**Cook Inlet RCAC Annual Meeting**

**Videoconference**

**April 8, 2022**

**Approved Minutes**

**Members Present:** Gary Fandrei, Deric Marcorelle, Carla Stanley, Paul Shadura, Walt Sonen, Grace Merkes, Bob Flint, Michael Opheim, Scott Arndt, Hans Rodvik

**Members Absent:**  John Williams (excused), Robert Peterkin II (excused), Molly McCammon, (excused), Rob Lindsey (unexcused)

**Staff Present:** Michael Munger, Maddie Jamora, Steve “Vinnie” Catalano, Susan Saupe, Shaylon Cochran, Candice Elias, Cassandra Johnson

**Guests:** Kristine Schmidt, Molloy Schmidt LLC

***1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL***

President Gary Fandrei called the meeting to order at 1:38 p.m. Roll was called, establishing quorum.

* **Approval of Agenda**

**Scott Arndt moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Paul Shadura. Hearing no objection, the agenda was approved.**

***2. SEATING OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS***

Michael Munger stated that there was an unusual situation with the reelection of Bob Flint. The corporate counsel Kristine Schmidt explained that there was no nomination for the seat that Mr. Flint occupies in the recreation group. She met with the Executive Committee in February to discuss the following three options:

1. Reopen the nomination period, which would have taken the nomination period past the annual meeting;

2. Elect someone temporarily; or

3. Follow the precedent set a few years ago when no nominations were received for the tourism group and appoint the sitting member to another term.

The Executive Committee recommended to the board that they choose the third option. Ms. Schmidt also recommended the bylaws be changed since this is the second time this has happened. She is working on that change and also working on recommendations for more changes based on the legislation enacted for nonprofits during the pandemic.

Paul Shadura asked if there was a problem with mailouts and if there were a sufficient number of recreation groups and if the normal process was followed. Mr. Munger replied that the normal process was used but no nominations were received.

**Paul Shadura moved to seat the following directors to three-year terms:**

Bob Flint, Recreation Group

Robert Peterkin II, Tourism Group

Walt Sonen, City of Seldovia

Hans Rodvik, Municipality of Anchorage

**Carla Stanley seconded. Hearing no objection, the motion passed.**

***3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS***

Currently, Gary Fandrei is President; John Williams is Vice-President; and Deric Marcorelle is Secretary / Treasurer.

**Walt Sonen moved to continue the slate as proposed, seconded by Bob Flint. Hearing no objection, the motion passed.**

***4. SELECTION / APPOINTMENT: COMMITTEE MEMBERS***

* **Executive Committee**

**Paul Shadura moved to approve the Executive Committee as presented:**

Gary Fandrei, President (serves as Chair, one-year term)

John Williams, Vice-President (one-year term)

Deric Marcorelle, Treasurer (one-year term)

Grace Merkes

Robert Peterkin II

**Bob Flint seconded. Hearing no objection, the motion passed.**

* **Audit Committee**

**Paul Shadura moved to confirm Deric Marcorelle, Grace Merkes, Scott Arndt, and Robert Peterkin as alternate for the Audit Committee, seconded by Michael Opheim. Hearing no objection, the motion passed.**

* **Credentials Committee**

The Vice-President serves as the chair, and there are two board members elected at large and one board member alternate. The members currently are John Williams, Robert Peterkin, Grace Merkes, and Michael Opheim as alternate.

**Bob Flint moved to accept the individuals on the Credentials Committee for another year, seconded by Paul Shadura. Hearing no objection, the motion passed.**

* **Protocol Control Committee**

This is a five-member board with one alternate. The current members are Robert Peterkin II, Bob Flint, Deric Marcorelle, Paul Shadura, Rob Lindsey, and Gary Fandrei as alternate.

**Paul Shadura moved to accept the individuals listed for the Protocol Committee for next year, seconded by Bob Flint. Hearing no objection, the motion passed.**

* **Prevention, Response, Operations & Safety Committee (PROPS)**

There are three board members and three board member alternates. Currently, the members are Bob Flint, Rob Lindsey, Deric Marcorelle, Carla Stanley, Michael Opheim, and Walt Sonen.

Paul Shadura expressed a desire to serve on this committee, but all six seats are filled. Maddie Jamora said that the committee has only three voting members with six members total. Pres. Fandrei asked Mr. Munger if Rob Lindsey was interested in remaining on this committee. Mr. Munger stated he had not heard from Rob as he is working nights. Pres. Fandrei asked that if Rob Lindsey dropped out, if Paul could be moved into that slot. Bob Flint stated that people are allowed to sit in on the meetings. Pres. Fandrei encouraged Hans Rodvik to attend any of the committee meetings he might have an interest in.

**Carla Stanley moved to accept the members presently on the committee with the addition of Paul Shadura if he wants to be on, which he does, seconded by Walt Sonen.**

Maddie Jamora clarified the motion to mean that six board members would be on the committee and then Paul could join separately, but the committee will not have seven members. Pres. Fandrei agreed that was correct. Mr. Munger stated that the committee meetings are open to any directors.

**Hearing no objection, the motion passed.**

* **PROPS Public Members**

**Deric Marcorelle moved to reappoint Ted Moore, and to appoint Cathy Foerster and Wendell Tuisaula as new appointments, all for three-year terms, seconded by Paul Shadura. Hearing no objection, the motion passed.**

* **Environmental Monitoring Committee**

There are three board members and three member alternates. The current board members are Deric Marcorelle, Molly McCammon, Carla Stanley, Michael Opheim, Gary Fandrei, and Paul Shadura. As Ms. McCammon has left the board, Grace Merkes volunteered to fill that vacancy.

**Bob Flint moved to seat Deric Marcorelle, Grace Merkes, Carla Stanley, Michael Opheim, Gary Fandrei, and Paul Shadura, seconded by Paul Shadura. Hearing no objection, the motion passed.**

* **Environmental Monitoring Committee Public Members**

There are 6 to 8 public members. The committee has recommended that Rick Frederic be reappointed for a three-year term, Bruce Magyar be reappointed to the three-year term, and Molly McCammon would be a new appointment for a three-year term.

**Bob Flint moved that the nominations made by the committee be accepted, seconded by Carla Stanley. Hearing no objection, the motion passed.**

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Paul Shadura said it was a good meeting, and he thought the board officers are good officers. As a commercial fisherman, it’s difficult to maintain attendance at these meetings. As everyone knows, the industry is going through some dark changes, and it doesn’t look good for this summer. It is stressful for the community, and it affects not only his position here but also Cook Inlet Aquaculture. He wants people to understand that environmental changes are happening and a lot of socio-economic changes are happening in the community, and hopefully things will be positive and people will continue to support what CIRCAC does.

Carla Stanley said that those who are involved in commercial fishing have some dark times ahead, especially the drift-netters. She wished good luck to all of them, and she hopes something positive can come out of this. She thanked everyone for a good meeting, and she is looking forward to the in-person meeting.

Deric Marcorelle said the meeting went pretty well.

Bob Flint said it was a good meeting. It was short and succinct, and he liked that.

Walt Sonen said that the impact on the commercial fishery will certainly have an impact in Seldovia. He hopes the meeting in Seldovia is not dependent on WiFi like he has received today because, if so, the group might be in trouble. He thanked everyone for a good meeting.

Hans Rodvik said, “Buy local fish.” As time allows, he will attend committee meetings and will touch base with Gary and Mike and the team for committee meeting schedules. It should not be a problem to attend board meetings as they do not occur in the summer.

Pres. Fandrei enjoyed working with everyone and is looking forward to getting together and having some social interaction at the Seldovia meeting.

Mr. Munger thanked Pres. Fandrei for working closely with him. He also thanked the staff and everyone’s participation. He welcomed Hans Rodvik and is looking forward to working with him.

**Michael Opheim moved to adjourn, seconded by Scott Arndt. Hearing no objection, the motion passed**, **and the meeting adjourned at 2:08 p.m.**