

**Kodiak Chamber of Commerce
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 27, 2017
Kodiak Chamber of Commerce Conference Room**

Present:

President R. Kniaziowski	Board Member S. Simmons
Secretary/Treasurer C. Blondin	Board Member A. Walton
Board Member S. Johnson	USCG Base Rep. Capt. Westling
Board Member B. Lickfield	USCG Air Station Rep Capt. Morin
Board Member J. Sanford	Discover Kodiak Rep. C. McCarthy
Board Member E. Simeonoff	City Rep. A. Kniaziowski

Excused:

Vice President J. Bonney	Board Member R. Stauffer
Past President L. Knight	Borough Rep. M. Powers

Staff:

Trevor Brown, Executive Director
Stephanie DeLaGarza, Community Relations Director
Haley Forman, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

President R. Kniaziowski chaired the meeting at the Kodiak Chamber of Commerce Conference Room. The meeting was called to order at 12:04 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Secretary/Treasurer C. Blondin made a motion to approve the agenda. Board Member J. Sanford seconded. Motion approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. January 30, 2017 Board Minutes
2. Executive Director's Report
3. Community Relations Director's Report
4. Membership

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Board Member J. Sanford made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Secretary/Treasurer C. Blondin seconded. Motion approved.

ACTION ITEMS

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Coast Guard Appreciation Dinner

Executive Director T. Brown emphasized to the board that the Coast Guard Appreciation was well received. Discussion followed.

2. Open

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Sponsorship Committee

Community Relations Director S. DeLaGarza reviewed the meeting minutes with the meeting and informed the board of ideas to bring up more sponsorship for the Chamber.

2. Comfish Update

Executive Director T. Brown informs the board the status of ComFish preparation. Discussion followed.

3. Crab Fest Update

Community Relations Director S. DeLaGarza informed the board that the merchandise has been ordered and staff will be doing inventory at World Wide Movers. A few posters have been submitted and will be up to the committee to decide which one will be this year's 2017 Crab Fest poster.

4. Open

BOARD COMMENTS:

- USCG Base Rep. Capt. Westling stated his gratitude for the Chamber of Commerce and staff for putting on the Coast Guard Appreciation Dinner.

- USCG Air Station Rep. Capt. Morin stated thanks for having the Coast Guard Appreciation Dinner. He also mentioned that they will be doing helicopter and c-130 demonstration during Crab Fest this year.

- Board Member S. Johnson commented that the hotel is gearing up for the spring and summer season.

- City Rep. A. Kniazowski stated that the state has major budget shortfalls. She mentioned possible cut backs for Alaska Marine Highway System and a cap for the PFD at one thousand dollars. She also mentioned that she will be attending an Alaska labor relations agency about unionization, which was voted for last fall. She ended her comment mentioning that her last month as city manager will be April.

- Board Member S. Simmons informed the board that Dig Afognak raised 16,000 at their dinner fundraiser.
- Board Member B. Lickfield stated that Samson has been shipping out the old crane.
- Board Member E. Simeonoff informed the board that St. Jude's radio-thon will be March 23-24. They have a women's show April 22nd. KVOK is starting a trivia night at the Village bar.
- Board Member A. Walton commented that his YTD sales were down 15%. The shop is staying busy with the tire season change.
- Discover Kodiak Rep. C. McCarthy mentioned that Discover Kodiak has rolled out an interactive trail map and booking program. She also reminded the board that the King Salmon Derby will be April 1st - June 1st.
- President R. Kniazowski stated that it's been a good year so far for fishing. Pollock isn't up in tonnage but much bigger than last year. The roe content and the size of the roe are also much better than last year.

ADJOURNMENT

- President R. Kniazowski adjourned the meeting at 12:41 p.m.