

ORAFS ExCom Minutes for 1/17/2007

Oregon Chapter American Fisheries Society  
ExCom Conference Call, 17 January 2007  
Approved by ExCom on 26 April 2007

Present were: Past President Barry McPherson, President Mike Reed, Secretary-Treasurer Ian Reid, Internal Director Neil Ward, Vice President Tom Friesen, Raffle-Auction Chair Martyne Reesman, President-Elect Doug Young, Administrative Assistant Danielle Warner, Student Subunit Representative Hayden Howell and External Director Brad Houslet joined at 1:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m.

**Minutes—All**

ExCom approved the 11 November minutes with Barry's minor edits. Ian will convert to pdf and send to Brad. ExCom needs to review the 13 December minutes and send their edits to Danielle.

**Treasurer's report—Ian**

Current Balances (as of 17 January 2007):

Checking:	\$33,642.06
Coastal Cutthroat:	\$12,631.11
Savings:	\$50.23
Northwest Fish Culture Conference (NWFCC, as of 11/9/2006):	\$13,485.76
Money Market (as of 1/01/2007)	\$67,696.73

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Ian has been depositing checks for the annual meeting from sponsors. There is a gap in the bank statements between August and November, and he does not have copies of these statements. Ian will be changing the ORAFS mailing addresses with the banks and money market account. ORAFS made \$3,201.36 on our money market account in 2006; about \$800 per quarter. The current rate is 5.15%. We have until 15 March to file our taxes as we received an extension. Ian will be working on them this weekend to avoid the rush with our CPA that occurs after W-2s are mailed out at the end of January. Ian will need Danielle's help to gather this information.

Mike: we received over \$800 from the dissolution of the Greater Portland Chapter and Ian deposited this check. In the future this money will be used for AFS scholarships. Mike did a short write-up of this transaction for our newsletter. Barry suggested including this additional scholarship in next year's workplan.

Mike: Joining the Western Division AFS investment strategy was discussed. It was unknown how socially/environmentally responsible the WDAFS funds and stock options are. Mike asked the investment committee to review this proposal of exploring joining

the WDAFS and suggested meeting at the annual meeting (AM) in Eugene with Bob Hughes and Dave Ward to ask questions about how these funds were invested. It was mentioned that we did not know what type of funds (e.g., socially/environmentally responsible) our current money market invested in.

### **Annual Meeting**

#### **Registration—Danielle**

95 people have registered for the AM so far. Workshop registration is very low and we need to a close track on workshop registration in case we need to cancel one or more of the workshops.

We need to bring the plaque from OSU for best student paper or scholarship to the annual meeting and also remember to bring the wolf eel gavel from Jim Hall. Hayden will bring the plaque to the annual meeting from OSU. Danielle will touch base with Jim Hall when she talks to him about program edits.

Danielle needs to order T-shirts for the AM. Discussion occurred about how many T-shirts to buy and the pros and cons of managing T-shirts vs. advertising and outreaching. Danielle asked about the feasibility of having Ray Troll design the artwork for the 2008 Western Division meeting. Neil suggested holding off on finding an artist until we know what the meeting theme is. Other people might also be interested in competing for program cover and website art, and Danielle said she had a friend who might donate cover art.

Sponsor and trade show: BLM just pledged \$2,000 in sponsorships to give us \$7,450 to date. Three vendors have confirmed for the trade show. Past years have risen about \$6,000 to \$8,000 so we are on track.

22 February is the online registration cut-off but attendees can still register over the phone through OSU.

#### **Arrangements—Neil**

##### *2007 meeting*

There are 5 hotel rooms reserved for students and some complimentary rooms also available. We need to be sure we don't overfill rooms. Neil needs to get the names of students from Tom and Brad. Tom estimates there are about 12-15 students right now.

Neil needs assistance with the spawning run. He would like a student volunteer to be in charge of organizing the run. Mike will remember to announce the winners at the banquet. Neil also needs help taking kegs down to Eugene from Portland but he is going down on Monday or Tuesday. They can't be picked up until after 1:00 p.m. from the distributors.

*2008 joint WDAFS meeting*

Neil would like to put out a flyer in the ORAFS packet to remind people about next year. Our goal is to get 600 people. The registration is going to be at least double current rates and we need to have 400 people to break even.

The social is going to be at the Portland Zoo now.

Within the month, there will be a theme for the meeting.

There is a Tomelleri original of the extinct Alvord cutthroat trout that could be available for the 2008 WDAFS auction, but it will be expensive, and should be reserved now.

2009-2010 Annual Meetings

Sunriver would like to sign a two-year deal and lock us in at 2006 rates. ExCom recommended signing a one-year contract for 2009 and letting Sunriver know that they will be looking for more competitive deals for 2010. The new Bend Riverhouse convention center will hold 1,200 for dinner, and could be another option in central Oregon for ORAFS conferences.

**Tom—Student-mentor session**

He should have a final head count by the middle of February. Students will have structured meetings with potential mentors. There is an ad hoc committee of Brad, Tom, Doug Markle, and Hayden.

Loretta's contract has been signed and Danielle's is being reviewed by Mike.

**Martyne—Raffle-Auction**

Bob Rees will be donating a guided fishing trip. His registration will be complimentary. Oregon Trout donated 2 prints and some flylines. Can we donate a Tomelleri print to Oregon Trout worth about \$40 for their fundraiser? Motion made, seconded, and approved unanimously to donate a print to Oregon Trout.

An auctioneer was found in Eugene for \$250. He was wondering if his dinner and his wife's would be provided at the banquet. ExCom decided his dinner would be provided but not his wife's.

Some of the artwork is being framed right now. Martyne could be over budget because of the large size of the prints, but Neil feels we will more than recoup our costs.

**Administrative Assistant Report—Danielle**

Newsletter updates: Waiting on program edits. Barry and others suggested getting a draft program out ASAP so people can meet the early registration deadline.

The newsletter will be distributed soon with an AFS listserv reminder to members to register for the annual meeting. Barry will try and finish an article about presenting the ORAFS comments at the Klamath FERC meeting in Newport and get it to Danielle ASAP.

### **Mike—Internal Director Report**

Brad sent the request for BLM comments to Steens Mountain grazing management out to the natural production committee and habitat committee and neither had time to respond.

Mike stressed the need for committees to get involved and realized that people are severely time-limited. He thought the blog-style format could lend itself well to getting people more involved with limited time commitments. Mike was going to invite Mike Colvin to the AM business breakfast for a 20-minute presentation on how a blog site could be used to benefit AFS members.

### **Hayden—Student Subunit Report**

No report available. They need an extra \$8 to pay for a parent AFS membership for F & W Club officers.

### **Doug—Program**

About 152 papers and 25 poster abstracts were submitted, which led to 5 concurrent sessions. In the future Doug suggests an online abstract service to streamline the submission process. Some paper moves had to be made into different sessions, but Doug tried to minimize these changes.

Session chairs should be responsible for organizing their own A-V equipment and getting the talks put on their laptops. Session chairs cannot move spots around if someone cancels.

There should be a student volunteer in each room to help with lights and A-V. A volunteer should also be assigned to deliver laser pointers and timers to session chairs. Danielle will check and see if we have enough pointers and timers for five concurrent sessions. We discussed making sure all the clocks in the rooms were synchronized so talks in different sessions start and end at the same time. Neil and Doug will look at the rooms when they go down to Eugene for the walk-through. If clocks are not available in every room we should buy small clocks to stay in each room.

The cover art was not exactly what some on ExCom had in mind. Doug will go to Deian and talk about some other ideas, such as incorporating a viewing window and incorporating some other species such as lamprey and white sturgeon to the sketch.

Ian asked if we will we be inviting legislators to the AM and also suggested inviting Bill Monroe to the AM, especially to coincide with the spring Chinook workshop. Mike said he or Doug could send out official invitations on AFS letterhead

**Mike—Future meetings**

Feb 7, 1-3:30

21 March, 1-3:30

Mike will send requests to ExCom about potential places and dates for April retreat.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ian S. Reid

Secretary-Treasurer