

Oregon Chapter American Fisheries Society
ExCom Conference Call Minutes
February 11, 2004

Attendance: Dave Ward, Doug Olson, Mary Buckman, Barry McPherson, Molly Webb, Jen Stone, Mike Matylewich, Loretta Brenner, Donna Allard (partial).

Governor Kitzhaber Presentation: The meeting with former Governor Kitzhaber is scheduled for March 10 at 11 am at his office in Portland. Mary Buckman will send directions to attendees. Doug Olson, Jen Stone, Barry McPherson, Molly Webb, Mary Buckman and Dave Ward are planning to attend. Dave will bring the award. Jim Martin has also been invited.

Minutes: The revised September, November, and December minutes were circulated for review. A motion was made to approve the revised minutes. Motion passed. The Final 2003 Annual Meeting minutes will be approved by the membership. Corrections can be sent to Loretta Brenner.

Treasurer's Report: Mike Matylewich reported that the checking account balance was \$13,247. The upcoming Annual Meeting will result in great changes in the checking account.

Mussel Workshop: Jen Stone reviewed the proposal for support. The last workshop was well attended. The current workgroup is active. Financial support is being sought to cover travel costs for experts from the Midwest and East. Total travel costs are estimated at \$4000. The workshop is scheduled for April 20 at the Vancouver Water Resources Center. There will be no charge to attend the workshop because the workgroup is not set up to handle money. There was some discussion about the support for workshops not part of the current budget. The consensus was to include consideration of financial support for workshops in future budgets. A motion was made to contribute \$1000 to help sponsor the mussel workshop. Motion passed.

Brochure and Website: Donna Allard is working on the website resolution issue. An 800x600 page results in more white space than at higher resolution. An announcement will be placed on the old website informing users that the new address takes effect as of March 1. The brochure may lose a picture if more text is added. Membership information will be included on the back of the brochure. It was decided to retain pictures for visual effect and to simplify the text. Mary Buckman's suggestions will be incorporated in the next version. The plan is to make one last revision and then approve the final brochure at the April retreat.

2004 Annual Meeting Arrangements: ExCom members are to e-mail their cell phone numbers to Molly Webb. There will be a meeting at 4 pm Tuesday with the Sunriver staff. The Links Gallery is available for ExCom use. The room block is filled. A slide show prepared by Nancy Uusitalo, highlighting past and present Chapter members and activities, will be running during registration. Two backup computers are needed.

ExCom members will make their personal computers available, if needed. The final food count is needed by Thursday. The OSU Alumni Social will take place in the same room as the larger social. Dan Edge will donate a keg for the OSU Alumni Social.

Program: The slide show will not run during the business lunch because of the distraction. The poster boards have been picked up. Programs will be picked up from BPA at the end of the week. Conveners will be reminded to stay on schedule.

Business Meeting Agenda: Kirk Schroeder will substitute for Mary Buckman to receive the Past President's Award, since she will be not be able to attend. Since there is only one candidate for each office, voting will be by acclamation unless other candidates are nominated from the floor. Dave will ensure a parliamentarian is present. The proposed bylaws changes have been checked with the Parent Society. Their constitutional consultant says we can't change student subunit to student unit unless the Parent Society constitution is changed and we can't change our bylaws to say "term of office for ExCom starts September 1" at this late date. We need to address this, and some other changes he wants, at a future date, such as the 2005 Annual Meeting. We need to start working with him 60 days in advance of a chapter vote. He gave us corrected wording for section 11 that he wants approved by the chapter this February to correctly reference the Parent Society constitution.

Other Annual Meeting Logistics: Student paper winners for 2003 and 2004 will be announced at the meeting. The lodging for the student volunteers and award winners is set. Fund raising is at \$6,500, which is below the goal of \$8,000 primarily because of agency budget problems. Visa card registrations will be processed today. Registration is as follows: 426 for the Annual Meeting, 22 for the writing workshop, 30 for the telemetry workshop, 12 for the presentation workshop, 14 for past presidents' lunch, and 235 for the banquet.

2005 Annual Meeting: The deposit for the 2005 Annual Meeting in Corvallis is due on March 10.

Administrative Assistant: The current contract is on track for hours. A new contract for the new fiscal year will be approved at the April retreat.

Restoration Workshop Scholarships: Information will be announced and copies made available at the Annual Meeting. Applications for the scholarships will go to Dan Shively. AFS membership is not required. Deadline is June 15. Winners will be contacted in August.

Retreat: Scheduled for April 6-7 in Hood River. Molly Webb and Dave Ward will look for a house.