

**Kodiak Chamber of Commerce
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 20, 2014
Kodiak Chamber of Commerce Conference Room**

Present:

Vice President Knight	Board member R. Kniaziowski
Past President Deal	Board member Bonney
USCG Base Rep. Capt. Westling	KICVB Rep. McCarthy
Board member Simeonoff	City Rep. A. Kniaziowski
Board member McLaughlin	

Excused

President Peterson	USCG Air Station Rep. Capt. Rivera
Secretary/Treasurer Blondin	KEA Rep Scott
Board member Turner	
Borough Rep. Cassidy	
Board member Randolph	

Staff:

Trevor Brown, Executive Director	Laura Arboleda, Administrative Assistant
Summer Wood, Comm. Rel. Director	

CALL TO ORDER

- Vice President Knight 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 - Corrections/Additions

Past President Deal moved to approve the agenda. Board member R. Kniaziowski seconded. Motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. August 18, 2014 Board Minutes
2. Executive Director's Report
3. Community Relations Report
4. Membership Report

Vice President Knight motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Board member Deal seconded. Motion passed.

ACTION ITEMS

1. August and September Financial Statements

Executive Director Brown updated the board on the August and September Financials. Board discussion followed. Board member Bonney moved to approve the August and September Financials. Board member Deal seconded. Motion passed.

2. Strategic Planning Meeting with Dennis McMillian

Strategic planning tabled for the next meeting.

3. ITN Support Letter

Executive Director Brown discussed the Island Trails Network support letter for the NOAA community based marine debris removal grant program. Board member Bonney made a motion to send the Island Trails Network support letter. Board member Simeonoff seconded. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Public Awareness Campaign for Seafood Industry

Executive Director Brown discussed the weekly Fish Fact and monthly articles that will be published in the Kodiak Daily Mirror. Board Member Bonney stated that she created the weekly facts that will be published in the Daily Mirror.

2. Coast Guard Appreciation

Executive Director Brown discussed the Coast Guard Appreciation Dinner. The dinner was very well received. USCG Base Representative Capt. Westling stated that the Coast Guard appreciates the Chamber of Commerce and the Kodiak Community for the support that they give the Coast Guard through the Coast Guard Appreciation Dinner. The dinner is a great way for the command to recognize members in support roles.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Open

GUEST COMMENTS

1. Senator Gary Stevens was the guest speaker.

- Senator Stevens thanked the Chamber of Commerce for the Coast Guard Appreciation dinner.
- Discussed the rocket launch funding for medium sized rockets.
- Stated that oil is down in price.
- Mentioned the pebble mine impact.
- The impact of the minimum wage ballet on processors.
- Discussed education, common core standards, increasing teachers in Alaska.
- Working to get the younger generation to vote and take part in the American system.

BOARD COMMENTS

- Board member Kniazowski stated that Pollock season is projected to end on November 1st.
- Board member Deal mentioned that it has been a record year for Wells Fargo the FDIC deposits have doubled from eight years ago.
- Board member Bonney wished Laura well as she leaves the Chamber of Commerce for a new position. She also stated that the minimum wage ballet measure may affect the processors.
- USCG Base Rep. Capt. Westling mentioned that he appreciated the Coast Guard dinner.

- City of Kodiak representative A. Kniazowski discussed the cities current projects which included the storm drain in Aleutian homes, Pier 1 and Pier 3 projects and the Monashka Pump House rebuild. The Monashka Pump House provides water to the entire city.
- Discover Kodiak Representative McCarthy stated that tourist season has come to an end. The 2015 Visitor guide is in print. They are working with the Kodiak Island Borough to make a hiking activity map.
- Board member McLaughlin mentioned that they just celebrated their one year anniversary in their building and that they are expecting to do more events.
- Board member Simeonoff stated that the radio station has been busy with political season. The radio station has a lot of big promotions going on with large performers. They are doing a Halloween Safety Campaign and will be handing out trick or treating safety bags to the schools with a coloring contest. They will be partnering with the Kodiak Daily Mirror for Christmas in Kodiak.

ADJOURNMENT

-Vice President Knight adjourned the meeting.

-Meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.