



**DATE:** May 9, 2011

**TO:** ORAFS Executive Committee

**FROM:** Michele Weaver, Secretary-Treasurer

**SUBJECT:** MINUTES for ORAFS Executive Committee Meeting, April 11, 2011  
from 1500-1700

**Conference Call Information:** 1-866-203-6896 Passcode: 638-119-3603

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Present: Michele Weaver, Shivonne Nesbit, Jeremiah Osborne-Gowey, Bill Brignon, Demian Ebert, Justin Huff, Colleen Fagan, Rich Grost.

1500 ITEM 1: Review

1. Review Today's Agenda – additional items include a discussion about white papers, meeting with congressmen, and website updates.
2. Contact Information (ExCom and Chairs) – nothing to update
3. Approve Previous Minutes: March 10, Feb 24 annual business meeting – nobody is opposed to approving the March 10 minutes – Michele will send to Kara for posting – the business meeting minutes approval is tabled until the retreat to allow for more comments/edits.
4. Action Items from March 10:
  - a. Poster comments back to Jeremiah from ExCom by 3/16 (ExCom)-done
  - b. Add incoming ExCom to distribution list (Demian)-done
  - c. Perpetual Plaques: List to Justin (Shivonne), Take to engraver (Justin)-done
  - d. Draft Outstanding Chapter Application for review (Rich)-most of the comments have been incorporated, Demian will finalize and PDF and send to western. Western division votes first, then it gets forwarded on to National, then National votes.
  - e. Paperwork to add President to checking account (Michele, Demian)-about 75% done, needs a signature from Michele.
  - f. E-mail Bruce McIntosh, Mary Buckman, and Jason regarding some investment committee options (Michele) – not yet complete
  - g. Expense claims to Demian for annual meeting (Michele, Jeremiah)-done
  - h. Historian resources (Jason) - unknown

- i. Alternatives to Bend/Eugene annual meeting rotation (Jason) - unknown

1510 ITEM 2: President's Report

1. National/WD AFS – Updates – 3/17 call – Discussed cash flow issues. They have a CD coming due in early May to roll into checking account to solve problem. They are working on the WDAFS business meeting logistics in Seattle – it may be a breakfast meeting (meal undetermined if paid or not). National AFS is working on a change to make it more convenient to get our member lists – the bugs are not worked out yet. They discussed time and place proposals for the 2015 national meeting. Chapter input for tributary editor is needed by tomorrow. Allison sent some information for Demian to edit. Native fishes data base – budget discussions being done by Conservation Biology Institute. If any are planning on going to Seattle it is suggested that you book your hotel now – you can always cancel. Bylaws were discussed via e-mail – approved by western (along with the Colorado/Wyoming chapter changes) – It was approved by National AFS out of sequence; we are waiting for the official notification from Gus. Ira said it could take a couple of weeks; it has been a couple of weeks so we should hear soon.

3. Old Business – requests and issues.

- The STEP Conference Updated (Michele, Shivonne) - Michele and Shivonne attended the conference; they set up the newly updated poster display and gave away some stream continuum posters. There were some inquires about our organization, most were familiar, some told us they need to renew. They sat in on some talks and were presented with a plaque of appreciation for our continued support of their conferences.
- USFWS Salmon Maturity Workshop – registration is open, we have not had much interaction except opening the bank account.
- Spring Retreat (May 20-May 21) – McMenamin's Edgefield is booked for lodging; some options would be to shuttle to motel 6 or explore other venues. There is not much money in the budget, Demian will make a few calls and solidify plans shortly. Help would be appreciated if anybody has time to make some calls. Rich offered his place.
- Annual Meeting Expenses (Personal expenses of key people: \$109.37, \$607.76. Total: \$717.13) – Demian made a motion to get a vote approving reimbursement of annual meeting expenses, it was seconded – hearing no discussion – all were in favor – no opposed. Michele will write a check to Jeremiah and Justin, Demian will write a check to Michele.

4. New Business – requests and issues

- Stream Continuum poster art – a request was made from the Museum at Warm Spring to use one of the panels from the poster. Nobody seems to know how to get in contact with the artist, or where the print ready files are. Past presidents can't remember the arrangements with the artist if we have the rights to use/distribute. It was sometime after Loretta was done, but nobody we have contacted seems to know much about it.
- Dropbox ([www.dropbox.com](http://www.dropbox.com)) – This is an online storage spot for things like our poster, electronic files that we want to keep but don't necessarily

need to be on the website, archive files, the stream continuum art, anything we want to store.

- Membership – Demian sent out the membership table for us to view. There has been a drop in numbers. Will table a discussion for the retreat to discuss the possibility of a membership committee. We should be going up not down. Demian sent an e-mail reminding people who have had lapsed membership to encourage them to rejoin.

#### 1520 ITEM 3: ExCom updates

##### 1. Past-President -

- Outstanding Chapter Application – A draft was emailed to ExCom last week. We discussed the diversity of affiliations and potentially including officers' employee affiliations on our contact pages. Problems with that may be members/committee chairs that have to keep their affiliations separate from their contributions to the society. It was decided to delete this info.
- Handbook Revisions -- Rich is shooting for a May 15<sup>th</sup> deadline to send around a draft revision for review prior to the retreat.

##### 2. President-Elect

- Student Presenter Evaluation Comments – contacted Mike Hudson – he will get them scanned and sent out to students. Colleen will continue to contact Mike to make sure that students get their comments from judges. Justin will let us know if/when he receives any comments.

##### 3. Vice President – had to leave call early – no report

##### 4. External Director's Update

- White paper on heavy metals –The paper was tailored to copper and submitted for informational purposes for a bill – Sue submitted it for us. We have requested an update of references from Ian so we can use the same paper to provide information about mercury in light bulbs and submit to testimony. The copper bill made it out of committee – if it makes it to the floor for vote, Sue would like us to submit letter to everybody. There was a fish biologist out of Medford (non AFS ) that was a little irritated, didn't like some of the wording, equated copper from mining as being the same as copper from brake pads. He also took issue with the threatened Coho salmon wording. Jeremiah talked with him at length, and diffused his concerns. He agreed we will pay more attention to details and the biologist even agreed to join a committee.
- Two additional white papers are in the works. (entrainment) – There are bills in committee regarding water withdrawals – exempting projects from having fish screens. Haven't heard back from committees, we need to contact again. (marine reserves) – This one came out of a marine reserves symposium in a past annual meeting. There was discussion of an additional/updated marine reserves white paper. Scott doesn't have time; Rich suggested that perhaps he could task a grad student with doing it. We will use that idea with Scott's knowledge/input/help.
- Letter to editor Oregonian operation of hydropower dams – The article ran adjacent to one from congresswoman Defazio and representative Hastings

We might meet with the Defazio camp and see how he can help with future fish and wildlife issues. Sue sent a request to meet in Eugene or Portland. Need to know from ExCom if any are interested. Michele is unavailable – Colleen and Demian have some time available and feel it is part of the presidential duties. We thought about offering this opportunity to some of the people who were helping draft the article. We don't want to overwhelm them with too much of our presence (thinking anywhere from 2 to 5 or so). We had some discussion of who to ask – **Jeremiah will send an e-mail to see if any are interested.**

- Website update – Talked a couple weeks back and the company didn't find other organizations willing to take their offer to hold a competition and the winner would get help updating their website. When they are ready to move forward, they will just do our site – no competition. They estimate that it would take about two days to update, after that we could edit his work and he would hand over the results to us. We will get our website updated. It will not be a competition. It will happen in June at the earliest.
5. Secretary-Treasurer – minutes and money
    - Recent income and expenses – things are pretty quiet this month for finances, there are still some lingering transactions from the annual meeting but nothing new has come up.
    - Overall financial / investment status – **Michele will look into investment options and e-mail to potential investment committee members.**
  5. Internal Director – Jason is not here to report
    - Resources for Historian
    - Perpetual Plaques
    - 2013 Annual Meeting Location
  6. Student Representative – The fish and wildlife club is requesting funds to cover costs for trips and events. One of the trips was a spring break to Yellowstone National Park. Funds would help cover the cost of the vans and fuel. Jeremiah commented that the report was nicely done (see bottom of these notes for attachment). ORAFS has \$2000 in the budget to support the student subunit. We discussed how best to distribute those funds, options included up-front distributions or reimbursements. Justin mentioned that their events would happen regardless of our contributions it would just mean them having to use more of their reserves. Shivonne made a motion to give \$1,000 to the student subunit, Jeremiah seconded, there were none opposed. **Michele will send a check; Justin will send Michele the contact information.**

1650 ITEM 4: Fall Workshop(s)

1. Science and Policy, Fall 2011 – still in the works.
2. Others? (renewable energy development impacts, riparian connections, etc) - ongoing

1700 ITEM 5: Upcoming ORAFS meetings –

1. ExCom calls every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday 1500-1700 hrs - we will likely skip the May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting because of the spring retreat on May 20-21. If action items arise that need attention we can reassess.
2. Spring Retreat May 20-21

Meeting adjourned at 1647

# Oregon State Fish and Wildlife Club American Fisheries Society Funding Proposal 2011

By  
Travis Neal



## **Purpose/Mission**

The purpose of the Fish and Wildlife Club (Oregon Student Chapters of AFS and TWS) is to foster interaction between students, faculty, professionals, and the community. Activities and discussions focus on the management and conservation

of fish and wildlife. The objectives of the Fish and Wildlife Club are to provide an opportunity for better communication and liaison between students, faculty, the College of Agriculture Science, private, and public organizations; to provide opportunities for field experience to students, and to provide leadership training. The Fish and Wildlife Club provides students with informational speakers, activities, and interactions pertaining to the field of Fisheries and Wildlife Science as well as serves as a professional representative of the parent Societies, Fisheries and Wildlife Department, College of Agricultural Science, and Oregon State University.

### **History of the Club**

The Fisheries & Wildlife Club was established in 1940. This year, we have had attendance vary from 15 to 40 people at each meeting. Within the Club are the Student Chapters of the American Fisheries Society and The Wildlife Society—we have student liaisons, that are voting members of the State Chapter Board, with each society—and we are officially recognized by Oregon State University as a professional society.

### **Officers:**

The Fisheries and Wildlife Clubs current and elected officers are as follows:

Co-President: Emi Ikeda

Co-President: Joey Weldon

Treasurer: Stacy Hatfield

Secretary: Amy Jauron

Fundraiser: Travis Neal

American Fisheries Society Liaison: Justin Huff

The Wildlife Society Liaison: Meg Duhr-Schultz

Webmaster: Kenny Binder

Agricultural Executive Council Representative: Sheena Wheeler

### **Advisor:**

The advisor for the Fisheries and Wildlife Club is Rebecca Goggans. She is also the Internship Coordinator for the Fisheries and Wildlife Department.

### **Membership:**

We feel that the Fisheries and Wildlife Club not only benefits Fisheries & Wildlife Science majors at Oregon State University (OSU) but all individuals interested in natural resources, outdoor recreation, sustainability, and responsibility at OSU and other institutions. Thus we have several Club members who are not majoring in Fisheries and Wildlife or who are at other institutions. We benefit Club members by providing hands-on field experience, as well as networking skills, leadership skills, and contacts with fisheries and wildlife biologists.

### **Activities**

**Ag Days**-The Club set up a booth with interactive activities including a touch box, and a dart game where participants practice tranquilizing an elk. Information about the Club, and other fisheries and wildlife news is provided.

**Discovery Days**-The Club is planning on sharing a room with another group, where the touch box and a bean bag toss will be available for the kids. We will be providing opportunities for hands-on crafts such as fish prints and stamped wooden necklaces. A felt display explaining basic ecosystem processes will also be available.

**Spring Break-**The Club went to Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks travelling from Saturday, March 19 to Sunday, March 27, 2011. Thirty attendees participated. We housed students at Montana Buffalo Ranch in Gardiner MT. Students met with NPS Fisheries Biologist Mark Ruhl on Yellowstone cutthroat trout management, USGS Wildlife Biologist Mark Haroldson and separately, Kerry Gunther, NPS Wildlife Biologist on grizzly bear management in the Yellowstone Basin, and with ??? Wildlife Biologist on wolf biology, policy, and management and who guided us to to observe part of one wolf herd near an elk kill. In addition, we explored a range of fish and wildlife and habitats in the Basin through hiking, snowshoeing and fishing.

**USFWS Riparian Restoration/The Dalles Dam-**Nineteen Club members spent one weekend at the Franz Lake National Wildlife Refuge planting native ash and alder in a riparian zone test plot. In addition, they had a 3-hour 'behind the scenes' tour of The Dalles Dam with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fisheries Biologist to learn about fish management at the Dam.

**Fish and Wildlife "Toolbox" Workshop Series-** The Club has organized five spring term workshops to help Fish and Wildlife Club members learn useful skills in the workplace. These include a 3-day radio-telemetry workshop, a 3-hour dichotomous key seminar, a 3-hour outboard engine maintenance session, a 9-hour Knots and Tarpology workshop on how to properly construct shelters and a 2-day, 5-in-1 series at Oregon Hatchery Research Center on electro-fishing, net repair, welding, and trailer-backing and load securement.

**The Club also sponsored several community-building events (these events were hosted by the FW Department thus are not included in the Annual Budget)**

1. a turkey-fry tailgating event during Dad's weekend where students, fathers, and faculty had the opportunity to meet each other at Nash Hall
2. a Mom's weekend chili cook-off to introduce the mothers to the faculty and student peers,
3. a trip to Newport where Club members will be going to the aquarium and Hatfield Marine Science Center
4. a trip to assist OSU Graduate Student Sierra Lewis with hook-and-line capture of steelhead on the North Umpqua.
5. a booth at the Corvallis Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) educational field day to introduce children to fisheries and wildlife.

### **Funding**

The Club has received funding, in the 2010-2011 academic year, from Agricultural Research Foundation (\$3000) and E.R. Jackman Foundation (\$1500). They have also collected internal funds through dues, merchandise sales and raffles (\$2200). In addition the OSU Fisheries and Wildlife Department has financially supported several activities involving faculty and students but do not provide direct funding.

We are requesting \$2000 from Oregon AFS for funding assistance with 3 activities: Yellowstone Basin trip, Franz Lake National Wildlife Refuge/The Dalles Dam trip and the Biologist's Toolbox Workshop Series.

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