

FINAL MINUTES Approved on 9/22/04

July 13, 2004

ORAFS Minutes  
Conference Call

Attendance: Mary Buckman (Past President), Molly Webb (Internal Director), Barry McPherson (Vice President), Doug Olson (President-Elect), Jen Stone (External Director), Peter Ober (Student Representative), Loretta Brenner (Administrative Assistant), Mike Matylewich (Secretary-Treasurer), Laura Tesler (Incoming Vice President), Peter Lofy (Awards Chair)

Doug Olson chaired in the absence of Dave Ward

May Minutes – Approved with minor edits.

June Minutes – Some minor edits were identified. One change is that the certification workshop will be on the annual meeting program. Loretta Brenner will clean up the minutes and send them out for review at the next meeting.

Secretary-Treasurer Report - Mike Matylewich reviewed the checking account balance (\$27,666.61) and the Columbia Fund balance (\$62,566.72). The tax return was completed and filed. The change in the fiscal year for the Chapter will generate an additional tax return. The cost for preparing the return is about \$700. The Columbia Fund money market account is returning only a small amount of interest. Mike will look at other investment options for consideration at the September meeting.

Software Request – Loretta Brenner requested updating Adobe Acrobat in order to create compatible pdf files. The current version being used is 4.0. The latest version available is 6.0. The standard version costs \$99 and the professional version costs \$149. Pagemaker may also need to be updated. This is not a specific line item in the budget, but could come out of supplies and miscellaneous office expenses. A motion was made to spend \$100 to update Adobe Acrobat. The appropriate budget category will be determined later. The motion was approved.

Budgets – Approval of the budget was tabled until Dave Ward can be part of conversation.

Annual Meeting Updates- Barry McPherson wrote an article for the newsletter, which will be mailed this week. For the 2005 Annual Meeting, Stan Gregory is interested in convening a session on futuring (Willamette, Coastal Coho are examples). A suggestion was made to kick off each day with a morning plenary session. One change is that the certification workshop will be on the annual meeting program. Carolina Franco from the parent society is available to assist with the certification workshop, if the chapter picks up airfare. Mary Buckman is making progress setting up a workshop on statistics.

Molly Webb reported that Valley Catering was chosen as the caterer. Potential menu items, including salmon, were discussed. Everything else for the 2005 Annual Meeting is proceeding on schedule. Casino night is being considered as the entertainment option. Other entertainment options are also being considered.

Molly provided an update on the 2006 Annual Meeting contract with Sunriver. Questions still remain on the room use. The new dates for the 2006 meeting are February 27 to March 5, which avoids conflicts with other groups. Food prices have gone up. Lunch is now \$17.25 and dinner is now \$28.

Aquatic Education Workshop At the Zoo – There is a meeting on Thursday to discuss details. The focus is on non-salmonids. The workshop is aimed at teachers.

New Poster Boards – Jen Stone reported that new poster boards were purchased. They are corkboards with foam middle. The boards are painted black and measure four by eight. The fate of the old boards is under discussion. One potential use is to display items for auction/raffle.

Brochure – Jen Stone reported that the proof looks good. The brochures will be picked up from the printer after Thursday.

Lamprey Review Committee- USFWS is asking the WDAFS for assistance with the ESA status review. The current recommendation from the USFWS is “warranted”. The WDAFS has forwarded the request for assistance to the chapters. The CALNEVA chapter is active. The recommendation was to refer the issue to the Natural Production Committee. Laura Tesler offered to help find interested people from a list of 20-25 research permit holders. No cost was identified. The pallid sturgeon review process by Western Division may serve as a model for AFS participation in a status review.

Natural Production Committee – Some of the activities of the Committee are review of the Summer Spill proposal, review of the proposed NOAA Hatchery Policy and finding a member to serve on the Oregon Native Fish Task Force.

Request from Parent Society – Tabled.

NPIC meeting request – Tabled.

Attendance at National Meeting – Molly Webb plans on attending and may be able to cover chapter business. Molly will coordinate with Dave Ward.

Awards - Peter Lofy joined the call. One recent awardee did work in Washington, which raised the question of restricting geographic scope of work of awardees to Oregon. The consensus was that the geographic scope should not be limited because the relevance of the work is more important. Therefore the work need not be confined within state boundaries. EXCOM will consider clarifying language. The consensus was that both

Fishery Worker of the Year and Fishery Team of the Year could be awarded annually. Mary Buckman will redraft the language. Feedback will be provided to nominators.

Handbook Review – Table until next time. Loretta Brenner will clean up the track changes version for easier reading.

Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commissioner Training – The idea originated with TWS, but did not happen due to political problems. The idea for scientific management training has resurfaced. Commissioner Dan Edge is likely to lead training. The plan is to work with TWS on a proposal to provide training. Training needs will be identified in feedback from the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission. Dave Ward will be asked to discuss possibilities with Commissioner Dan Edge.

Habitat Scholarship Announcement – The Committee reviewed the applications and made decisions on the winners. Each winner will receive \$1500. The names of the winners will be announced after notification to all applicants.

Letterhead – Need to print more soon. Some of the information on the letterhead needs to be updated. Options will be discussed at next meeting.

Webpage Update – Deferred.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Matylewich,  
Secretary-Treasurer