



American Fisheries Society

Oregon Chapter

TO: ORAFS Executive Committee

FROM: Tony Siniscal, Treasurer

SUBJECT: Minutes from ORAFS Executive Committee Meeting, Thursday September 8, 2016 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

ExCom Present: President-elect – Shivonne Nesbit, President – Ben Clemens, Vice President – Jeremy Romer, Internal Director – Gary Vonderohe, External Director – Cory Sipher, Treasurer – Tony Siniscal, Student Subunit Representative – Jacob Peterson

1505 Call to Order/Welcome Additional Agenda Items

- Ben asked if there were any additional agenda items; hearing no additions, Ben continued with the agenda.

Treasurer – Tony Siniscal

- Treasurers Report

- Accounts Update

- Business Checking

- July

07/01/2016	\$84,766.20
Credits	\$1,088.00
Debits	\$0.00
07/31/2016	\$85,864.20

- August

08/01/2016	\$85,864.20
Credits	\$3,001.00
Transfers	+\$200,000.00
Debits	\$201,914.02
08/31/2016	\$86,951.18

- Money Market

- July

07/01/2016	\$224,965.06
Monthly Interest Accrued	\$3.81
Interest since inception	\$28.65
07/31/2016	\$224,968.87

- August

08/01/2016	\$224,968.87
Monthly Interest Accrued	\$0.64
Interest since inception	\$29.29
Transfers	-\$200,000.00
06/30/2016	\$24,969.51

- Investments

- WDAFS Endowment Fund - Oregon Chapter fund

Balance	07/30/2016	\$16,179.82
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- Charles Schwab ORAFS Investment Account

Balance	08/16/2016	\$199,996.82
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 - AFS Kansas City Report
 - Tony gave an overview of the AFS Kansas City meeting. It was a much smaller meeting than the 2015 Portland. He tried to make the most of it by going to as many talks and participating in as many events as possible. The highlight of the meeting was accepting the Chapter of the Year award on behalf of ORAFS. Tony will provide a write up of the meeting for the piscatorial press.
 - Spring Retreat Minutes
 - Tony sent out a clean version of the Spring Retreat meeting minutes for a second review. Shivonne made a motion to approve the 2016 Spring Retreat Meeting minutes as submitted by Tony. Gary seconded the motion, there was no discussion and all voted in favor.
 - August Meeting Minutes
 - Troy, Tony and Katie, have been working to clarify some of the language in the August meeting minutes pertaining to the investment account. The August minutes will be finalized and submitted at the Fall Retreat for consideration.

Secretary – Katie Pierson

- Not in attendance. Tony discussed the status of the August meeting minutes on her behalf (above).

President-Elect – Shivonne Nesbit

- Annual Meeting Planning
 - Planning for the annual meeting has been coming along. Shivonne will provide a thorough update at the fall retreat.

President – Ben Clemens

- Fall Retreat
 - Ben asked ExCom to submit agenda items for the fall retreat so he may send out the agenda in advance.
- Fish passage Conference Sponsorship
 - The Fish Passage Conference has asked for an ORAFS sponsorship. They are looking for a minimum donation of \$1,000 to get a logo in the program. The conference will be held at OSU; Ben will let ExCom know the dates of the conference. ExCom will consider this request; We only have \$1,000 remain in our sponsorship budget.
- West Coast Salmon Summit Sponsorship
 - ORAFS has committed to sponsoring this conference. Tony will send the check immediately. Included in our sponsorship is one free registration. Ben will try to find someone to attend on behalf of ORAFS.
- Recruitment and Activity in External Committees
 - We are looking to invigorate and engage the External Committees. ExCom needs to identify specific tasks for the committees and come up with a plan to increase activity and participation by committee members. As part of this, committee rosters should be maintained so that committees can know who is on their committee and how to contact them. This discussion will continue at the fall retreat. He would like to see a process

that when someone is interested in signing up, they are provided with a succinct description of minimum requirements from them to contribute to the committee, and what they can expect to receive from the committee in return.

External Director – Cory Sipher

- Marine Reserves Paper
 - The Oregon Chapter of the Wildlife Society (ORTWS) has been working on a Marine Reserves Paper that was originally drafted by ORAFS. Their intent was to build upon the draft and submit as an official position paper. The ORAFS Marine Habitat Committee and ORTWS would like to present this as a joint position paper from ORTWS and ORAFS. Ben forwarded a draft to ExCom with comments and edits. ExCom should review the paper and vote for/against approval by email vote by Friday September 16th.
- Legislative Liaison Kickoff Meeting
 - Cory, Shivonne, Troy, Ben, and Legislative Co-chair, Haley Blake had a conference call with our legislative liaison Erik Kancler to officially kick off his work for ORAFS. Collectively, they discussed bills coming up in this legislative session that are of interest to ORAFS including Suction Dredge Mining, Senate Bill 202, Herbicide/Pesticides, Hatchery/Wild, Marine Reserves, Municipal Water Rights, and Forestry Practices/Riparian Buffer Zones.

Past-President – Troy Brandt

- Not in attendance.

Internal Director – Gary Vonderohe

- 2017 Annual Meeting Arrangements
 - Gary checked in with the Riverhouse and finalized arrangements for a tour during the fall retreat. They requested our second deposit check and Tony sent payment. Gary will check to make sure they have received it.

Vice President – Jeremy Romer

- 2017 Raffle/Auction Committee Appointments
 - Jeremy has secured several people for the committee:
 - James Bartlett – PGE – Bend
 - Erik Moberly – ODFW – Bend
 - Kevin Stertz – ODFW – Corvallis
 - Olivia Hakanson – OSU – Corvallis
 - Sarah Sapienza – ODFW – Clackamas
- Annual Meeting Student Volunteers/Participants/Scholarships and Career Counselors
 - Jeremy is drafting a letter to send to universities with Annual Meeting Dates and details including Scholarship and Volunteer opportunities and details on the Career Counselors. Jeremy has created a list of contacts from several colleges in OR, ID, CA, WA and will send the letter out once finalized.
- Administrative Handbook and Bylaws
 - Jeremy will send out a clean version of the admin handbook and bylaws out for review. Tony will send a final draft of the Financial Sustainability Plan and Investment Policy (FSPIP) for inclusion in the handbook. Jeremy would like to discuss some final details on the FSPIP at the fall retreat.

- Career Counselors
 - Steve Kucas would like to post Career Counselor announcements to ORAFS Social media outlets. The social media committee will consider this. We should look into posting something on the ORAFS website about the program.

Student Representative – Jacob Peterson

- Student Subunit Update
 - Jacob indicated that classes have just started and that the subunit will be hosting the first meeting soon.

1630 Call for Adjournment

Next Meeting: Fall Retreat, Sunriver, September 23rd to 25th.

Next conference call: October 13th, 2016