

OREGON CHAPTER AFS  
EXCOM CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES  
MARCH 29, 2005  
APPROVED: JUNE 22, 2005

Present on the Call: Doug Olson (President), Dave Ward (Past President), Molly Webb (Internal Director), Tom Friesen (External Director), Barry McPherson (President-Elect), Peter Ober (Student Representative), Laura Tesler (Vice President), Mike Matylewich (Secretary-Treasurer), and Loretta Brenner (Administrative Assistant)

Loretta Brenner recorded the minutes until Mike Matylewich joined the call.

Doug Olson acknowledged that a quorum was present.

The ExCom approved both the December 2004 and January 2005 minutes.

Loretta has not received all the items for the newsletter. Loretta should contact Doug if the items are not received by tomorrow, and he can decide on whether or not to include those items.

Most of the payments for the 2005 Annual Meeting have been made, and it's estimated that we'll have made at least \$5,000 more than budgeted.

Secretary/Treasurer Report: Mike Matylewich reported that a new checking account is being set up. The current balances were not available. The tax return for the short budget period was completed. The investment policy is expected to be ready for consideration at the ExCom retreat in May.

Review of Minutes: The November minutes were approved by ExCom in January. The November minutes need to be posted. Mike will send the final version to everybody and Tom Friesen will have them posted on the website. Corrections to the December minutes were discussed. A motion was made to approve the December minutes as revised. Motion passed. Corrections to the January minutes were discussed. A motion was made to approve the January minutes as revised. Motion passed. Loretta sent the minutes to Tom for posting.

External Committee Report: Tom Friesen reported that 376 people signed up on Information Sharing Network rosters. The leaders for each area were contacted and provided general instructions. Some group leaders will be changed. The plan is to set up links on the website with guidelines and the leaders for each group. The list serve may be useable as a "chat room". New chairs for Aquatic Habitat and Education and Outreach Committees need to be recruited. Potential candidates can be forwarded to Tom.

President's Report: Doug Olson reported that the proposed marine reserves legislation is being opposed by Recreational Fishing Alliance. More details are contained in the

previously distributed March 18 email. The February 14 letter to NOAA with comments on proposed critical habitat is posted on the website.

**Student Report:** Peter Ober submitted a report on the student activities for the Piscatorial Press. Idaho students were invited to join the Sycan Marsh trip. The Ladd Marsh trip is probably not happening. Student subunit award nomination status unclear. President and liaison would have trip to national meeting paid for. The student subunit will have weekly meetings for the next four weeks and nominations will be completed by next month. Doug Olson presented Peter Ober a \$296.50 check for the Sycan Marsh trip at the business lunch during the Annual Meeting.

**Retreat Dates and Location:** Based on responses from the ExCom, May 5-6 works best. The preferred location is on the north coast. Dave Ward volunteered to check out properties. The budgeted amounts are about \$450 for rent and about \$150 for food.

**Retreat Agenda:** Dave Ward will provide a copy of last year's agenda to Doug Olson as an example. Laura will work the Loretta on her contract on prior to the retreat.

**Charles Warren Obituary:** Howard Horton, retired OSU professor, provided some information. Jim Lichatowich and Dave Buchanan will be asked to provide additional information. Barry will provide information from Carl Bond that appeared in ODFW retirees' newsletter.

**Administrative Handbook:** Any revisions should be sent to Loretta. Doug and Barry set April 11 target date for their review. The final product will be reviewed at the retreat. Assignments to others will be reviewed.

**Biological Time:** Bernie Taylor, author of Biological Time, requested financial support of \$5,000 from the Chapter to continue his research. The item is not in this year's budget. There was a question raised about the Chapter supporting such projects. The Western Division funded support for the Western Fishes book. Parent society pays for publication costs, but not research. The emphasis in the book is on tribal knowledge. One tribe contributed \$8,000 in support. The request deserves a response. A draft response will be considered at the retreat. This request needs to be considered in the context of the strategic 5-year plan.

**Western Division Business:** The deadline for the Chapter of the Year Award is not clear. Dave will verify the deadline. The Western Division expects information to be reported in the following categories: Aquatic Stewardship, Information Transfer and Outreach, and Member Services.

Bob Hughes and Dave Lentz asked if the Oregon Chapter is interested in hosting the Western Division Meeting in 2008. The suggested timeframe is in the summertime. The Division Meeting would be held together with the Chapter Meeting. A motion was made to host the Western Division Meeting in 2008, if the date is no later than mid-spring. Motion passed. The meeting would probably be held in Portland due to logistical considerations.

Applications for the Skinner Memorial fund are due by May 6. The funds cover student travel to the National Meeting. Peter will bring up the opportunity at the subunit meeting tomorrow. Applications are available on-line.

The deadline for the Award of Excellence, for individual contribution, is due May 5.

The deadline for Meritorious Service Award is due May 6.

The deadline for Carl R. Sullivan Award for Conservation is due on April 15. Barry plans to make a nomination.

Wild Salmon Hall of Fame is also considering nominations and will be considered at the retreat. An announcement concerning awards will be published in the Piscatorial Press.

National Meeting: The host hotel is filling up. The Western Division business meeting will be replaced by national meeting. The budget covers support for the President or designee to two Western Division business meetings to represent chapter. The cost of travel to Anchorage may be more than is budgeted. Travel support will depend on if the budget supports it.

Website: Donna Allard is willing to continue as webmaster until a replacement can be found. Because a large amount of time is needed to process registrations for the Annual Meeting, there is a need to consider details of on-line registration in order to increase efficiency. Doug will talk to Donna. There was discussion on posting information from past Annual Meetings. The consensus was to post the last three years of programs and the abstracts and PowerPoint presentations from the most recent meeting.

Future Meetings: Next meeting is retreat on May 5-6.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Matylewich,  
Secretary-Treasurer