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To: ORAFS Executive Committee

From: Natalie Scheibel, Secretary

SUBJECT: Minutes from the ORAFS Executive Committee Teleconference- Thursday, June 14, 2018
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

In attendance: Kris Homel- President, Shivonne Nesbit- Past President, Natalie Scheibel-Secretary, Christian Serrano- MHCC Student Representative, Katie Pierson- Treasurer, Becky Flitcroft- President-elect, James Bartlett- Vice President, Jason Brandt- External Director, Brooke Schlipf – OSU Student Representative

3:03 p.m. Kris- Call to Order Additional Agenda Items/Establish a quorum

President- Kris Homel

- HR 3144 – HR3144 is a bill that reverts operation of the Columbia Basin hydropower system back to the specifications in the 2014 BiOp ruling, specifying that dams must be operated to maximize economic value. This would negate subsequent rulings calling for (1) spill operations to benefit migrating juvenile salmon and (2) analysis of other dam management options to improve salmon survival. Western Division is drafting a letter that will be signed by Western Division, not individual chapters. Kris will send it out for everyone to look at.
- WAFWA booth
 - Katie sent the doodle poll and needs to hear people's availability as soon as possible.
 - Action Item: ExCom members will complete the doodle poll about who will cover which day.
- Requests (three specified funding requests)
 1. Joseph Gregoire request to attend Aquaponics Conference (\$75 for one day).
 - In our budget ExCom had discussed fish culture funding of \$1,500 (2 professionals and 1 student).
 - Katie moved to sponsor the student to attend the Aquaponics conference, Shivonne seconded and there was no discussion; the motion passed unanimously.
 2. Michele Weaver request to get reimbursed for renewal of her AFS certification. This could be the only request ExCom sees this year. It is written loosely enough in the budget that renewal (\$50) would be covered in the line item (\$300) that is for sponsoring AFS certification.
 - James Bartlett made a motion to pay for the renewal, Katie seconded and there was no discussion; the motion passed unanimously.
 3. Oregon Fish and Wildlife Information Managers (OFWIM) requested a sponsorship for their meeting November 4-8th. The sponsorship levels were discussed and decided that it would be good for ORAFS to sponsor and attend. ExCom decided that ORAFS would not get a lot from just supporting and getting our logo advertised, but being there in person would

be valuable. Katie - We could agree to support at the \$250 level and discuss it more, as we have several months before the meeting.

- Kris – this would be covered under budget line item 1.4 e sponsorship (\$1500)
- Shivonne made a motion to support OFWIM conference at the advertising sponsor level of \$250, Katie seconded and there was no discussion; the motion passed unanimously.
- Soul River Inc. has approached ORAFS to sponsor their Gala (October 2018) again (\$250 table pieces sponsored in 2017). Soul River Inc. is an organization that we sponsored in 2017 and we are trying to figure out how we can build our partnership. Soul River Inc. pairs veterans with inner city youth, and works to build community and environmental awareness.
 - Soul River Inc. is open to whatever we are willing to sponsor. ExCom decided it would be helpful to have sponsorship level information and move on it in the July call.
- Brochure
 - Kris, Becky, Ryan Battleson, and Jason are working on updating the brochure.. Kris sent an email to Ryan Battleson and cc'd Jason and Becky, but have not heard back yet.

Past-President- Shivonne Nesbit

- Shivonne sat in for Kris on the June WDAFS call. On the call, WDAFS talked about the Chapter of the Year Award application and potential revisions. Jim Shannon is looking for 6 to 7 people interested in sitting on the award revision committee. Shivonne asked Colleen Fagan to be the Oregon representative.
- Legislative liaison contract
 - At the spring retreat ExCom voted to support a legislative liaison again. ExCom decided to continue with Erik Kancler as our legislative liaison. ORAFS ExCom received the contract and sent it out for review. Legislative committee chairs, Hayley Lutz and Troy Brandt, reviewed the contract and sent comments to ExCom. The contract (with Troy's edits) will be voted on during this call. Once the contract is in place, Jason Brandt will be the point of contact with Erik.
 - Shivonne moved to sign the 2018 -2019 Erik Kancler contract with Troy and Hayley's edits incorporated, Jason seconded and there was no discussion; the motion passed unanimously.
 - Jason was wondering how often we need reporting. Kris thought it would be nice to have monthly reports when we are in session, particularly if something is going on. Shivonne said ORAFS will get information as it is happening from Erik. Upcoming session is ~9 months (Feb 1, 2019 start). Nine updates, monthly during the session and outside the session quarterly. Contract would end during the session, ExCom needs to follow up and plan out proper payment to Erik before we move into the next fiscal year.
 - Erik Kancler's invoice from last year (\$333) was not received until after we closed the books in April. He mentioned he could change it to *in kind*, but Shivonne talked with Katie about this and would like to pay for services rendered. Shivonne mentioned to Jason that we need to be sure we are paying out of the budget line item intended for the legislative liaison. ExCom essentially just didn't pay it out of last year's budget. Katie is not sure about the tax laws for paying from the last years' budget now, but will figure out where that comes from to pay him. We have the money and we can and should pay it. In the future, ExCom should talk at the annual meeting to discuss what we still owe

the legislative liaison, that way we can get squared away before the end of the fiscal year.

- AFS-TWS liaison
 - Shivonne talked to Laura Tesler, who has been the liaison for several years. Laura is searching for another liaison and asked ExCom if we know of anyone who might be a good fit. Katie Pierson, Kevin Stertz, and Laura will discuss the role of the liaison.

President-Elect – Becky Flitcroft

- Annual Meeting Planning Update
 - Becky wrote a vendor letter draft and is just waiting for a finished logo. Becky also sent a letter to John Kitzhaber about being a plenary speaker. So far, potential workshop topics include: Hatchery, GIS, and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.
 - Kris mentioned it would be good to resolve student housing and funding before the fall retreat, since it is an in-depth discussion last year, and ExCom should bring Shannon Richardson into the conversation as well.

Vice President – James Bartlett

- Nothing to report

Internal Director – Kevin Stertz

Treasurer – Katie Pierson

- Treasurer's Report

a. Accounts Update

i. Business Checking

1. May 05/01/2018	\$67,368.60
Credits	\$5,227.73
Transfers	\$0
Debits	\$0
Checks	<u>-\$4,171.13</u>
05/31/2018	\$68,425.20

ii. Investments **Will be updated quarterly

1. WDAFS Endowment Fund – Oregon Chapter fund

Balance 01/31/2018 \$22,471.08

2. Charles Schwab ORAFS Investment Account

Balance	4/02/2018	\$340,813.47
Transfers		\$0
Lifetime Gain/loss		+29,442.93 (10.36%)
Equities/ETFs/Bonds		\$313,616.93
Cash & Cash Invested		\$27,196.54

- Next Financial Sustainability Committee meeting: July 17th 3-4 PM
- On next statement: \$9,732.30 was transferred from checking to Investment account as per our Financial Sustainability Plan and Investment Policy, to maintain one operating budget in the checking account.
- Katie would also like to move the AFS membership dues rebate check to the investment account, since that is surplus to our one operational budget.

- Katie moved to transfer the AFS membership rebate check (\$4,745) to the investment account, Natalie seconded and there was no discussion; the motion passed unanimously
- Katie wants to update the disbursement strategy of FSPIP.
 - Action: Katie, write up a discussion about the disbursement fund so we can discuss in the July meeting with Troy and Tony on the phone.
- Katie and the CPA will start the tax process soon.

External Director – Jason Brandt

- Committee reports –
 - Jason missed the last call but has talked with committee chairs and discussed a quarterly meeting with the committees. Jason is trying to schedule a teleconference.
 - Action: Jason, send a doodle poll to committee chairs about quarterly meetings.
- Education
 - Ryan Battleson – Education and outreach, continuing education, grant money for teachers to do continuing education in fisheries and aquatic sciences– no applications for that. Time constraint issue, hopefully won't be an issue in the future. Valuable way to spend the money. Ryan is willing to stay on as the Outreach Ed chair. Dan B maybe willing to take over.
- Fish Culture
 - Becky talked to Ryan Couture about finding ways to get the hatchery side more involved in ORAFS, particularly the annual meeting. They were thinking about a technical session symposia and a workshop. Becky mentioned that Ryan wants the hatchery workshop to include MHCC and Bellingham Tech, and asked if it would be possible to use a portion of the workshop funds for the student groups. Kris said those funds are already allocated, but ExCom could discuss how we could support students in those programs.
- Legislative
 - Shivonne and Kris have been working with Erik Kancler and finalizing the contract with him. Jason plans to commit some more time to that.
- Climate Change Committee
 - Chair status: Kris and Jason spoke with Ben Clemens last week. Ben had originally signed up to chair the committee, however it is not likely to happen now. Kris was brainstorming replacements. Jason Dunham, Shaun Clements, and Mike Meeuwig are not able to. ExCom will have to broaden the search and continue to look for a chair. Send along any ideas to Jason Brandt.
- Native Fish
 - ExCom received the Native Fish work plan and voted to fund all but the awards.
 - Action: Jason can follow-up with Jim. Need to let him know the status of the work plan and funding.

Secretary – Natalie Scheibel

- May minutes review and get any feedback and edits.
- Still searching for potential new editor. Kris suggested to reach out to Sarah Sapienza.
- Natalie has the option to put the minutes on the Google drive for review, however there are some formatting issues with editing on the drive. For now Natalie will send out the word document and combine edits into the final draft.
 - Action: ExCom review the May minutes and get feedback and edits to Natalie.
 - Action: Natalie, finalize the May minutes and have them ready for approval on the July call.

Student Representatives – Brooke Schlipf, Christian Serrano

- OSU update- Brooke
 - New leadership team recently got together to discuss goals and group dynamics.
 - Planned out monthly meetings and general events.
 - Leadership team will use the summer to get things lined out for the academic year.
- MHCC update – Christian
 - Treasurer and Secretary are separate. Kris mentioned the by-laws and asked if they needed to be changed. In the MHCC bylaws it currently states that the Secretary/Treasurer is usually one position, but if there is interest it could be split – no change needed.
 - Christian is going to Alaska for the summer. Christian will be using a group email to contact other officers. Other officers will be filling in for Christian while he is gone.
 - They decided on the 1st Thursday of every month for their meetings.
 - Action: Christian, send contact information to Kris for the other officers so she can send agendas etc. for the monthly ORAFS meetings.
- The next ExCom call will be on **Thursday, July 12 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**
- Meeting adjourned at 4:21 pm.