



***Oregon Chapter
of the
American Fisheries Society***
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To: ORAFS Executive Committee

From: Natalie Scheibel, Secretary

SUBJECT: Minutes from the ORAFS Executive Committee Teleconference- Thursday, May 31, 2018
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

In attendance: Katie Pierson- Treasurer, Kris Homel- President, Troy Brandt- Legislative Committee Co-Chair, Becky Flitcroft- President-elect, Anthony Pedro- MHCC Student Subunit, Brooke Schlipf - OSU Student Subunit, Natalie Scheibel- Secretary

**3:00 p.m. Kris - Call to Order/Additional Agenda Items/Establish a quorum
President- Kris Homel**

- Kris asked whether people had access to the Google Drive documents.
 - Becky could not find the meeting planning spreadsheet.

Troy Brandt- Legislative Committee Co-chair

Legislative Committee update

- Suction Dredge Mining ESH Maps – There are some errors in the essential salmonid habitat maps that the consortium we're involved with is asking DSL to prioritize for correction. The ESH maps show streams off-limits to suction dredge mining. Our involvement would be to write a letter to DSL, requesting that DSL prioritize the map review and correction. Pretty straightforward and Troy can provide a letter for ExCom review. Troy will check, but might have missed the window to send the letter.
- Brenda McComb – Oregon Board of Forestry nomination
Bob Van Dyk with Wild Salmon Center forwarded Troy information regarding Brenda McComb running for a seat on the Oregon Board of Forestry. Troy doesn't know Brenda but will can send ExCom the information that Bob forwarded. Not required to support, but something we could do.
- Cyanobacteria Monitoring – Chrissy Murphy got in touch with Troy a few weeks back to discuss a path for developing legislation that would lead to a budget item for cyanobacteria monitoring in Oregon. Chrissy is working with the Oregon Lakes Association (OLA) on this effort. Oregon used to have a monitoring framework but it fell by the wayside when CDC funding ran out a few years back. Since OLA is a smaller organization without legislative representation, Chrissy was wondering if ORAFS would help spearhead this effort. OLA has a white paper rough draft that is in review right now. OLA previously worked up costs and a monitoring framework that could be implemented if funds are appropriated. This is probably the highest priority and Troy has been in touch with Erik Kancler about it. This could be a good opportunity to further develop our relationship with Kancler, get behind some legislation, and partner with OLA and other conservation/recreation organizations who are interested in water quality.

President- Kris Homel

- WDAFS update
 - HR 3144 regulates flow in the Columbia River, in which management of flow will revert back to the pre-2014 regulation which maximizes flow for profit not ecological reasons. Luke Schultz will draft letter from Native fish at the Western Division and send around to the Chapters. Troy will reach out to Luke to see if ORAFS can be more involved.
- Oregon AFS's FSPIP (Financial Sustainability Plan and Investment Policy) is being used as the template for work being done at the Division level and ORAFS is being seen as a leader because of its development.
 - Financial issues were talked about. Interesting to see how forward thinking Oregon is about financial issues, as well as, diversity issues. Looking to Oregon for leadership, we also won the Western division large chapter of the year award. Western will be reviewing the Chapter of the Year award and changing their rubric. National is trying to equalize how much money is available per division after a National meeting. Talking about changing the ration 70% chapter, 20% national, 10% division for national meetings. Meeting about climate change issues. National AFS meeting 2019 in Reno, NV will be a joint meeting with the wildlife society, with an estimated 10,000 people.
- WAFWA booth
 - Registration can be shared.
 - Action Item: Katie create a doodle poll about who will cover which day.
- Sponsorship Requests
 - <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/185tdFNoH-fqBtFtNXuEdgqr96JUxIMF1nB7ILt5GFpk/edit?usp=sharing>
 - All requests logged here so they won't fall through the cracks.
- Website updates will funnel through Kris, except for the AM requests which should be through Becky.
 - Action item: Addresses for Becky, James, Natalie and Jason for the website. Email those to Kris.
- Monthly call date/time- 2nd Thursday of every month 3:00 – 5:00 PM
- Google calendar: everyone should be able to access and add events that pertain to ORAFS
- New email addresses working?
- New emails for MHCC and OSU
 - OSUstudentrep@orafs.org
 - MHCCstudentrep@orafs.org
- Brochure
 - We started to make edits to reflect our chapter better. This will be done through the Education and Outreach committee. Kris asks anyone on the call if they would be willing to help find content or edit. Becky would be happy to help. Should have that done by July 17th for the WAFWA meeting.
 - Action Item: Kris will put Becky and Ryan in touch.

Past-President- Shivonne Nesbit (not on call)

- Legislative liaison contract (Erik Kancler) will be sent out for review.

President-Elect – Becky Flitcroft

- Annual Meeting Planning update
 - Theme: *At the nexus of science and restoration, what do we know?*

- Workshop ideas: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion workshop, GIS for fisheries professionals, beaver restoration tools techniques and approaches
- Trying to work through people, symposia and topics. Becky has pulled together some people as a think tank to discuss symposia topics and plenary speakers. Thinking about Former Governor Kitzhaber as a plenary speaker to talk about the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds. Becky and team are still brainstorming, and thinking about maybe having someone from an agency do the other talk, perhaps about the implementation of the Northwest Forest Plan.
- Letter for sponsorship is in the works and should be ready before the end of June. Anthony Pedro has been working on the logo and will have more time after school finishes up. End of June.
- In the upcoming months there will be Annual Meeting updates given at this monthly call, but as we progress we will be meeting more frequently.

Vice President – James Bartlett (not present)

Internal Director – Kevin Stertz (not present)

Treasurer – Katie Pierson

- Treasurer's Report

a. Accounts Update

We will still be getting money in from 123signup for the next few months. All of the annual meeting expenses have already come out of the account.

i. Business Checking

1.	<u>April</u>	<u>04/01/2018</u>	<u>\$134,871.05</u>
		Credits	\$14,893.93
		Transfers	\$0.00
		Debits	-\$1,296.07
		Checks	-\$81,100.31
		<u>04/30/2018</u>	<u>\$67,368.60</u>

ii. Investments **Will be updated quarterly (usually will be coordinated with the Financial Sustainability Committee)

1.	WDAFS Endowment Fund – Oregon Chapter fund		
	<u>Balance</u>	<u>01/31/2018</u>	<u>\$22,471.08</u>

2.	Charles Schwab ORAFS Investment Account		
	<u>Balance</u>	<u>4/02/2018</u>	<u>\$340,813.47</u>
		Transfers	\$0.00
		Lifetime Gain/loss	+29,442.93 (10.36%)
		Equities/ETFs/Bonds	\$313,616.93
		Cash & Cash Invested	\$27,196.54

Current Checking Account Balance as of 8:00 PM 5/29/2018: \$68,425.20

- Combined Operating and Restricted Budget Total: \$51,319
- Jerry Bouck Memorial Scholarship Money: \$7,373.90
- Total of those two bullets should be left in the checking account: \$58,692.90
 - Katie made a motion to transfer the \$9,732.30 excess in the checking account to the Investment account as per our Financial Sustainability Plan and Investment Policy, Natalie seconded and there was no discussion; the motion passed unanimously.
- Financial Sustainability Committee (FSC) Update
 - The next FSC meeting will be on July 17, 3:00-4:00 pm.
- Disbursement Strategy
 - Katie will write up Becky's idea for the disbursement funds that was discussed at the Spring Retreat and add FY18's disbursements into the document
- Meeting Metrics
 - Document is on the google drive and describes the specifics of the annuals meeting, for instance, numbers of Fish Out of Water Waivers granted, gallons of coffee consumed, etc.
 - Action Item: Shivonne and Kris will put together lists of meeting metrics for Bend (Shivonne) and Eugene (Kris) by August.
- AM Summary

Total Expected payments from 123signup	\$	89,018.90
Total Payments From Square	\$	15,382.15
Cash/Check Deposits	\$	25,186.10

Income	\$	129,587.15
Expenditures	\$	(86,075.72)

Total Expenditures \$ (86,075.72)

Net Profit \$ 43,511.43

- Action: Katie will produce document that shows what our proposed budget was for the 2018 annual meeting was and what was actually spent.
- Taxes for the last fiscal year are due September 15, 2018. Katie will be working with our CPA to get them done and will pass around an excel spreadsheet with specifics.
- Kris and Katie participated in a meeting with some volunteers from Soul River, Inc. on May 30. They discussed future partnerships and long-term goals. There has been a request from Soul River for 2018 Gala sponsorships. Last year ORAFS made \$250 donation for table decorations at the Gala. Kris said they also discussed a restoration and long-term monitoring project (e.g. streambank planting, macroinvertebrate and fish sampling, and water quality) that could be done in partnership with Soul River close to Portland. ORAFS could use our connections to find partners and mentors. It is still early in this partnership, so all ideas are welcome but we are not taking specific action yet.

External Director – Jason Brandt (not present)

- Committee reports tabled for June call

Secretary – Natalie Scheibel

- New Piscatorial Press Editor
 - Action Item: Natalie will continue to seek out a new editor.

Student Representatives – Brooke Schlipf, Anthony Pedro

- OSU update
 - Brooke brought up that her name is misspelled on the website and needs an “e” added to the end of her first name. Last month was a busy month for the subunit, with a number of outreach events and guest speakers. Four OSU representatives participated in the Timber Ridge Science night. The subunit also participated in the Finley Wildlife Outreach Days where they had four stations nature stations set up. The event hosted over a hundred 4-7th graders. The subunit plans to participate again next year in this event. They meant to have their annual OHRC field trip, but it was cancelled by OHRC due to lack of staff. The funding for that trip will be rolled over towards next year’s trip. They had a wildlife biologist from PacifiCorp as a guest speaker. They also have their annual rafting trip schedule for June 2-3 and an end of the year BBQ.
- MHCC update
 - Anthony has transferred over most of the duties to the new officers. They participated in a depave event that helped remove hardscape around the college and will be turned into rain beds. They also participated in a fishing event at the Mt. Hood pond, where they had one representative attend. Events planned include Salmon River spawning and a veteran’s fishing day. Anthony also mentioned that they would like to split the MHCC subunit’s secretary and treasurer positions into two positions. They already have candidates that would be able to fill both positions (the current, acting Secretary/Treasurer and one new person). Anthony was wondering what kind of approval or changes would be need to be made to the bylaws. The change was discussed and Kris asked if Anthony could send the current bylaws to ExCom members. Brooke recently did some bylaw changes and only had to go through the Chapter level. If it only needs ORAFS approval then the changes can be proposed and voted on soon. Anthony will be finishing up at MHCC, but would like to stay involved with ORAFS and would be interested in being on an annual meeting planning committee.
 - Action Item: Anthony will send Kris, Shivonne, Katie, and Becky their current bylaws.

The next ExCom call will be on **Thursday, June 14 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

Meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.