

Bodega Bay Fisherman's Festival
53rd Annual Fisherman's Festival May 2-3 2026
General Business Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2026 • Zoom Meeting

Called to Order

7:00 PM

Executive Board in Attendance

Josh Perucchi	President
Kris Lepore	Vice President
Kevin Clancy	Treasurer
Shona Weir	Secretary
Suzanne Martin	Member at Large

Treasurer's Report

Checking	\$28,505.00
Charles Schwab	\$114,119.00
Total	\$142,624.00

We have secured enough volunteers for the bank for two days. Looking to secure a trailer for the bank.

Minutes

Minutes from 01/26/26 were emailed with the agenda.

President's Report

Permits waived fees by county.

Old Business

Theme Fish to Dish

Vacancies needing filled:

-Lead photographer:

-Volunteer Coordinator: Need a lead. Online signups will be implemented this year via the website which should make the position more manageable. Volunteer sign up new section on website. Volunteer sign up is set up.

-Wine Chair- Need a lead wine booth coordinator and assistant. This is a very important position and contributes a large portion of proceeds from the event. Please let Josh know if you are interested or can recommend someone.

Update: Peter Asmus is co-chairing the wine booth seven wineries said yes. Adding five wineries to the list that he is a member of. He is on board and looking forward to taking this on.

New Business

Chair Reports

Allocations:

Received an outstanding allocation request from Tomales FFA requesting \$1500. I have to follow up with a few.

Art Booth:

Melissa Lepore. Three people want to return so far. Volunteer positions in art booth? Online program needs corrected. Melissa will email what she needs.

Art Contest:

Melissa Lepore. Melissa's 3rd year. Art has been chosen. Winner is Melinda Kniffen. There were 12 entries. Three judges chose the winner and looking for new judges for the next year. Looking forward to seeing the art on merchandise. Send Kevin the winner's name and address for the prize and tickets, etc..

Bank:

Kathy Simmons/Betsy Breunig.

Beverage/Beer Booth:

Kris Lepore. Need permit but that happens closer to the festival date. Working on getting Lagunitas' donation.

Boat Challenge (WBC):

Mike and Diane Bundy. Three confirmed builders. One is almost ready to do it. Michael will get with Josh regarding supplies. They have all the volunteers they need. Josh will ask Piazza Construction about donating.

Boat Parade:

Alicia Ginocchio (Chair-Lead Boat)/Patty Ginocchio (Asst. Chair-Parade) with Bodega Bay Area Chamber of Commerce. Rick Power's The Sea Scooter will be the lead boat. There will still be a parade. Pairing down the invitation list. 16 people max. Chamber will donate food and drinks.

BB CERT:

Lee Ritchey. Secured radios for the parking crew. Volunteers are lined up for security.

Craft Booths:

Suzanne Martin. 24 applications. Three new the rest are returning. March 6th is the deadline for the reduced fee. Josh looking at redesigning layout of craft booths to help block the wind. Can there be a buffer along chain link fence? Josh doesn't think that would work because fence is far away.

Entertainment:

Josh Perucchi. Rotten Tomatoes, Tainted Love, Petty Rocks, Mustache Harbor, Forty Fathoms, Dry Creek Station, need to get kids entertainment.

Food Vendors:

Josh Perucchi. Most are returning from last year. A few people have applied.

Gate and Information Booth:

Betsy Spann.

Pet Parade – dog bandanas for sale. Betsy's sister, Sandra Lake is volunteering to do the parade. BBVH gave the sign and was willing to help out and do give away bags. Double wide tent. Volunteers for Pet Parade will be part of the gate and info booth volunteers. Question re horse people – no bracelets. They are part of kids zone. They are not vendors. Ticket price is the same. \$18 presale, \$16 senior presale and \$30 2-day. Gate \$20 adult, \$18 senior, \$30 2-day.

Kids Zone:

Maggie Tagilala and Tiffany Flores confirmed to run bouncy houses - ordered.

Non-Profits:

Maria Cipriani. Sent emails to nonprofits. Received 4 applications. Deadline is first of March. Stewards of the Coast and CERT should sign up online for their volunteers. USCG Aux should also signup online. Maria would be OK with reconfiguring non-profit layout if needed for craft booths who pay for their spots.

Parking:

Chris Lauritzen. His volunteers are ready to go. Volunteers need to be put in the online program

Permits:

Josh Perucchi will coordinate.

Photography:

Need new lead. Prior photographers may participate but need someone to organize group and photos. A few names were mentioned as possible replacement. John Hershey is reaching out to the photography community to lead to get photos on website etc. Still looking.

Marketing/Public Relations:

Stacy Castle. Waiting on artwork.

Raffle:

Thera Buttarro. Waiting for the finished artwork to go forward with tickets and sending out information.

Scholarships:

Josh Perucchi confirmed THS has been advised of our scholarship opportunity. Deadline to apply will be March 27th. They are moving application to an online format and we will get access to review. Need recipients by April 30th and the awards night will be held May 20th 2026.

Security:

Kris Lepori. Contract secured.

Site Set Up/Tear Down:

Josh Perucchi confirmed to book all rentals oversee setup/teardown Contract secured.

Signs/Posters/Art Work:

Shona Weir. Picking up banners to post around the county on Friday. Poster draft in the works. Will coordinate with Stacey Castle to get ads for papers and online. Will get artwork to Thera for Raffle. Will get artwork to Melissa for T-shirts.

Tide Pool:

Stewards of the Coastal Redwoods has a new head of the group. We will need to contact to confirm they will coordinate the tidepool.

T-Shirt:

Melissa and Kris Lepore Clarify what they need for volunteers. Should we do dog t-shirts? Looking for competitive pricing. Bandana for pets. Hats with just the logo no date.

Volunteers:

Need new chair. Online signup is up.

Water Activities:

Josh to coordinate with SCSO helicopter, USCG aux and Sonoma County Fire Boat.

Website/Design/Maintenance:

Send updates to Josh who will send to our 3rd party website coordinator.

Wine Booth:

Suzann Mathers updating. Peter Asmus co-chairing. Ordering glasses. Anyone with connections to wineries are asked to contact Suzann and Peter.

Next Meetings

Wednesday March 18th 7pm at Bodega Bay Grange

Wednesday April 15th 7pm at Bodega Bay Grange- Final planning meeting

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Festival recap meeting TBD on Zoom

Allocation committee meeting TBD

After Party TBD

Meeting adjourned 7:32pm

Minutes by Shona Weir