



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, December 14, 2023, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

In attendance: Michele Weaver– President-Elect, Chris Hirsch – Past President, Sarah Sapienza – Secretary, Jordan Smith – Treasurer, Joe Lemanski – Internal Director, Alex Harrison – External Director, Tjaden Archer – OSU Student Subunit, Emma Schaffers – Mt Hood Student Subunit

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

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

- Alex moved to approve the November Minutes as edited and Michele submitted and seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

Main topics of conversation

- ORAFS sign on to Wild and Scenic Designation
 - Gary spoke with the local District Biologists and more clarification was provided.
 - Discussion of whether to endorse. ExCom is currently unable to support decision to sign but not against. **ACTION: Will contact Freshwater Legislative Committee to discuss further.**
 - Jordan motion to table delayed until January ExCom meeting without killing it, Alex seconded the tabling.
 - Funding for 16 early professional to attend Annual Meeting and lodging. Requirement for the applicants to be a ORAFS member.
- **ACTION: Chris will work on blurb for Pictorial Press to address the scam email several members received, ORAFS will never request via emails. "If you're uncertain if this is a scam, please call Jordan."**

Officer Reports

President – Gary Vonderohe

- Absent.

Past President – Chris Hirsch

- 2024-25 ExCom nominations
 - Candidates are running for every position. Some are opposed. Discussion of how to capture the vote, TEAMS or Survey 1-2-3.
- Bouch and the Sustainability Committee working on finalizing documents.

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
 - Still no access to the ORAFS Instagram account. Possibility of the creation of new account if not given access soon.
 - Discussion of Internal position TWS/AFS Liaison and if this position needed. Michele will meet with TWS to discuss. TWS/AFS overlapping meeting could be a potential opportunity to have more cross pollination between the two societies.
 - Tjaden suggested an outgoing student representative as a good opportunity for networking.

Vice President – Kate Self

- Absent.

Student Representatives

- OSU update – Tjaden Archer:
 - Finishing up Fall term now.
 - Kate attended Student Subunit meeting. Brought posters for posting at OSU for Annual Meeting registration and scholarships.
 - Over 24 undergrad students currently registered.
- Mt Hood update – Emma Schaffers:
 - Hosted a “Fishmas” party on Tuesday (Dec. 12th) which was attended by Kate self who gave a small presentation on the Annual meeting and OR AFS scholarships
 - Nominated and elected Elizabeth Grassl as MHCC subunit secretary in order to fill the vacancy, which was previously handled by MHCC subunit vice-president Cooper Sargent

Internal Director – Joe Lemanski

- No updates.

External Director – Alex Harrison

- Marine and Habitat Committee- discussing with a potential chair.

Secretary – Sarah Sapienza

- Contacted webmaster and had meeting minutes added to the website.

Treasurer – Jorden Smith

- **ACTION: Jorden will update registration website with adjusted amount for scholarships. Joe will send out reminder email to members.**

**ORAFS Executive Committee
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Treasurers Report**

1. Business Account Update
Checking Account Statement

Beginning Balance (11/01/2023)	\$33,688.77	
Deposits/Credits	\$4,854.12	Lassuy Donation, Sponsorships
Debits	(\$3,884)	Lassey Donation to Investment Account
Checks	(\$2,538.59)	Fall Retreat Food Reimbursement, SOTC Sponsorship, Accountant, Taxes, AM Poster Board Reimbursement, PTAGIS Vendor Fee
Transfers	(\$0.00)	
Statement Balance (11/30/2023)	\$32,120.30	

Available Funds

Beginning Balance (12/01/2023)	\$32,120.30	
Deposits/Credits	\$300.00	Native Fish Award Donations
Debits	(\$284.90)	5-year Website Domain, Fliplet App
Checks	(\$882.31)	Native Fish Award, WDAFS Retreat Reimbursement
Transfers	(\$0.00)	
Statement Balance (12/13/2023)	\$31,253.09	

FY24 Operating Budget Cap = \$53,577.61

Adjourned 4:52 PM