

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

March 18, 2026 • Grange Hall

Called to Order

7:10 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	\$41,823.00
Charles Schwab	\$114,719.00
Total	\$156,542.00

Minutes

Minutes from 02/11/26 were emailed with the agenda.

President's Report

Permits waived fees by county.

Old Business

Volunteers need to sign up online.

New Business

Nothing new. Just getting updates

Chair Reports

Allocations:

Shona Weir – nothing new to report.

Art Booth:

Melissa Lepore. 6 participants. \$1,050 income so far. Looking for 3-4 more artists. One big tent for hospitality, art show and t-shirts.

Art Contest:

Melissa Lepore. All complete.

Bank:

Kathy Simmons/Betsy Breunig. Email sent out to chairs to find out how much cash is needed for each booth. Combine t-shirt and poster banks. Trailer is available from Jerry Lites.

Beverage/Beer Booth:

Kris Lepore. On track need ABC license. Maybe not doing margaritas. Getting some donations. Doing hard seltzers and ciders.

Boat Challenge (WBC):

Michael and Diane Bundy. 5 registrations, one of which is a youth. Two additional but not registered yet. No more volunteers needed. Waiting on a couple of more to reply. Piazza Construction will pay for the materials and will have a team.

Boat Parade:

Alicia Ginochio (Chair-Lead Boat)/Patty Ginochio (Asst. Chair-Parade) with Bodega Bay Area Chamber of Commerce. Rick Power's The Surf Scooter will be the lead boat. There maybe a possibility for second 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. Safety patrol is set up and radios for parking crew. Volunteers are on the list.

Craft Booths:

Suzanne Martin. 40 vendors 11 are new.

Entertainment:

Josh Perucchi. Rotten Tomatoes, Tainted Love, Petty Rocks, Mustache Harbor, 40 Fathoms, Dry Creek Station, need to get kids entertainment.

Food Vendors:

Josh Perucchi. Food is almost full. Same ones as last year.

Gate and Information Booth:

Betsy Spann. Switching payment system for presale. Can use tap to pay, Apple Pay, etc. New App will be used for presales. Square will be used for day of.

Pet Parade – dog bandanas for sale. Red and Blue. Betsy's sister, Sandra Lake is volunteering to do the parade. 1:00 both days.

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 Bouncy Houses. Tiffany reported via email waivers from Shona, pens and clipboards, looking for volunteers.

Non-Profits:

Maria Cipriani. Reported 10 nonprofits signed up and expecting more.

Parking:

Chris Lauritzen. Getting volunteers lined up. Ordered shuttles and golf carts.

Permits:

Josh Perucchi will coordinate.

Photography:

Jerry Newman will continue on but will not be at festival. He will upload all the photos on the website and coordinate with photographers at the festival. New lead photographer needed for next year.

Marketing/Public Relations:

Stacy Castle. Ads completed. KZST ads. PD ad donated. Billboard at the Auto Plaza donated.

Raffle:

Thera Buttarro. Artwork and tickets created and printed. Half of the envelopes have been stuffed and sent out. Looking for donations from businesses for raffle.

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. Haven't received any yet.

Security:

Kris Lepore set.

Site Set Up/Tear Down:

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

Signs/Posters/Art Work:

Shona Weir. Done. Drop off sign at Bodega Fire House.

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. Feedback for more zip up sweatshirts. Getting quotes. Trying not to have overages. Adding trucker hats. Will add the wooden boat challenge t-shirts. More volunteers. Sophie Powers orders t-shirts for employees to wear that weekend.

Volunteers:

Need new chair. Online signup is up. Shona Weir will manage the Volunteer Gate this year and this year only.

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. 18 wineries donating wine so far. Short on pourers. Brought in 4 new wineries. Short on reds. Korbel is donating 5 cases for mimosas. The Tides is donating. Reaching out to the Bluewater Lounge. Peter has a radio station in Point Reyes so people can call in. Josh and Kris can call in and talk about Fish Fest. KWNKY.

Next Meetings

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 7:38pm

Minutes by Shona Weir