

“Dedicated to the promotion, education and preservation of Cortez and Florida’s commercial fishing and other traditional maritime cultures including the environment upon which these communities depend.”

FISH Mission Statement

OCTOBER 1, 2012 FISH BOARD MEETING

Presiding: Kim McVey

FISH Board members present: Debra Ibasfalean, Linda Molto, John Stevely, Plum Taylor, Marshall Fisher, Chips Shore, Karen Bell, Jim Kelly, and Joe Kane

Guests: Sean Wardell, Rick Viera, Doug Calhoun, Barry Stephens, Caroline Northfield, Michael Northfield, Sue Maddox, Karen-Riley Love, Cathy Slusser, Pat Potts and Roy Lee Ezell

Press: Mark Young *The Islander* Joe Hendricks *AMI Sun*

10/1/12 FISH board meeting at Fishermen’s Hall started @ 7 PM

The Minutes to 8/10/12 Fish Board meeting were unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Sue Maddox reminded board members that county zoning rules do not allow boat building in the Fire Station. Debra responded saying that for years Cortez has been a little fishing village, and has been grand fathered in, and are in their rights to build boats in their yard.

THE PRESERVE: Joe made the motion that we accept the conservation easement, excluding the Wilkerson property, and to fund up to \$500 necessary for a survey to remove Trap Yard from the easement boundaries. Motion was unanimously accepted. Preserve Walkabout will be the morning of 10/3. Meet at Museum at 9:45 AM. A third Preserve meeting was set for Oct. 11 at 7 PM @ Fishermen’s Hall, when John will address fencing issues and other concerns.

BOARD MEMBER ELECTION: Jim Kelly was nominated by Chips to be a member of FISH board. Seconded by John, and passed with only Joe dissenting.

BOATWORKS REPORT: Chairman Rick Stewart asked for members to serve on his committee to organize boat repair procedures and restore festival booths. Members are: Kim, Deb, Karen, Marshall, Jim, Rick Viera, and Joe. Meeting was set for 10/24 at 7 PM @ BoatWorks.

RENTAL: Rick Viera has received his lease to apartment in Fire Station, and is making payments. Rental payment from Alan Garner for his office in Sunday School annex will be discussed at 11/5 board meeting.

BOARD RESIGNATION: John moved, with regrets, to accept Bob Pitt’s resignation from FISH board. Seconded by Linda and passed unanimously.

CORTEZ COMMERCIAL FISHING FESTIVAL: Linda gave a progress report on the 31st annual festival, saying applications are being received and planning ongoing. A festival meeting will be held in late November.

MUSEUM REPORT: Director Karen Riley-Love invited everyone to welcome back Ted Adams, who will be a Museum docent. A special party honoring Ted will be held on Oct 5 at 10 AM.

FISHING REPORT: Karen Bell said fishermen are expecting a good grouper season this year. Crabbers are reading their traps for stone crab season starting Oct. 15.

Adjourned at 8:31 PM

FUTURE EVENTS:

Oct. 3 Preserve walkabout (fence). Meet at Museum 9:45 AM

Oct. 5 Welcome Back Ted Adams party at 10 AM @ Museum

Oct, 11 Nomination Committee meeting at 6 PM @ Fishermen's Hall

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Oct.15 Stone Crab season opens

Oct. 17 Fish Fry for The Sustainable & Authentic Florida Conference

Oct. 24 BoatWorks Committee meeting at 7 PM @ BoatWorks

Nov.3/4 Cortez Stone Crab Festival @ The Kitchen

Nov. 5 FISH Board Meeting @ 7 PM at Fishermen's Hall

Nov.10 School House 100th Anniversary celebration and Folk Festival 10-4

Feb.16/17 31st Annual Cortez Commercial Fishing Festival

Submitted by Joe Kane 10/2/12