

Welcome & Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am by President, Bob Wise*. A quorum was established.

Bob introduced Hilary Franz, Commissioner of Public Lands. Discussion of the great partnership with the Department of Natural Resources and RBAW working towards the removal of derelict vessels and structures.

Bob gave his President's report on the state of RBAW. Great progress on involvement and management. Bob reviewed the current membership and financial state of RBAW.

Membership & Communication:

Executive Director, Katie Bohocky, reviewed membership types, membership benefits and values, contributing membership program, communication survey results, and how RBAW communicates with our members.

2024 Budget Review:

Treasurer, Audrey Hicks, reviewed the 2023 budget and the 2024 board of director's accepted budget.

Derelict Vessel Removal Program

Troy Wood, Program Manager for the Department of Natural Resources' Derelict Vessel Removal Program gave an overview of the state's key mechanism for addressing the problem of derelict or abandoned vessels in Washington's waters and has been cited as a model for other jurisdictions seeking to deal with the problem of sunken or neglected watercraft. Since the program was instituted in 2002, more than 1,205 abandoned or neglected vessels have been removed from Washington waterways.

2024 Legislative & Regulatory Priorities:

RBAW Lobbyist, Trevor Justin gave an overview the board of directors accepted 2024 priorities. Discussion and vote was held. **Motion to accept the 2024 Legislative & Regulatory priorities, 2nd, accepted by the organizational members.**

RBAW Officer Elections:

Bob Wise gave an overview of the board of director's accepted slate of officers and directors. Discussion and vote was held. **Motion to accept the 2024 slate with the addition of Jordan Glidden, 2nd, accepted by the organizational members with one abstention.**

Award:

Member of the Year – awarded to Audrey Hicks!

With no further business, the meeting was **adjourned at 1:12 pm.**