

Date: October 21st, 2018

Attendees: Sam Frankel (President), Zack Anchors, Maria Jenness (Vice President), Alice Bean Adrenyak, Liz Johnson

- Sam summarized his conversations with Dave Chabot who is now the liason to the Guide Board from DIF&W:
 - Sam had a couple conversations with Jim Fahey and Dave Chabot, most recently about recruiting sea kayak guides to serve as guide test examiners.
 - Sam and Dave Chabot also discussed pursuing representation on the Guide Board in some fashion, since sea kayaking and paddle sports are growing industries with increasing interest and participation.
- A letter will go out from the Board to current Sea Kayak guides asking for applications to serve as guide test examiners.
 - Sam suggested that MASKGI could help by putting the word out and helping the Guide Board ease the bottleneck in testing that was frustrating for all concerned.
 - He also thought it could be the start of a broader working relationship with the board.
- Alice summarized her experiences as a test examiner in the past.
 - In the past you had to be able to do all the areas, not just in one specialization.
 - You couldn't be associated with guide school.
 - Reimbursement was low, and it was a long day.
 - Some guide training companies at that time:
 - After exam, call test takers and ask them to give three questions so they could know what was on the exam.
 - There was a teaching to the test attitude.
 - There wasn't an emphasis on community, ethics, etc.
 - And some of the graduates weren't useful as guides.
 - She strongly suggested reaching out to a legislator or two .
 - Southern, Downeast
 - Support change in makeup of the board
 - Once you get a seat you don't come off for 10 years
- Zack offered some thoughts on working with legislature.
 - Has talked with Senator Ben Chipman
 - There's a committee who oversees Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
 - Now is a good time
 - Find out who is on committee
 - Send a template letter
 - Committee won't change with the election
 - Two positions opening on 11/23
 - Sagadahoc
 - Hancock
 - Ellsworth area
 - Commissioner does the appointing
 - Three committees
 - Advisory board committees
 - Licensing of guides committee
 - Legislative committee

- Reach out to chair and minority member of the committee
- There was a group discussion about ways to reach out to different members of committees, and also about bandwidth constraints as a volunteer group.
 - Productive avenues were thought to be working on long-term change with a legislator or two.
 - In particular, finding out who is on [the Joint Standing Committee that oversees the Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife](#).
 - This may be helpful to do in the new legislative session.
 - Different ideas, but one could be advocating for a sea kayak guide member on the guide board since our industry is different.
 - Pursuing seats on the IF&W advisory committee whose members are appointed from different counties.
 - Pursuing a seat on the guide board through other advocacy