

Oregon Chapter American Fisheries Society
Special ExCom Conference Call, 9 August 2006
Final Minutes approved by ExCom via email votes on 5 September 2006

Present were: President Barry McPherson, Past President Doug Olson, Secretary-Treasurer Ian Reid, Internal Director Neil Ward, incoming President-Elect Doug Young, incoming Vice-President Tom Friesen, Administrative Assistant Loretta Brenner.

The meeting was called to order at 2:08 p.m.

Review of budget for 2007 Eugene Annual Meeting—Neil

The cost of coffee is excessive to deliver the amount of coffee people are interested in drinking and stay within the refreshments budget. Some options are: increase registration fee, have “break sponsors” that would donate money specifically toward the breaks, reduce profits earned from the annual meeting, or leave coffee levels the same. A current proposal would provide for coffee and other refreshments during breaks only but not throughout the entire day. ExCom discussed that registration costs have not increased even though many costs have increased, especially since fuel costs have increased, driving most other costs up. The cost of coffee could approach \$9,000 for the Annual Meeting (AM). Neil will refine the estimated costs of coffee and sent out to ExCom before the 22 August ExCom conference call.

Online registration will cost about \$5-10 per person. Loretta is still looking into pros and cons of online registration and will get some quotes in order for ExCom to make a decision by the end of September to go out in the newsletter. Doug Young, Doug Olson, and Neil Ward will help Loretta assemble information on this and Mike Reed should be involved. Loretta will send Doug Young information she has available. Tom Friesen will ask Kelly Wildman for some info about electronic registration suggestions.

Program—Doug Young

Barry said Pete Lawson of NOAA Fisheries in Newport was interested in hosting a marine themed session at the AM. Barry told Pete to check our on-line newsletter and contact Program Chair Doug Young. Doug has not heard from Pete but will try to contact him.

The tentative theme is “Big Fish over Big Dams ” and will focus on dam removal, reestablishment of native species, and other important fisheries topics in Oregon.

Virgil Moore, the new ODFW director, has agreed to be one plenary speaker, and Phil Pister from Desert Fishes Council has confirmed to be another. Doug Young is proposing only two plenary speakers, and using the Friday morning slot for the ORAFS Business Meeting instead.

Three half-day workshops are proposed:

- Angling tips and techniques, and sportsfishing's role in conservation.
- Grant writing
- Feasibility of native fish reintroductions

All the workshops could perhaps be done on Wednesday morning. The one on native fish reintroductions could be Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning and seems very appropriate to a Eugene meeting due to these issues being dealt with at upper Willamette Basin dams. Barry suggested having part of the angling workshop a field trip on the McKenzie River to try various gear/techniques after an indoor session Tuesday afternoon. He will try to locate one or more coastal river guides to complement guides Doug may get for the workshop from other areas of the state.

Some other ideas Doug Young presented about the AM were to switch the business meeting to a Friday morning breakfast. Awards would be presented at a Thursday "Awards Luncheon (instead of making the Thursday luncheon a business luncheon where little business actually occurs). The Broken Oar Award should still be given at the Banquet due to the award's humorous nature. These ideas will be debated and decided by ExCom later this summer or fall.

Doug Y. proposed the idea of a facilitated science debate, perhaps at the AM Business Meeting on Friday morning, that leads to development of a white paper or perhaps even a resolution to be voted on electronically later.

Doug Y. has names for conveners for about 1/3 of the sessions so far. He still needs some session topics and volunteers to be session chairs.

Administrative Assistant Contract—Tom

Tom Friesen and Laura Tesler had informal discussions with four potential candidates for the open Administrative Assistant (AA) position. It is difficult to have formal interviews because the exact duties are unknown. Discussion occurred about having to change the ORAFS address if the person hired did not live in Corvallis. Discussion occurred about limitations and strengths of the four candidates. Loretta will send Tom a copy of her contract for him to use as a job description and she will follow up on finding out requirements about moving the mailbox in terms of nonprofit status. ExCom should provide the ad hoc AA contract committee their thoughts so they can provide recommendations during the next conference call. Loretta will be gone the last week of August, so the earliest she can be available to shadow the new AA would be the first week of September. Tom will brief the rest of the AA search committee on the status of this issue.

ExCom Business

Barry still needs budget info from Ian and Loretta to update the 2006 AM actual expenditures, which will help with preparing the proposed budget for the 2007 AM.

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Based on Doug Olson's search and recommendation, a motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously to appoint Brad Houslet of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs to replace Karen Wegner as new External Director effective September 1 (the date of Karen's resignation).

A financial report is due to the AFS parent society by early September about two weeks before their annual meeting. Barry will forward Ian the email he received requesting this from the Parent Society and Ian will check with Mike Matylewich to see if he has a template he used in past years.

WDAFS officer elections are coming up and members need to vote by Monday, 14 August.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ian S. Reid
Secretary-Treasurer