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American Fisheries Society
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To: ORAFS Executive Committee

From: Katie Pierson, Treasurer

SUBJECT: Minutes from the ORAFS Executive Committee Teleconference- Thursday, August 9th, 2018
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

In attendance: Kris Homel- President; Becky Flitcroft- President-elect; James Bartlett- Vice President; Miley McLaughlin- Vice President (current President as of September 2018), Mt. Hood Community College Subunit; Shivonne Nesbit – Past President; Jason Brandt- External Director; Kevin Stertz – Internal Director; Katie Pierson- Treasurer; Brooke Schlipf, Student Representative OSU Subunit; Erik Kancler, legislative liaison

3:01 p.m. Kris- Call to Order/Additional Agenda Items/Establish a quorum

President- Kris Homel

- We will vote on Spring Retreat minutes at September ExCom call.
- During the August WDAFS call there was discussion about whether chapters and divisions should support American Fisheries Society annual meeting. People generally think that money should flow both ways with Chapters and Divisions supporting the larger society and the larger society supporting the Chapters and Divisions. Western Division voted to approve \$500 to support the national meeting.
- Website update/overhaul- Lora is going to get a quote from the people who made the website originally. Then perhaps it can be overhauled with disbursement funds.
- Brochure
 - Action Item: Jason will follow up with Ryan Battleson about where the brochure is, so we can have it done and printed before the annual meeting.
- Requests:
 - Britta Baechler- WD Student Colloquium
 - The student colloquium will be in November outside of Portland. They are expecting 50 people and are not wanting students to pay anything to attend. The venue cost will be \$9,400, so they have requested \$2,000 from us and \$1,000 from every other WDAFS chapter. We paid \$300 for last year's student to go to the colloquium in Idaho. The colloquium has received \$4,500 from chapters within WDAFS and from WDAFS directly. They will be having a science communications infographics workshop at the event.
 - ExCom is mostly uncomfortable with the \$2,000 request given that we have not budgeted for it, have a new subunit, and have historically sponsored RAFWE: Research Advances in Fisheries, Wildlife, and Ecology Symposium. ExCom brainstormed other ways for the students to raise money. Could we donate a Tomelleri print for the silent auction? Could the student subunits run an auction

to raise money for the event? OSU and Mt. Hood indicated that they could put a raffle on.

- Shivonne made a motion to fund WDAFS student colloquium at \$500 from the discretionary student support fund, Kevin seconded.
 - Discussion: James says is \$500 enough? He suggests increasing to \$1000.
 - Katie suggests that since it is the beginning of the process that they could come back to us if they still need sponsorship and we can revisit the topic.
 - Motion passed unanimously.
- Soul River Inc.- Gala funding levels available here: <http://ourheroes2018.org/>
 - Katie made a motion to fund Soul River Inc gala at \$500, Jason seconded. No discussion. Motion passes unanimously
- Oregon Board of Forestry nomination
 - Kris will write this letter of support for Brenda McComb.
 - Action Item: Shivonne will look for the ORHC letter of support to provide guidance for Kris' letter.

Past-President- Shivonne Nesbit

- Atlantic City AFS Meeting- co-convening a session on diversity, equity and inclusion, plans to attend EOS meeting, and will be representing division, chapter and membership. Shivonne plans to attend the unit leaders meeting and express communication challenges to the national leadership, if anyone on ExCom has something to bring up Shivonne will bring it forward.
- Soliciting ExCom recruits will start in September.

President-Elect – Becky Flitcroft

- Annual Meeting Planning update
 - Two plenary speakers are confirmed: former Governor Kitzhaber, and Louie Pitt will be giving presentation from tribal perspective.
 - Symposia ideas have been coming in even though the call just came out this week.
 - Logo is amazing! Shout out to Anthony Pedro for his artistic ability.
 - Action Item: Becky will touch base with Lora Tennant to get some specific meeting stuff for website.
 - Action Item: Becky will edit the sponsorship letter to be a “save the sponsorship” so that we can get the letters out ASAP to federal partners and those entities who need to plan for sponsorship numbers. Becky will send draft to Shivonne, Kris, Kevin and Katie for edits.
 - We need to start working with the budget, Katie and Kevin will start after Katie finishes the taxes.
- Action Item: Becky will schedule a meeting to discuss volunteer compensation.
- Action Item: Meeting advertisement on Society webpage and in WD Tributary newsletter

Vice President – James Bartlett

- Continuing to reach out to prospective raffle/auction chairs.
- Sarah Bushmire (OSU student representative) reached out to James to present on Fisheries Biology and Power and maybe include a tour of the Pelton round butte dam.
- Tomerelli prints are running low.
 - Action item: James will send a letter out to Tomerelli asking for a donation of prints.

Internal Director – Kevin Stertz

- WAFWA booths are all back at ODFW headquarters, minus the t-shirts that Shannon has.
- 2021 Eugene Graduate Hotel contract update- Kevin signed an addendum to change to the first week of March to align with our normal meeting dates.
- Fall Retreat update- location in Sunriver, more info to follow
- Riverhouse childcare update- Riverhouse does not provide childcare, nor do they work with people who do. It is up to ExCom to decide whether we want to secure funds for it and find someone to chair the committee.
- Kevin suggests that Shivonne looks at the Annual Survey for people who complain as one source of incoming ExCom members.

External Director – Jason Brandt

- Committee reports
 - WAFWA- pretty interesting experience, not many folks stopped by, but got to talk to the higher ups of ODFW and thanked them for their support, overall good experience.
 - Climate Change Committee- some ideas about who to chair
 - Marine Habitat- Ashley Knight is going to step down, Katie has a line on who can take over
 - Interested in how to get people more involved
 - Executive Committee nominee?
 - Fish Culture- Ryan Couture - no update
 - Native Fish Workshop Sept. 18 & 19
 - Has there been any promotion?
 - In the PP and Jim Capurso is sending emails to committee members
 - Action Item: Jason will try to get to the social media page- send to Holly and Demian

Legislative Liaison – Erik Kancler

- Erik is a state level lobbyist with over a decade of experience
 - OSU Cascades, City of Bend, Mazamas, Parks and Rec.
- White papers ORAFS completed
 - Hatchery/Wild – Erik will check in with Troy, the lead on that
 - Suction dredge
- Are there any white papers that are in development?
 - Pesticides white paper ---
 - Jason confirms that is still being worked on by Ben Clemens and Ian Tattam.
 - Stronger effort to address pollinator issues --- broad effects of pesticides
 - Erik will talk to Ben Clemens or Ian Tattam
- HR3144 – signed onto the letter authored by WD
- Troy might need to update the suction dredge mining to include fish screens- Erik will check in
 - Check in with Rogue Riverkeepers and some of the other interest groups
 - Anything we write or complete is archived on our website under the Communication tab
- Rep. Helm, House Interim Committee Chair On Energy and Environment, policy lead for Carbon “Cap and Invest” bill for climate plan
 - Strong expectation for numbers and political pull to get significant funding for habitat connectivity issues—terrestrial issues, or fisheries --- identifying culvert replacement money

- Rep. Helm interested in what ODOT has planned and not planned.
- Literature review of culvert replacement
- Will this lead to cost effective benefits?
- What is the timeline for putting something together?
- Erik would like to have another meeting with him if we are interested in doing a literature review needed by mid- January
- Worth considering other priorities that would look into climate adaptation
- Could be a good thing to task our new climate change committee to start with what?
- Erik will go back to Rep. Helm, we would like to know a little more about what would be useful, something more about context and something about timeline
- What would other priorities be? ODFW climate adaptation plan.
- Erik will check in with ODFW's director's office
- Forest Service- revision of forest plans
 - Wild Salmon Center and Trout Unlimited piece of legislation for 2019 state owned lands that are managed for timber sales, find stands that are not productive, pursuing conservation and recreational needs
 - Sen. Roblin is working on this
 - Erik will get back to us about that

Treasurer – Katie Pierson

- Katie sent out the treasurer's report and the investments update.
- The financial sustainability committee just had their quarterly call.
 - Additionally – there is an endowment account through the Western Division. That money is currently not being used for anything and could potentially be withdrawn and added to our Oregon Chapter investment account.
 - This would allow us to increase the annual disbursement towards chapter projects because disbursements are based on the amount of interest earned.
 - Katie will collect more information on the Western Division endowment and the possibility of transferring it to our Oregon account and this will be discussed on a future ExCom call and with the FSC committee.
- Katie sent out an email wrap up of how we spent our disbursement funds for 2017.
- The Fiscal Sustainability Committee (FSC) requested that disbursements be for activities that invest in the chapter.
- Recommendations
 - Beneficial at a larger scale than the individual and have long term benefits.
 - Disbursements relate to our 5-year strategic plan.
 - ExCom create project list that could be funded once the disbursement is received.
- Katie is compiling a list of ideas and generating costs for each so that they can be prioritized and funded once money is available.
- The FSC recognizes that disbursed money can be spent at any time of the year, but disbursements will occur in September/ October.
- Katie reminded everyone to review the annual meeting handbook and identify any edits that need to be incorporated before the fall retreat.

- Katie discussed the potential for creating a code of conduct. This idea was introduced at the spring retreat as a potential component of the annual meeting. Shivonne noted that the Society is currently working on a code of conduct and that what we do at the chapter level should tie into that code, perhaps with some local modifications.
- Katie asked about the status of the meeting metrics spreadsheet. Kris assembled the information in a word document as part of the Governing Board Report and will add it to the spreadsheet on the shared drive.

Secretary – Natalie Scheibel (not present)

Student Representatives – Brooke Schlipf, Miley McLaughlin

- OSU update
- Summertime, so the subunit has met with the new leadership team to plan events... had some panels that were very popular, discussed changing from a bi-weekly meeting, but have more meaningful meetings, some new events: fish printing and student colloquium , poster, social media and website
- MHCC update
 - Miley, Daniel and Max have been talking about what we are doing. 2nd week of school meeting, 1st day for the first years, crabbing trip with an overnight (Newport bay)
 - Bonneville fish hatchery volunteer day- coordinating with OSU
 - Christian is going to step down as President, VP Miley McLaughlin will be filling into the position, will have a revote next meeting
- Action Item: Becky will send a doodle poll to ExCom to have a dedicated discussion on the volunteer housing situation.