

## RIPOA BOARD MEETING

# MINUTES 2/13/2024

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13 FEBRUARY 2024 / 7:00 PM / ZOOM

## ATTENDEES

Tony Rugerrillo, Niki Peltier, Phil Sloan, Paula Kaip, Bill Moosekian, Beth Romanelli, Kevin Wood, Steve Engelhart Absent: Eric Preston

## AGENDA

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm.

- Motion to approve the meeting minutes from 11/13/2023 made by Niki Peltier, seconded by Bill Moosekian. Motion passed.
- Phil Sloan mentioned that Katherine and Jamie would like to do the Russell Island wear again for 2024. They are working on another throwback design.
- Phil made a motion to put RIPOA's excess funds, not to exceed \$100,000, in CD's not to exceed 12 months. He mentioned that our bank balances are healthy and we could get a better percentage without any risk by doing this. Steve Engelhart seconded his motion. Motion passed.

A lengthy discussion was had regarding the email (see attached) from Captain Bernie to the board asking to increase the walk on rates by \$1. This would make a one-way passage as follows:

- 12 and older - \$4
- Seniors - \$3
- Child 5-11 - \$2

He also stated his concerns about not receiving COLA for the first full year of his contract and was also concerned because he did not receive a "in good faith" fuel stipend.

After discussion, the majority of the board agreed to the following:

- We do not agree to any negotiations during the contract term.
- COLA is working the way it is supposed to. It is an adjustment for the previous compensation.
- It was discussed and concluded that over the last 2-3 years there really hasn't been a noticeable or prolonged fuel increase, therefore, no need for a "in good faith" fuel stipend.
- In regards to "extra runs", the board determined that when Bernie has to make more than one run due to the amount of people waiting for a normal ferry run, this is not considered an "extra run", just an extension of that normal run.

Tony will call Bernie and give him the board's decision.

Tony will also check with Chuck Hurst regarding the garbage barge.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm.

Submitted by,

Paula Kaip

RIPOA Secretary