

Depoe Bay Near-Shore Action Team
Regular Meeting
Thursday, April 20, 2006 – 6:00 pm
Depoe Bay City Hall

PRESENT: Chair L. Goddard, R. Davilla (arr. 6:45 pm), B. Fasciano, J. O'Brien, M. Grover (depart 7:10 pm), F. Robison, J. Rose, V. Sovern (depart 7:10 pm)

ABSENT: C. Newell, F.C. Robison, L. Robison, J. Tate, P. Taunton

STAFF: City Recorder P. Murray

Chairman Goddard called the meeting to order and established a quorum.

Approve Minutes: March 23, 2006 Regular Meeting, March 29 and April 13 Special Meetings

MOTION: O'Brien moved to approve the March 23 regular meeting minutes and March 29 and April 13 special meeting minutes as written. Sovern seconded the motion.

Goddard said it is moved and seconded and called for discussion. There was none.

VOTE: Motion passed.

AYES: Goddard, Fasciano, Grover, O'Brien, F. Robison, Sovern

ABSTAIN: Rose

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Continue Reports from Working Groups – Socio-Economic Research Group

Goddard introduced Mike Fitzpatrick, present in the audience, and asked for a brief biography. Fitzpatrick provided a brief background on himself and his wife, who is an administrator of the Oregon Salmon Commission. Fitzpatrick has three tiers of fish licensing (catch, buy and sell).

Sovern distributed copies of the revised brochure for distribution at the upcoming Wooden Boat Show (copy attached to the original of these minutes) for review. She turned the ? upside down, which gives it the appearance of a fish hook and will add *Near Shore Action Team* underneath *FISH OFF* on the front. Robison suggested adding commercial fishing to the list of partnerships. It was agreed to revise the wording in the second paragraph to include "commercial" with "charter/sport fishing community". Sovern will have 1,000 brochures printed for the Boat Show and Rose will ask the City Council for reimbursement. Rose said NSAT will have a table at the Boat Show which is on Sat. and Sun. from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm and invited members to help man the table.

Grover reported he has filled a treasure chest with refuse articles from the beach cleanup to develop an exhibit relating to proper garbage disposal and ocean protection education. He provided copies of the "Vanishing Whales" info card, and sign with logos (including NSAT proposed logo) he's been working on (copies attached to the original of these minutes). He plans to ask OPRD to approve paying for the signs, which will be placed on garbage cans throughout town. Brief discussion occurred on the sign design, including change of font styles and colors. Sovern volunteered to work with Grover on the sign.

MOTION: Rose moved to authorize use of Grover's sign at the Boat Show with the NSAT slogan and draft logo. Sovern seconded the motion.

Goddard said it is moved and seconded and called for discussion. There was none.

VOTE: Motion passed.

AYES: Goddard, Fasciano, Rose, Grover, O'Brien, F. Robison, Sovern

Sovern said that with McGuirk's recent resignation from NSAT, the socio-economic group has no leader. It was suggested to discuss the status of the socio-economic study at the next meeting. Murray reported that the Parks Commission had to re-schedule their May meeting date and due to a mis-marking on the calendar, they scheduled their meeting for 5:30 pm on Thursday, May 18th, which is the NSAT meeting date. It was agreed to meet on May 18th at 6:30 pm (instead of 6:00 pm).

Goddard said he'd like to recommend Mike Fitzpatrick to fill the vacancy left by McGuirk. He'd also like to discuss other members who are unable to attend meetings. Brief discussion ensued.

MOTION: Goddard moved to nominate Mike Fitzpatrick to fill the vacant position on NSAT. O'Brien seconded the motion.

Goddard said it is moved and seconded and called for discussion. There was none.

VOTE: Motion passed.

AYES: Davilla, Goddard, Fasciano, Rose, Grover, O'Brien, F. Robison, Sovern

Goddard suggested revising the NSAT bylaws to provide for ex-officio (non-voting) members, to afford members who are unable to attend meetings to remain on the team, but to reduce the number of voting members for purposes of conducting business at meetings. Discussion followed, including suggestions to provide for alternate members, or reducing the membership. A concern was voiced regarding removal from office without cause (section A.3).

MOTION: O'Brien moved to table discussion on revising the bylaws until the next meeting and Rose will draft revisions to bring to the meeting. Sovern seconded the motion.

Goddard said it is moved and seconded and called for discussion. There was none.

VOTE: Motion passed.

AYES: Davilla, Goddard, Fasciano, Rose, Grover, O'Brien, F. Robison, Sovern

O'Brien proposed a field trip for team members to become acquainted with the near shore study area from Yaquina Head to Cascade Head. The field trip would be aboard Lars Robison's boat (Samson), would be about two hours long, and could be done on a Sunday afternoon in May. The cost is estimated at \$20 to \$30 per person, depending on how many participate.

MOTION: O'Brien moved that NSAT members take an ocean field trip, from Yaquina Head to Cascade Head next month. Rose seconded the motion.

Goddard said it is moved and seconded and called for discussion. There was none.

VOTE: Motion passed.

AYES: Davilla, Goddard, Fasciano, Rose, O'Brien, F. Robison,

O'Brien will contact Lars to determine which Sundays he would be available.

Rose said he's been working on gathering information for NSAT's presentation to OPAC, and has asked other members for assistance. Fred Robison has provided historical information, Lars Robison and Jim Tate are compiling a list of boat skippers including years of experience, etc. Goddard suggested identifying fish species that are important to local fisheries. Items left to be done include identifying other sea life (urchins, whales), tidepools, birds, shore animals, other uses/utilization of assets. Rose has obtained some information on the number of boat launches from Depoe Bay, Goddard suggested he also contact the Coast Guard for additional information. Rose said his efforts are focused on putting together a presentation on existing resources and uses, suggesting reviving the socio-economic study through a survey of local boat captains, using all information for the presentation to OPAC as well as to other agencies. He asked for members' participation on information gathering efforts. Goddard will contact the Coast Guard Chief to obtain information on the number of boats launching/fishing out of the harbor. O'Brien and Rose will work on a survey questionnaire for distribution to boat captains. O'Brien, Fasciano and Davilla offered to gather data on birds and shore animals and their relationship to the ocean. Fitzpatrick recommended including information on estuaries. Rose asked that information be provided to him by May 5th, which he will use to compile a draft for review at the next meeting.

Determine Next Meeting Time and Date

Goddard reminded everyone that the next meeting will be at 6:30 pm on Thursday, May 18th.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Loren Goddard, Chairman

Pery Murray, City Recorder