



Board of Director Regular Meeting Minutes

December 9, 2015 Recorder: Donna Halvorsen

1. **Call Meeting To Order:** Otis Gibbons called meeting to order at 10:10am.
2. **Roll Call:**

Chair	Thorne Bay	Harvey McDonald	absent excused
Vice Chair	Klawock	Jeff Nickerson	present via teleconference
Sec/Tres	Craig	Otis Gibbons	present
Director	Wrangell	Bernie Massin	present via teleconference
Director	Hydaburg	Anthony Christianson	absent excused
Director	At Large	Dee Dee Jeffreys	absent excused
Director	Coffman Cove	Brian Wilson	present via teleconference

Staff Present: Dennis Watson, Chrissy Torsey-Lucero, Rich Rogers and Donna Halvorsen

Staff present via teleconference: None

Public Present: None

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3. **Approval of Agenda** Motion: Approve agenda as presented; moved by Jeff Nickerson and seconded by Brian Wilson. Motion approved unanimously.
4. **Approval of Minutes** Motion: Approve minutes from October 30, 2015 Regular Meeting; moved by Jeff Nickerson and seconded by Brian Wilson. Motion approved unanimously.
5. **Public Comment** None
6. **Correspondence** None
7. **Manager's Report**
 - Dennis reports that traffic reports show ridership is up along with revenue and hope trend continues.
 - Rich and Walt will take the M/V Stikine over to the Port of Annette Bay tentatively December 14th to do a trial run to make sure the retrofit project to make our vessel compatible with the dock was successful. They will make sure we are able to get in and out of there with the new mooring dolphin the State installed last year.
 - The Stikine haul-out is scheduled for March 2016 and Walt is putting together a list of work to get done. We should see a contract soon so work can progress quickly.
 - Dennis asks BODs if selling one of the two house trailers we own is acceptable. We don't need both anymore; one is kept on the lay-by vessel in KTN for Rich to stay in when working over there. The 2nd trailer is stored at the HYL facility; it doesn't get used much and is starting to show weather wear although still in very good condition. BODs are in support of surplussing trailer. IFA will look into auctioning it off.
 - The customer claim recently received by the IFA has been reviewed and at this point shows no proof that IFA is responsible. Dennis will keep BOD informed. Bernie comments that he would rather not pay out. Interviews and reports have been performed and submitted and nothing indicates that we are responsible.

- Dennis called Pat Pitney yesterday in OMB Governor's Office and asked her how we stand on the \$250,000 appropriation he requested in September. She said to get back with her today so we'll see; the governor's budget is being put together as we speak.
- The Economic Assessment contract we have out with Rain Coast Data is moving right along. Meilani Schijvens has been gathering information for the project and it will basically be an update to the IFA By the Numbers report done in 2013. The first draft will be available to us for review January 15, 2016. Dennis states that she did great work for us last time and that it was the most significant documents he's been able to use in furthering our fund raising efforts.
- Jeff asks Dennis to report on a phone call he received regarding questions about a Haines ferry route. Dennis answers that a reporter from Haines was asking about the feasibility of putting together a Haines, Skagway and Lynn Canal route similar to ours. They are afraid that with the State's budget cuts, their service may be reduced and are looking at their options.
- Otis asks about Rain Forest Ferry. Brian replies that as of their BOD meeting two days ago, they have officially shut down for the winter and will attempt to run again in April or May 2016.
- There is a short delay in the start-up of us covering the Lituya MTM run; we will start January 11, 2016 now. The shipyard had to reschedule their work slightly; not an uncommon occurrence in this line of work.

8. **Old Business:** None

9. **New Business:** Motion: Approve Resolution No. 2016-02 amend IFA Americans with Disabilities & Senior Citizen Travel Polices; moved by Jeff Nickerson and seconded by Brian Wilson. Motion approved unanimously.

10. **Board Comments:** Bernie asks that since the AMHS is getting cut back so much, can we look at taking over any routes like Sitka to Petersburg? Maybe State would pay us to do it. Dennis replies that we've been approached already but we have to work within a 12 hour day; additionally, because the State has union agreements with those ports, it would be a violation of union agreements. To take over a route at this point, we would have to operate out of fare box and without knowing for sure what the potential ridership would be, we would not do it. Dennis said he talked to the commissioner and maybe in the future we will be able to work something out. Bernie comments that he would like to get the second boat in the water generating revenue. Dennis explains there is a lot to consider regarding that and discussions are ongoing. If Dennis gets close to anything actually happening, he will bring it to the BOD to decide what we would do. Bernie asks if it is the same as the North route we're going to do and Dennis replies no; neither port is union based. Bernie asks when the North route starts, Dennis replies that the once a month Coffman Cove/Petersburg route starts in May 2016. Brian comments that after today, we should have a better handle on what will happen financially; the governor's proposal comes out at around 11am today.

11. **Schedule Next Meeting:** TBA

12. **Adjournment:** Motion: Adjourn meeting at 10:33am; moved by Jeff Nickerson and seconded by Brian Wilson. Motion approved unanimously.