

MINUTES
Bar Harbor Cruise Ship Committee
Wednesday, March 9, 2022 @ 3:30 PM
via Zoom Webinar

I. CALL TO ORDER—3:30 PM.

- a. **Excused absences**—Jen Cough, Sandy McFarland
- b. **Attendance**—Voting members are Chairperson Eben Salvatore, Martha Searchfield, Jeremy Dougherty, Kenneth Smith, Town Council Member Matt Hochman, Larry Sweet and John Kelly. Non-voting members are Skip Strong, Amy Powers, Greg Gordon, Police Chief Jim Willis, Harbormaster Chris Wharff and Sarah Flink. Lynn Kenison Higgins does not vote.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (UP TO 15 MINUTES)—Use raised hand function
There were not any public comments.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES—February 9, 2022

Motion to accept the minutes was made by Mr. Sweet with a second by Mr. Kelly.

<u>Searchfield</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Salvatore</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Hochman</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Dougherty</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Smith</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Sweet</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Kelly</u>	<u>Y</u>

Motion passed 7-0.

IV. STAFF REPORTS—Police Chief Willis reported The Ground Transportation meeting would be happening next week. Chief Willis and Harbormaster Wharff would attend to present the upcoming changes. Ms. Powers and Mr. Gordon asked to be included in this meeting. Harbormaster Wharff did not have anything new to report.

V. REGULAR BUSINESS--

- a. **Juneau Presentation-Review Tourism Best Management Practices (TBMP)**—Kirby Day and Liz Perry, President & CEO of Travel Juneau, facilitated this presentation, showing how TBMP has greatly assisted their community over the past twenty-five years. Examples were sited how the proactive approach significantly decreased tourist and environmental impacts on a small community, whether by vehicular or pedestrian traffic, cruise ship emissions or flight seeing noise. TBMP helps a community to keep an equal focus of being a great place to live a well as visit.
- b. **COVID Update**
--Sarah Flink update on Port Agreement Process—This is a voluntary program that has CLIA cruise lines full cooperation. Ms. Flink is coordinating the protocols and agreements for signatures before the season begins.

–Donnie Brown, CLIA VP for Maritime Policy—Mr. Brown began presentation with brief update on resumption and COVID response. He also stated CLIA members are working with the CDC with biweekly communications, to keep track of the evolution of COVID, as well as finalizing Port Agreement.

–Maureen Hayes, CLIA Technical Advisor, Maritime Policy with overview of Industry’s environmental commitment—Ms. Hayes presentation focused on EGCS, Exhaust Gas Cleaning System, also known as scrubbers.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (UP TO 15 MINUTES)–Use raised hand function
There were not any public comments.

VII. COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
Chairperson Salvatore will draft the annual report in time for the next meeting.

- a. COVID Update
- b. Ground Transportation Presentation-Chief Jim Willis

VIII. ADJOURNMENT—4:40 PM.