

DATE: June 13th, 2013

TO: ORAFS Executive Committee

FROM: Tony Siniscal, Secretary/Treasurer

SUBJECT: Minutes from ORAFS Executive Committee Meeting, June 13th, 2013 from 1500-1700



Conference Call Information: Phone: 712-732-0180 Participant Code: 401355 #

Present: President – Todd Buchholz, Vice President - Kevin McDonnell, Past President – Jeff Yanke (for part of call), President Elect - Mike Gauvin, Secretary/Treasurer – Tony Siniscal, External Director – Holly Huchko, Internal Director – Michele Weaver, Student Representative - Andrew Futerman, Social Media - Demian Ebert, Legislative Liaison – Sue Marshall.

1500 Technical difficulties with the call in number and echoes.

1515 ITEM 1: Review

1. Introductions, life, and work updates.
2. Review Agenda.
3. ExCom Contact List Update - Michele and Holly reported that they are having issues with the ORAFS email and have contacted webmaster Mike Meeuwig.
4. April minutes - Garth sent out a draft. Michele and Todd made a motion to approve the April Conference Call minutes as submitted. All were in favor.
5. Action Items from Spring Retreat May 17-19:
 - a. Approve Retreat Minutes – The retreat minutes still need to be reviewed; there was a motion to table the approval of the retreat minutes until the July conference call.
 - b. Exchange post office box key - The ORAFS PO Box has been transferred to Tony's name and all of the ExCom members were put on the list to be able to pick up mail. Two additional keys were issued. One will be sent to Demian; Tony and Shivonne have the other two.
 - c. Update Strategic Plan - The strategic plan still needs to be updated. Volunteers are needed to go over it. Comments and edits should be

- brought up at the next conference call in July. A committee should be appointed to lead efforts on updating and revising the Strategic Plan.
- d. Jeff Jolley's AFS Certification has been approved for reimbursement. He has been notified.
 - e. Fall Retreat - The date has been set for September 20th to the 22th. Organization for the retreat is the responsibility of The President.

1530 ITEM 2: President's Report

- 1. WDAFS Update
 - a. A Draft Assessment was sent out by email on the Bristol Bay Mining Watershed impacts. Please send comments to Todd so that he may forward to WDAFS.
 - b. The next WDAFS conference call is June 20th, at 9:30 AM.
 - c. The WDAFS Fall Retreat has been set for October 2013 in Denver, CO.
- 2. Parent Society Update
 - a. Congratulations to ORAFS for receiving the chapter of the year award.
 - b. Language needs to be changed in business plan to read "Send President *or designee* to the AFS Annual Meeting in Little Rock AR (August 2013)".
 - i. Michele was nominated as the designee to attend the AFS Parent Society Annual Meeting. All were in favor. Michele accepted the nomination and will also attend the awards event to accept our Chapter Of the Year award.
- 3. Old Business
 - a. 2013-14 work plan and budget.
 - i. We need to take a second look at the proposed budget for FY 2013 – 2014. On paper, it appears that we would be operating at a loss for the year. While we historically have not spent all that was budgeted it is our responsibility as the ExCom to ensure that we stay financially secure.
 - ii. The Annual Meeting is our primary source of income. It was agreed upon previously that we are willing to spend a little bit more this year, as it is our 50th anniversary. Perhaps ExCom should come up with a figure or a percent for this increase.
 - iii. Todd, Michele, and Tony will look at the budget and several past years finances to make sure that we are meeting our operating costs and staying within the two year financial reserve. This will be reviewed at the July conference call.
 - iv. Scott Heppell had ideas for garnering more award nominations. This was discussed at the Spring Retreat; It was decided that we would not offer the two new scholarships during this fiscal year in

order to save funds. The new scholarships will be considered and announced at our 2014 AM to be disbursed in 2015.

4. 15:45 Agenda Adjustment - Social Media and Legislative update were discussed ahead of schedule because of liaison availability.
 - a. Social Media Update – Demian Ebert
 - i. Twitter - We picked up some followers at the WDAFS meeting. Demian and Jeremiah are the only ones “tweeting” about chapter activity right now. Twitter was used quite frequently leading up to the annual meeting to post information, updates, and events. Holly has been added to the Twitter Account and has also been contributing.
 - ii. Linked In - We have 3 members so far.
 - iii. Facebook – Facebook could be an important tool especially as the AM approaches. Holly has been added to the Facebook account and can post.
 - iv. ORAFS Social Media Policy – We should go over the guidelines on how members/officers can use the chapter accounts. If there is interest, Demian is willing to share the passwords so that other people may post to the various social media accounts. Additions of users to social media accounts should be approved by the External Director, the Social Media Chair, and then put to an ExCom vote.
 - b. Legislative update – Sue Marshall
 - i. Sue mentioned several bills of significance to the chapter:
 1. SB 401 – This bill has morphed into a directive to Oregon Parks and Rec. to evaluate three waterways for possible expansion as state scenic waterways.
 2. SB 838 – This bill would regulate suction dredge mining. ORAFS met with legislators. The bill may be amended limit the number of permits issued while the state agencies evaluate the permit. If no reform occurs, a moratorium will be imposed in Essential Salmon Habitat for five years. The bill is likely to move to the floor soon.
 3. HB 3441 –This bill would establish a hatchery research center advisory board. The bill is in the Senate Rules Committee and its fate is uncertain at this time.
 4. SB 830 - This bill is a critical component of implementing the lower Columbia River gill net agreement through an equipment buyout program estimated at \$4 million. It’s fate is uncertain at this time.

5. SB 839 – This bill evolved from the Columbia River water withdrawal battles to find additional water for out of stream use. It is a balanced approach to help develop additional water sources for both in-stream and out of stream. Still being negotiated.
 - ii. Informational hearings include the review process for the Columbia River Treaty between the US and Canada. This will be a 10 year process and ORAFS can look for opportunities to possibly weigh in. There will be quarterly briefings before the Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee.
 - iii. The House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee and Senate Rural Communities and Economic Development held a joint hearing regarding the STEP program and Coastal Multi Species Plan.
 - iv. Sue recommends continued work on the wild/hatchery interaction white paper and we should work toward presenting it at a legislative informational hearing. The next hearings will be in September.
5. 1615 Old Business (continued) –
 - a. Underrepresented groups scholarship - It was suggested that we announce the opportunity for these scholarships at the 2014 Annual Meeting.
 - b. The Klamath River Restoration letter was reviewed, approved, and sent out.
6. New Business - No new business to discuss.

1630 ITEM 3: ExCom updates

1. Past-President – Jeff Yanke
 - a. No update (out of cell phone range).
2. External Director – Holly Huchko
 - a. Social Media update, Demian – Covered in ITEM 2.
 - b. Legislation Update - Sue Marshall update – See ITEM 2.
 - c. Native Fish Committee Workshop
 - i. The name has been changed from “workshop” to “meeting” to enable federal employees to attend.
 - ii. Jim Capurso, Native Fish Committee Chair, has asked for funds to defray the cost of food for the workshop. ExCom needs to consider the options and anticipated attendance. Options discussed included covering the cost of food for those that do not receive per-diem or covering the cost of food for a cookout

(around \$100). Holly will follow up with Jim to obtain a final number of attendees.

3. President-Elect – Mike Gauvin
 - a. 2014 annual meeting - The theme has been selected: “Reflecting On Our Past, Focusing On Our Present, and Preparing For Our Future”. This coming year will be our semi centennial anniversary.
 - i. Mike has been working on arranging the plenary speakers. One speaker has committed so far: Jim Martin – past ODFW director. Ray Troll was, unfortunately, unable to commit for the 2014 AM.
 - ii. Should we continue to pursue any original artwork for the meeting or instead focus on creating a new chapter logo? ExCom agreed that a new logo would be appropriate for our 50th anniversary.
 - iii. Mike is looking for assistance in developing workshops for the AM. Holly agreed to provide some assistance by getting together an online survey for the membership.
4. Vice President – Kevin McDonnell
 - a. A bean bag toss is in development for the AM.
 - b. Kevin is working with Andrew Futerman (student representative) to create a cooperative student internship program for the chapter.
5. Secretary/Treasurer – Tony Siniscal
 - a. Tony asked for an explanation of how the 123signup account worked as we are continuing to receive checks from the 2013 Annual Meeting. Michele explained that the 123sign keeps a rolling reserve to allow for refunds during signup. After a period of inactivity, 123signup disburses funds to the chapter in a series of checks.
 - b. 2015 National AFS Meeting bank account – Mary Buckman from WDAFS will be opening an account for the 2015 Parent Society meeting and has asked if we are opposed to using Wells Fargo. Todd and Tony are in correspondence with Mary and have no opposition to using Wells Fargo.
 - c. Income and Expenditures
 - i. Business Checking-5/31/2013-\$ 90,421.11.
 1. 6 Debits in May totaling \$1,860.88.
 2. 3 Credits in May totaling \$ 6,248.00
 - ii. Secondary Checking Account- 5/31/2013-\$5,000.
 1. Treasurer will look into the purpose/history of this secondary account.
 - iii. Money Market-5/31/2013-\$100,130.04.
 1. Interest accrued in May - \$5.29.

2. Interest accrued since inception - \$130.04.
6. Internal Director – Michele Weaver
 - a. Historian update – All of our information is safe and sound and has been sorted, indexed and archived at the OSU Special Collections and Archives Research center.
7. Student Representative – Andrew Futerman
 - a. A \$2000 scholarship fund was awarded to the student chapter by the E.R. Jackman Scholarship Fund. The subunit plans to use the money for a fall retreat.
 - b. The Student Subunit was selected as the 2016 student colloquium hosts.

1645 ITEM 5: Upcoming ORAFS meetings

1. ExCom calls every 2nd Thursday 1500-1700 hrs
2. Next Call – Scheduled for July 11, 2013
 - a. Tentative Call-in Number: (712) 432-0180. Access Code: 401355 #