

Maine Commercial
Fishing Safety Council

Janine Drouin, Chair

Curtis Haycock, Vice Chair

Ann Backus, Secretary

Members:

Kris Boehmer

John Drouin

Peter Gasperini

Marc McCole

John McMillan

Parker Poole

Mark Murry, ex officio

Jeff Nichols, ex officio

Commercial Fishing Safety Council

Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting, January 19, 2023 (draft)

Present: Ann Backus, Kris Boehmer, Janine Drouin, John Drouin, Mark Murry, Jeff Nichols, Parker Poole

Absent: John McMillan, Marc McCole, Curtis Haycock, Peter Gasperini

NOTE: This meeting was in place of the December Quarterly meeting which was cancelled because Ann Backus had COVID.

I. Welcome – Janine Drouin, CFSC Chairman

II. Minutes of Quarterly meeting September 15, 2022, presented, but could not be voted on because the CFSC must first approve the DMR's Remote Policy in person. [This January meeting was a remote meeting, therefore voting could not take place.]

III. Presentation of the slate of officers by the Nominating Committee (Kris Boehmer, Parker Poole, Ann Backus).

The Nominating Committee presented the following slate of officers: Janine Drouin to continue as Chairman, Parker Poole, to replace Curtis Haycock as Vice Chair, and Ann Backus to continue as Secretary.

The slate of officers could not be accepted because this was a remote meeting; approval of the slate will need wait for an n-person meeting in March 2023, - possibly at the Fishermen's Forum.

IV. Discussion of how to achieve an in-person meeting

It was suggested that we have an in-person CFSC meeting at the Fishermen's Forum. We decided that Mark Murry will poll members regarding their plans for attending the Fishermen's Forum. We could meet Friday or Saturday, and we will discuss with Chilloa regarding the possibility of an available room perhaps at the club house.

V. Update on Recreational Boating Regulations - Steve Ingram or Mark

Mark mentioned that as of January 1, 2024 anyone less than 24 years old, i.e., born after 1994, who engages in recreational boating out to the 3 mile territorial line in waters of Maine and fresh waters will need to take a safety course. Anyone under 16 will not be allowed to operate a boat with 25 hp or more. We discussed the impracticality of curtailing teens use of 25 hp outboard motors.

VI. Discussion of Potential Council Initiatives for 2023

- a. First we need to fill a vacancy on the COUNCIL because Peter Gasperini has informed us that he cannot continue. Various names were provided; we discussed whether or not they were license holders. Mark will ask Melissa Smith for some additional names.

- b. The discussion about the Fishermen’s Forum booth included who would be available to staff it. Janine and John will be available Friday; Mark will be available for some time Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Ann will be available and at the booth full time. Parker Poole offered to send pictures. Other suggestions included: having a copy of the Survey; having the survey results (desk copy), adding the Survey QR code to the “poster,” and if there is a handout, include Monique Coombs contact information for mental health.

VII. Other business – none

VII. Next meetings

- a. workgroup – February 16 2023 7:00-8:00 pm
- b. Quarterly meeting March 16, 2023, 3:00-5:00 in person

IX. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Backus

March 3, 2023