be an Annual Meeting on April 8 prior to the Board meeting.)

Item 7. Other – Jim and Ginny reported on the progress with the report from Water Quality Review. There is some discussion about who should be on the new industry council. There is pending legislation that will direct the formation of the council. Several board members expressed interest in getting an update from Darcie at DMR about the red tide outlook for the season.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55.

Next meeting-April 8 10:15 AM RC&D Office Cherryfield – Annual meeting to precede the Board meeting.