

Final
VIRGINIA MARINE PRODUCTS BOARD (VMPB)
(Informational Meeting)
VIRGINIA INSTITUTE OF MARINE SCIENCE (VIMS)
WATERMEN'S HALL, DIRECTOR'S CONFERENCE ROOM
GLOUCESTER POINT, VA 10/3/17



Call to Order: Chairman Peter Nixon called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM. 5 board members were present which does not represent a quorum, this will be strictly an informational meeting.

INTRODUCTIONS:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ann Gallivan
Kim Huskey
Peter D. Nixon
Meade Amory
Dan Kauffman

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Kevin G. Wade
Kelly Lewis Minor
Wayne France
Hannah Kellum
Heather Lusk
William Purcell

STAFF PRESENT:

Mike Hutt, VMPB
Dylan Mills, VMPB

GUESTS PRESENT:

Melissa Ball-VDACS

Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes

Tabled until next meeting since we do not have a quorum.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
Yorktown Farmer's Market
May 18, 2017

Mike: The market was cancelled due to the weather conditions on this day and it will be rescheduled at a later time.

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Singapore and Bangkok, Thailand
September 8-15, 2017

Mike: This was also a SUSTA event. I attended this immediately after Seafood Expo Asia. Rappahannock Oyster Company from Virginia and D&D Seafood from Florida both registered to attend, but D&D was forced to cancel due to the hurricane in Florida. It was run very well with market and processing plant tours as well as one-on-one meetings. There is one buyer in Bangkok who is interested in coming to Virginia from an industry tour. Overall this was a very successful event and we gained 22 trade leads from it.

Sensible Seafood- VA Aquarium

Mike: This is funded by a grant from VIMS that was applied for and received by J.C. Hudgins and Meade Amory. We are currently working with the VA Aquarium on how we want the layout of the card to look and what species we would like to put on this card. This card will strictly contain sustainable Virginia species to help consumers decide what species they should purchase.

NEW BUSINESS

China Fisheries & Seafood Expo/G-Fresh Invite
November 1-3, 2017

Mike: I was invited by G-Fresh to this event in Qingdao, China and offered free space for the VA companies that are already using their online platform which are Wanchese Fish Company, Chesapeake Bay Packing, and Rappahannock Oyster Company. I will be attending and doing a cost share with VDACS to cover the expenses.

Virginia Aquaculture Conference
November 17-18, 2017

Mike: This is an event held every other year at the Towne Center here in Newport News, VA. Dylan and I will be working a booth there and educating people about aquaculture Oysters as well as meeting new companies to add to our Suppliers and Oyster growers' directories.

VA Legislative Week
Richmond, VA
January 15-18, 2018

Mike: The delegates will be in a new building this year for their session due to construction and I have been notified that they will not have any tabling inside the building. However, we may still be able to have our luncheon, I will be meeting with them in the near future to plan that out if space is available.

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Interested Party Reports

VA Institute of Marine Science
No Report

Virginia Tech
No report.

VMRC
No Report

VA Seafood Council

Kim: The 2018 VA Legislative Reception is January 24th at the Hilton Garden Inn in Richmond.

Cooperative Programs

VDACS

Mike: As we spoke about before they are helping us with several projects and we are continuing to get support from them.

Melissa: The Marine Products Board is in our strategic plan so you can continue to count on our assistance.

Aquaculture Oysters Update

Mike: Oyster season has just begun and I am hearing nothing but positive assessments about the season and market.

Reports

Finance

Mike: Carryover balance of \$481,543.95 for FY 2016-2017. Our current balance at the end of July is \$460,239.66.

Public Comments

No Comments

Expenses for travel to Board Meeting

Pete: If you are interested in getting reimbursed for your travel to this meeting I will email the forms for you to fill out to Dylan and he will send them all out to you.