

## ORAFS ExCom Minutes for 8/14/2008

Oregon Chapter American Fisheries Society  
ExCom Conference Call, 14 August 2008

Present were: Past President Mike Reed, President Doug Young, President-Elect Neil Ward, Vice President Ian Reid, External Director Brad Houslet, Secretary-Treasurer Julie Firman, Incoming President-Elect Rich Grost, and incoming Treasurer Shaun Clements.

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm

### **Old Business**

Treasurer's Report

Current Holdings:

Money Market \$63,937.23

WD Investments \$9,748.62

Checking \$117,582.97

Savings \$50.33

**Oregon Chp Total \$191,319.15**

Coastal Cutthroat \$12,631.11

We made a considerable amount on the Western Division meeting and we have a large amount of money sitting in our checking account right now. We need to move much of this money somewhere where it will earn interest. Neil will organize a committee to discuss investment. Julie and Shaun will participate.

### **Updates**

2009 Bend

Check out the article in the newsletter for an overview. Rich will arrange a meeting of the planning committee in the next couple of weeks.

2009 draft Annual Meeting and Administrative Budgets

Neil has constructed a budget for the annual meeting that includes scenarios at several different levels of attendance. At the 2007 meeting in Eugene attendance was 550 people. In 2006 attendance was 500. Our goal for net income is \$24,000 to \$33,000 which corresponds to attendance by 450-550 people. Having the meeting in Bend will be very expensive. Usually our room rental is waived but that is not the case this time. We will have to pay \$1500 for room costs plus AV costs. We usually lose money on workshops even without room costs, so Neil advises no free workshops, a fee of \$55 for each workshop attendant, and limiting the number of workshops offered. Neil feels that it's our responsibility to provide workshops, but our membership hasn't shown an interest in them. The meeting planning group will make a decision about whether workshops will be offered and how many. Rich will report on this at the next meeting. Martyne volunteered to be workshop chair. She already has too many responsibilities. Except for the workshop piece we're good to go on this budget.

## 2009 Action Plan and Administrative Budget

Neil stepped through budget line by line. Everyone supports the idea of dedicating \$10,000 toward presenting a symposium in the next year or two. The meeting planning committee will develop possible proposals. Neil, Julie and Shaun will discuss a grant fund or endowment fund for grants when they meet to discuss investment strategies. The ExCom voted to support Neil's proposal to raise scholarships to \$2,000 each for four scholarships. Ask Scott Heppell for feedback on how much the Carl Bond scholarship should be and how we will evaluate candidates.

## Summer Newsletter

The Summer Newsletter will go out August 15th. Ian is going to submit a blurb by mid-morning on the 15th.

## New Business

### STEP Program conference

We received a funding request for support of the STEP conference. There is a proposal that we contribute \$500 to the STEP conference. Is there a problem with setting a precedent to support state supported conferences? ODFW did step up with a significant contribution to the WDAFS meeting. This is a good program that supports volunteer activities and there will be participation by independent non-profit groups. ExCom voted to donate \$500 plus a reasonable amount of art (however we will not pay for the framing). Neil will get in touch with Martyne to confirm support.

### Transition to 2009 ExCom

Neil will get new ExCom folks together to coordinate and plan and will set dates for September conference call and October face-to-face meeting.

### OSU funding support proposal

Shivonne Nesbit called in to present a funding request from the OSU graduate student organization for OR-AFS support for the Research and Advances in Fisheries and Wildlife Ecology Symposium. This is a symposium presented for free that serves as an opportunity for students to present their work. Workshops are offered in the morning, talks in the afternoon and a keynote speaker at the end of the day. There are booths there and we could have AFS members and materials on site to recruit new members. Our members can also attend and the program would be available online to members. We don't know why the university doesn't cover this activity. The ExCom voted to commit \$1,500 to support the symposium. We might want to update our recruitment tools – new banner, poster, announcement for 2009 meeting and new brochures. The vice president will serve as a liaison to the students.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00