



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

From: Sarah Sapienza, Secretary

Subject: Minutes from the ORAFS Executive Committee Teleconference – Thursday, October 19, 2023, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

In attendance: Gary Vonderohe – President, Michele Weaver– President-Elect, Chris Hirsch – Past President, Kate Self – Vice President, Sarah Sapienza – Secretary, Jorden Smith – Treasurer, Alex Harrison – External Director, Tjaden Archer – OSU Student Subunit

Call to Order/Additional Agenda Items/Establish a quorum (3:00) – Gary Vonderohe

Approval of Meeting Minutes – Sarah Sapienza (3:05)

- Kate moved to approve the Fall Retreat Minutes as edited and submitted and Alex seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

Main topics of conversation

- We have a new Webmaster!!! Ashley Sanders from OSU, she can be reached at ashley.sanders@oregonstate.edu. Send web updates to Emma and Ashley for now.
- Request for sponsorship – State of the Coast Nov 3-4 in Newport. Sarah motioned to approve the sponsorship of \$500 to State of the Coast, Chris second the motion. There was verification that the PITAGUS workshop would be sponsored also, this was agreed.
- ORAFS logo contest- Action: Gary/Michele will contact ODFW will contact new graphic designer to see if that is possible.
- Request for Proposal – 2026 WDAFS meeting locations
 - Will circle back at a later meeting.

Officer Reports

President – Gary Vonderohe

- WDAFS Mid monthly meeting.
 - See above for updates.

Past President – Chris Hirsch

- Working on ORAFS Recruiting.
- Gary will contact a potential recruitment,

- ACTION: Chris will send out a call to serve on ExCom via email and the Pictorial Press.

President-Elect – Michele Weaver

- 2024 Annual Meeting Planning updates
 - Planning team file - https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1IAFm6zVSNFk-rYdaumyfldyJBpI5mJSv/edit?usp=drive_link&oid=104877884719263382265&rt=pof=true&sd=true
 - ACTION: Michele will be looking into a DEI workshop similar to last Annual Meeting. Workshop was previously well attended. Previous workshop presenter will be contacted.
 - Possibly look into having the DEI workshop be Tuesday afternoon and also Wednesday morning due to requests for longer, more in depth conversations.
 - ACTION: Chris will coordinate a Meeting Buddy Committee for students wanting more mentorship. Possibly a button on the meeting app instead of the meeting registration site.
 - ACTION: Will reduce cost of Spawning Run from \$30 to \$25 for all. No t-shirt will be included, silicone cups will be provided instead.
 - Jordan researched online registration fees and the fee will be adjusted to \$100 as the set price.
 - No pre-recorded talks will be included in the Annual Meeting. Possibility of pre-recorded talks could work with a moderator for a future year.
 - A link to Human Dimensions on YouTube or create a poster to get more exposure for the ORAFS members could be a possibility.
 - Hopefully the posters will be available on the meeting app to view later.
 - Early registration deadline and room block deadline should be the same date.
 - Will put “Limited Amount” of waivers instead of a set amount.

Vice President – Kate Self

- Potential Bylaw changes looking at the one voting bylaws student rep for all of the students, is this still realistic? Should there be two if the subunits grow?
- At Fall Retreat we discussed the Treasurer have an at least 2 year commitment instead of a set every two years.
- Admin Handbook updates will happen later.

Student Representatives

- OSU update:
 - Student Sub-unit is hard at work hosting on and off-campus events this term. We have a large amount of new members coming in, including many showing interest in fisheries.
 - This weekend (Saturday, October 21st) Tjaden hosting a beginner’s fly fishing trip. he, along with a group of 7 other students and members of Trout Unlimited, are taking a group of 16 new fly anglers on a fishing trip. (ORAFS grant funded)

- Tjaden leading a scotch broom pull next weekend (October 28th), in collaboration with David Hill (USFS) in the Siuslaw forest.
- If anyone knows anyone who would want to host an event (either come to OSU to host in person or over zoom) for students to learn/hear from fisheries/wildlife professionals.
- Trout Unlimited may be interested in sponsoring a table.

Internal Director – Joe Lemanski

- Gave update via email.
- Menus will be finalized probably next week.
- Hotel rates are being verified now, link for the hotel was received and added to the registration website.

External Director – Alex Harrison

- No updates.

Secretary – Sarah Sapienza

- All ORAFS merchandise, registration, spawning run and auction and raffle are now in labeled clear bins.
- Helped update the ORAFS registration webpage.

Treasurer – Jordan Smith

- AFS insurance policy is now included, instead of the \$125 fee.
- Fee increase was \$25 for each non-member registration except for students.

**ORAFS Executive Committee
19 Oct 2023
Treasurer's Report**

1. Business Account Update

Checking Account Statement

**Beginning Balance \$39,133.78
(09/01/2023)**

Deposits/Credits \$570.00

Chapter Dues

Debits (\$996.10)

Fall Retreat Food, AFS Fall Retreat Flight

Checks (\$2,700.56)

National AFS AM Reimbursement, Website Fee
Reimbursement, Nongame Native Fish
Workshop Reimbursement, Fall Retreat
Mileage Reimbursements

Transfers (\$0.00)

**Statement Balance \$36,007.12
(09/30/2023)**

Adjourned 4:50 PM