



Secretary's Office

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The Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Association (RISAA) Board of Directors meets monthly. In order to keep all members apprised of Board business I will report here when appropriate. It is important to note that not all business will be reported here since there are often issues dealing with individual members and privacy will always be protected. Also, some Board business that doesn't result in any action won't be printed.

RISAA Board of Directors August 24, 2021 Meeting Summary

FINANCIAL REPORTS

• **Treasurer's Reports**

Treasurer **Peter O'Biso** presented reports for the following:

- RISAA checking and savings accounts
- Foundation checking and savings accounts
- Foundation scholarship fund

Note that, while RISAA financial reports are not published here, any member can request a copy via email, by contacting steve@risaa.org.

• **Investments**

- Reviewed investments funds as of July 31.

• **Insurance**

- Approved payment to Philadelphia Insurance Co. of \$6,925 for RISAA's 2021-2022 insurance policies
- Approved payment of \$958 for special Accident Insurance coverage for members during sanctioned RISAA events

COMMUNICATIONS

- **American Littoral Society:** Board approved paying annual dues
- **ExtraSpace Storage:** Board approved payment of annual rents for our storage unit and the parking space for the large RISAA trailer.

OLD BUSINESS

• **AnglerCatch**

Dave Monti updated the Board on *AnglerCatch*, the fishing recording app, stating that the app will be released to the next 50 members who had signed up ahead of time, to use the app for actual fishing. The plan is that by mid-September the final release will go to the app stores online for everyone to use and it will be active and share catch information with RIDEM fisheries.

The app now has built in charts using your phone GPS, with current local tides, weather, NOAA buoys data, photos of all "favorite" species to record catches, and much more.

It also allows for the angler to save the "history" and record options such as method of fishing (trolling, bottom fishing, etc.), baits, and much more.

This will allow the angler to develop his/her own personal fishing logbook which would be helpful to go back a year later to examine catch, conditions, locations, etc. at any given day!

It will also have direct links to RISAA and RIDEM web sites.

• **Meeting Seminars/Recordings**

Steve Medeiros informed the Board that the subcommittee to investigate all options for in-person meetings and recordings will be meeting in the next two weeks, and go over multiple options/suggestions received on how to meet in person, yet still record the seminars for members.

It appears the West Warwick Elks has not upgraded the WiFi in the past couple of years and it seems they have no intention of doing so. Other options will need to be found.

• **Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC)**

A zoom meeting was held with CRMC leadership and the RISAA Board and Legislative Committee. All agreed the meeting was very well received with much information exchanged on both sides.

Following the meeting **James Boyd**, CRMC Deputy Director, said the meeting was "mutually beneficial and informative" and suggest we plan for similar meetings each quarter to keep a line of communication open.

The Board agreed and even suggested that a similar meeting might be good, open to all members who could ask questions, as one of the monthly seminars.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

• **Elections for 2022**

* Board members were advised that they all needed to decide if they wanted to serve again in 2022 and that the deadline to submit names to the Election Committee is October 15.

* **Peter O'Biso** noted that he enjoys serving on the board, but can no longer be treasurer.

* **ELECTION COMMITTEE**

Gisele Golembeski will again serve as chair of the **Elections Committee**. She will select a committee and handle elections.

A notice can be found in this issue.