

**Final Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting
Oregon Chapter American Fisheries Society
Corvallis, Oregon
17 February 2005**

Approved by the Oregon Chapter membership on 2 March 2006

The meeting was called to order by President Doug Olson at 12:25 pm. A quorum was present with more than 50 members in attendance.

Doug Olson introduced the members of the ExCom and Bob Hughes, the Vice-President of the Western Division. Doug recognized Carolina Franco from the Parent Society, who assisted with the Certification Workshop.

Doug Olson thanked a number of individuals for making the meeting possible. Valley Catering provided the food. The beer was provided by Full Sail Brewing. Doug also thanked the staff of the CH2M Hill Alumni Center and the LaSells Stewart Center for their hospitality. A number of sponsors helped contribute to meeting, including BPA, Floy Tag, Hardin-Davis, Northwest Marine Technology and NOAA. The Trade Show vendors also provided support. Doug recognized Karen Wegner for organizing the student volunteers, who are essential to running the meeting. Internal Director Molly Webb made the arrangements for the Annual Meeting. Loretta Brenner, Administrative Assistant, ran the registration and product sales. Barry McPherson developed the program for the Annual Meeting. The auction was made possible through the efforts of Martyne Reesman, Tucker Jones, Tom Friesen, and all those who provided auction items.

Minutes from the 2004 Annual Business Meeting were approved by the membership.

Mike Matylewich, Secretary-Treasurer, presented the Financial Statement. The net income for the fiscal year was (\$53.56). The Chapter assets as of August 31, 2004 were \$76,877.42.

Doug Olson presented the Past-President Award to Dave Ward. Doug reviewed the Chapter's accomplishments under Dave's leadership as President. The amount of money awarded for scholarships was increased. The aquatic education seminar for school teachers held at the Oregon Zoo successfully educated non-scientific professionals. Dave initiated improvements to the Annual Meeting by streamlining the plenary session and requiring all presentations to be on computer. Dave also helped organize the well received Past Presidents' lunch. Dave also found time to become a certified fisheries scientist.

Steve Parker, Chair of the Scholarship Committee, was pleased to announce that the student scholarships were increased to \$1500. Steve encouraged more applicants. The winners of the 2005 Oregon AFS Scholarships were Danielle Warner (B.S.), Ian Tattam (M.S.) and Craig Tinus (Ph.D.).

President-Elect Barry McPherson announced the 2004 Student Watershed Scholarship winners on behalf of Dan Shively, the workshop organizer. The workshop was very successful. The workshop covered presentation from throughout the Northwest. K.C. Briggs from the University of Washington was the undergraduate winner for her work in Bristol Bay. Lisa Krentz from Oregon State was the graduate student winner. The winners were first announced last August.

Doug Olson recognized the 2004 winners for Best Student Paper, Sarah Lupes, and for Best Student Poster, Jeremy Romer and Jens Lontheng. The winners for 2005 will be announced at the banquet.

The Spawning Run results were announced by Molly Webb. There were 16 runners. The winners were Michelle Koehler (20-something women), Alyssa Reischauer (30-something), Ian Tattam (20-something men), Karl Polivka (30-something men), Paul Burns (40-something men), John Baugher (50-something men), and Bob Lackey (60-something). Winners received a t-shirt.

Dave Ward introduced the officer candidates: Mike Reed (President-Elect), Laura Tesler (Vice-President), Karen Wegner (External Director), Neil Ward (Internal Director), Ian Reid (Secretary-Treasurer). Doug Olson moves from President to Past President and Barry McPherson moves from President Elect to President. Doug Olson called for nominations from the floor. Since there none, Doug asked for approval of the slate of candidates by proclamation. There was a motion and second from the floor for approval by proclamation and the motion was approved.

Vice-President Laura Tesler referred the members to the proposed resolution and introduced Bob Hughes, the sponsor of the resolution. Bob read the resolution to distribute the chapter newsletter electronically. Members could continue receive a hard copy upon request. The resolution will save the chapter on paper, printing, and postage. The resolution was approved by proclamation.

Bob Hughes reported on Western Division activities. One of the highlights was the starting of a Mexican Chapter. The Division is also conducting an assessment of western native fishes. The National meeting is scheduled for Anchorage, Alaska in September. The meeting is popular so make reservations early. SCAR Awards for students to attend the meeting are available. The 2006 Western Division will be in Bozeman, MT in May.

Doug presented Peter Ober, Student Representative, with a check for \$296.50 to support activities of the OSU student subunit. Peter acknowledged the assistance of Rebecca Goggans, faculty advisor. In 2004 the student subunit took a field trip to examine Columbia River Dams. For the 2004-2005 school year, the group has taken trips to Marys Peak and Alsea Hatchery. Trips are planned for Knowles Creek and Sycan Marsh. There are also plans for a joint meeting in Northeastern Oregon with Idaho students.

Tom Friesen, External Director, reported on the activities of the external committees. The Legislative Committee, chaired by Mary Buckman, worked on the Piranha Law.

Legislators were invited to the meeting and the committee has been working with the Governor's office on fish issues. The Natural Production Committee, chaired by Lance Kruzic, and the Fish Culture Committee, chaired by Susan Gutenberger, reviewed and commented on the NOAA-Fisheries hatchery policy. The Natural Production Committee also reviewed the state sensitive species list. The chairs for the Education and Outreach and Aquatic Habitat committees are open. The Education and Outreach Committee participated in the teacher's workshop at the Zoo and plans to continue with workshop next year. The Aquatic Habitat Committee prepared comments on proposed changes to Rule 8 of the Oregon Forest Practices Act. The Aquatic Habitat Committee also provided comments on critical habitat designations. The comments are posted on the website. The Information Sharing Network signup was successful, but signup for the Committees was lacking. Doug Olson praised the Information Sharing Networks as a good way for members to keep up on the latest information.

Barry McPherson spoke about future Excom activities. The Annual Meeting is the biggest task. The 2006 Annual Meeting will be in Sunriver in February. There is a possibility that on-line registration will be available. The possibility of posting the power point presentations is also being considered. Another objective is to recruit student conveners for some of the sessions. The Chapter will also look into establishing additional student subunits. The Information Sharing Networks are a valuable tool for students. Other projects include updated and revising the by-laws.

Doug Young provided an update on the Coastal Cutthroat Symposium, which is scheduled for September 29 – October 1 at Fort Worden State Park in Washington. The Chapter is one of the four co-sponsors. The purpose of the symposium is to update the state of the knowledge since the 1995 symposium. Abstracts are due March 15. Students will be provided free lodging and scholarships may be provided. The website for the symposium is hosted on the chapter website.

Doug announced the schedule for the evening activities. The social hour starts at 5:30. The banquet starts at 6:30. The auction is scheduled for 7:30-9:00. Karaoke and dancing will be 9:00-11:00.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15.