

**Bodega Bay Fisherman's Festival**  
**51<sup>st</sup> Annual Fisherman's Festival May 4-5, 2024**  
**General Business Meeting**

**December 6, 2023**

**Called to Order**

7:01PM Josh Perucchi

**Executive Board in Attendance**

Josh Perucchi	President
Kris Lepore	Vice President
Len Coster	Treasurer
Laura Pearsall	Secretary
Suzanne Martin	Member at Large

**Approval of Minutes**

Not noted.

**Treasurer's Report**

Len sent formal report to Executive Board after meeting: BoA 114,651.02; Charles Schwab 46,939.43; **Total \$167,697.27**

**President's Report**

Josh Perucchi moved to approve continuance of current Executive Board for 2024, Betsy Spann 2<sup>nd</sup>. Current Executive Board approved for 2024.

**Old Business**

-Josh requested feedback from 2023 Festival, none offered outside of general agreement that festival was a success.  
-Josh shared that the Head of State Parks has informed him that the old parking site will not be available for parking going forward. Although site study results were not offered, the Head of State Parks explained that the site has been recognized as a Graton Rancheria cultural site and that the site would be a protected site going forward. Josh plans to follow-up with email but is not planning on using the site for parking. Josh noted that parking on Bay Flat Road and West Side Road has worked well over last two years and will be used again in 2024. Josh confirmed that he had applied for and received 8,500.00 from the County for shuttle services and advertising for 2024.

**New Business**

-Waves of Compassion has requested additional funding to support fisherman/deck hands impacted by canceled salmon season and delayed crab season (delayed to January). Waves of Compassion is proposing that the money be received and managed by them with focus on qualified bill payments and safety equipment (life raft fire extinguisher recerts and supplies and gloves). Orders/Bills will be submitted/filled via application to Waves of Compassion instead of dispersing cash to applicants. Patty with Waves of Compassion explained that requests are made using an application process and that individual cash disbursements are capped and require name of boat for verification with Captains. Dick Ogg thanked Waves of Compassion and the Fish Fest Board for their support and noted that safety items for boats is critical. Dick Ogg also noted criticality of waning crews and infrastructure as a result of multiple year season cancelations and delays. Possibility of separate funding options earmarked for fisherman/deck hands was discussed. Dick Ogg noted that government relief monies go to boat owners with "option" to share those monies with crew members. The government support monies are only for the canceled salmon season and not the delayed crab season which is hugely impactful.

-2024 Theme was discussed. *Wishing We Were Fishing* offered as possible theme. Theme has traditionally been selected by Fisherman's Association, Dick Ogg will talk with Fisherman's Assoc. and get back to Josh in next two days.

-Needed positions discussed with no decisions made:

- 1-Treasurer Co-Chair (future replacement for current Treasurer)
- 2-WBC Committee Chair
- 3-Permits Chair
- 4-Wine Booth Co-Chair

## **Chair Reports**

### **After Party:**

Not discussed, no current Chair

### **Allocations:**

Shona Weir noted that the Rancho Bodega Historical Society is requesting additional funding from 2023 for new floors. Historical Society and Waves of Compassion additional funding requests will go to Executive Board for discussion and approval. Allocations for 2024 will be submitted/presented at January meeting.

### **Art Booth:**

Diane Perry, no update.

### **Art Contest:**

Melissa Bechtel is new Chair. Contest winners receive name on poster, cash award, and event entry tickets. Plan is to have final art work selected by mid/end of January.

### **Bank:**

Kathy Simmons and Betsy Breunig committed for 2024.

### **Beverage/Beer Booth:**

Kris Lepore committed for 2024.

### **Boat Challenge:**

Kris Lepore will follow-up with potential recruits. Josh asked all members to be thinking about possible recruits as new chair/co-chairs.

### **Boat Parade:**

Alicia Ginocchio (Chair-Lead Boat)/Patty Ginocchio (Asst. Chair-Parade) committed for 2024.

### **BB CERT:**

Lee Ritchey committed for 2024.

### **Craft Booths:**

Suzanne Martin confirmed for 2024; application has been updated and is on website.

### **Entertainment:**

Josh Perucchi is 90% sure of all but two bands: *Petty Theft* will headline Saturday with *Train Wreck* mid-day (still need opening band); *Unauthorized Rolling Stones* will headline Sunday with *Rotten Tomatoes* opening (still need mid-day band).

### **Food Vendors:**

Josh Perucchi has updated applications and will begin working on securing vendors.

### **Gate:**

Betsy Spann stated that 76% of 60,000.00 in gate sales were digital and shared plan to expand Square and EventBrite capabilities for 2024. Also planning wrist bands for 2024. Laurie Ogg will be present at event with volunteers.

### **Information Booth:**

Betsy Spann shared plan to add credit card capability (Square/EventBrite) for raffle ticket sales at Info Booth.

### **Kids Zone:**

Maggie Tagilala confirmed for 2024.

### **Non-Profits:**

Maria Cipriani confirmed for 2024, requests will go out in January.

### **Parking:**

Chris Lauritzen confirmed for 2024.

**Permits:**

Josh Perucchi has begun process and is looking for New Chair to take over position vacated by Laura Dangers in 2022.

**Pet Parade:**

No Chair and no parade planned for 2024.

**Photography:**

Jerry Newman will return for 2024. Pics from last year up on website.

**Marketing/Public Relations:**

Stacy Castle confirmed for 2024.

**Raffle:**

Thera Buttarro confirmed for 2024.

**Scholarships:**

Josh Perucchi confirmed that application is now open to all Tomales High School students (not just residents of Bodega Bay).

**Security:**

Josh Perucchi is working on security.

**Site Set Up/ Tear Down/ Clean Up:**

Josh Perucchi will be working on lining up crews. BVFD and Stewards of the Coastal Redwoods have helped in past.

**Signs/Posters/Art Work:**

Shona Weir projected that posters will be ready to go by end of January/early February.

**Tide Pool:**

Laura Rogers-Bennet and Stewards of the Coastal Redwoods expected back for 2024.

**T Shirts:**

Cindy Borisoff confirmed for 2024.

**Volunteers:**

Gail Dailey confirmed for 2024.

**Water Activities:**

Sonoma County Sherriff (supported by Coast Guard Auxiliary), no updates.

**Website/Design/Maintenance:**

Josh Perucchi reported that website is up to date.

**Wine Booth:**

Suzann Mathers confirmed for 2024 and is looking for Co-Chair.

**Next Meetings**

Jan 17 7:00PM; Allocations Meeting; Location TBD

Feb 21 7:00PM; Location TBD

Mar 20 7:00PM; Location TBD

Apr 16 7:00PM; Location TBD

May 4-5 Fisherman's Festival 2024

Allocation Committee meeting TBD

Festival Recap and After Party TBD

**Adjourned**

8:00PM Josh Perucchi

**Submitted by**

Laura Pearsall