

Colorado-Wyoming Chapter of the American Fisheries Society

ExCom Meeting/Conference Call

December 14, 10:00am

WGFD Laramie Regional Office, Laramie, WY

Notes: Kevin Gelwicks

Attendees: Bobby Compton (President), Kevin Gelwicks (Secretary/Treasurer), Dan Brauch (Past President), , Richard Walker (UW Subunit President), Eric Gardunio, Christina Barrineau, Steve Gale

Phone: Rick Henderson (Vice President), Boyd Wright, Lori Martin, Estevan Vigil (CSU Subunit), Kelsi Antonelli (CMU Subunit), Diana Miller, Tom Fresques, Paul Gerrity, Eriek Hansen

The meeting was called to order and a quorum was established. The agenda was unanimously approved (Dan and Kevin). Minutes from July 2015 Excom meeting were unanimously approved (Dan and Kevin).

Secretary/Treasurer report (Kevin Gelwicks)

To date, the checking balance is \$35,124.00 with \$7,639.80 in expenses since the annual meeting. The savings balance is \$12,137.07 and CO Raffle Checking account balance is \$475.44.

Expenses so far include scholarships for individuals to attend the Parent Society Meeting in Portland and all of these reimbursements have been made.

It was noted that we may have additional mentee reimbursement requests from the 2015 field season.

Chapter Taxes (Rick Henderson)

Chapter taxes will be signed this week and sent off. Tax preparation is done, all the taxes need are a signature.

UW Student subunit is good on taxes. CSU Student subunit had 2 tax exempt numbers but that has been straightened out. Eriek Hansen has taken care of CMU Student subunit taxes.

2016 Annual Meeting and Committee Updates (Bobby Compton)

March 1-3, 2016 Hilton Garden Inn - Laramie

Schedule of Events

Welcoming Social – Rochelle Gateway Center – 6-10 pm on Tuesday

Meeting- Wednesday and Thursday

Student Social - Wednesday night at Train Depot

Business lunch - Thursday

Banquet – Thursday evening

Deadlines

Link will be up on website soon for abstract submission...link already on Angler

Meeting registration opens on January 4, 2016

Early Registration ends January 31, 2016

Abstract deadline February 1, 2016

Budgeted based on 145 attendees...should be higher based on past two meetings

50 year anniversary meeting...Bobby commented that it would be good to have past officers in attendance, especially from CO. Bobby will draft a letter to send to all Past-Presidents.

Room block is now open and expires on February 15, 2016. Make sure to note CO/WY AFS when making reservations.

Comp Rooms for students:

10-15 CSU Students

~4 CMU Students – will have better idea in late January

50th Anniversary Symposium and Associated Activities

Greg Anderson (Chapter Archivist) and Bobby came up with list of ideas for the meeting...Bobby distributed the list to the group. Bobby noted that he could use help with many of the ideas.

Dan Brauch, Diana Miller, Rick Henderson, Greg Anderson, Adam Leiferman, andd Eric Gardunio are all willing to help out. Need lots of easels...Hilton doesn't allow things on walls.

Adam Lieferman agreed to do a movie about the history of the Chapter

Powerpoint computers and projectors can display information during meeting.

50th anniversary logo for pint glasses, shirts, etc. Eriek Hansen said CMU graphic design folks probably can't do it. Bobby asked if anyone has graphic designer contacts that would help. Richard said Annika Walter's husband might be able to help. Eric Gardunio said Zack Underwood's dad and sister are graphic designers and may be able to help. Richard Walker said UW Student subunit just ordered pint glasses for fund raising and can put in another order once we have a logo.

Eriek suggested having the three student subunits come up with glasses and shirts and split proceeds or put proceeds towards student colloquium. Bobby noted that logo will need to be developed soon...look at photo archives first.

Thursday afternoon symposium with past AFS Presidents. Keg will be available at 4 pm. Steve Gale mentioned that we should recognize Fred Eiserman (first President) and Mike Stone may be tapped to give presentation on Fred (Conder idea). Bob Wiley may be able to attend. Bobby will send invitations to all past presidents he can find addresses for (email and/or physical).

Committee Reports

Fundraising (Dan Brauch)

Dan Brauch, Paul Gerrity, and Matt Kondratieff sent out donation letters in November and will be following up soon.

Paul Gerrity called in to report that -BLM wants to donate \$1,000, but wants two comped registrations. It has been about 5 years since they donated. Dan thought we would probably subtract the registration

fees from the total and list contribution less fees. Probably just have them register and give donation at that time.

Arrangements (Steve Gale and Beth Bear).

Have provided Bobby with draft of food and beverage needs, AV needs, etc. Will be able to tie up loose ends at meeting today.

Keg donations...UW catering runs conference center now...we can bring in our own beer and wine. They chill, we only pay for servers...considerable cost savings compared to past meetings. Should shoot for minimum of 4 and max of 6-7 kegs. Eric mentioned that "keg-getters" should communicate so we don't have too many. Estevan Vigil, CSU subunit, will shoot for 6 kegs from Fort Collins breweries, Richard Walker, UW sub-unit, will try to get ~2 additional kegs in Laramie from Altitude or Coal Creek.

Student social will be held at Train Depot. Hilton Garden Inn should be able to provide a shuttle from Hotel. Social money has been increased from \$1,200 to \$1,500.

Christina Barrineau asked how to acknowledge donors. We will have 4-5 page short program where we can acknowledge them, and slides and signs to acknowledge them during breaks. Dan will work with Steve and Beth to get acknowledgement stuff together...need to find membership committee.

Continuing Education (Diana Miller)

UW Biodiversity Institute will do a workshop on Communication in Science aimed at teaching scientists how to communicate to the public, and will be held March 1, 2016. It will be limited to 25 individuals, first come, first served. Kevin will put note on 123 signup to contact Diana Miller to get on a waiting list if it fills up.

Bobby mentioned that we could also do afternoon symposium by Liz Mandeville on sucker genetics. This information will be applicable to Colorado and Wyoming attendees, and would occur Tuesday afternoon.

We need to determine locations for both. UW Biodiversity Institute has said they can host the first course on campus.

There is \$1,500 budgeted for Continuing Education and Diana thinks that will cover it.

Membership (Boyd Wright)

Tom Fresques is the new co-chair from CO BLM. The committee would like to bring back a membership booth at the meeting. It will give folks the ability to update contact information, and they will keep a membership list from the parent society so people can check it and see if they are up to date on dues. They will be requesting a student volunteer to man the booth and need space for the booth. They will be putting blurb in next Angler reminding people they need to submit their annual dues in order to get member rate for meeting.

Newsletter

No report

Nominating (Dan Brauch).

Dan has ideas for candidates for Secretary/Treasurer and he will contact them to gauge interest.

Program Committee (Christina Barrineau).

Pdfs of program...will not print. Only a schedule at a glance will be printed. All systems are go.

Endowment (Eric Gardunio).

Just signed on. The first goal is to set up endowment at CMU.

Mentoring (Lori Martin).

Need to get mentees reimbursed if necessary, otherwise no report. Program is going great, and beneficial on both sides. Question...will we be doing a mentor/mentee event at student social? Richard Walker said they are planning on doing something similar this year at student social.

Mentor applications are open through January 15, 2016, and mentee application period will be January 15-March 15. They need mentees to keep program going. Steve hopes to put together a talk where mentees talk about their experience at CO/WY Meeting.

Poster/Paper Judging (Mandi Brandt/April Kraft).

Online submission was updated to get what they need.

Raffle (Boyd Wright and Adam Leiferman).

Adam got Surley to donate a fat bike. He needs a tv monitor at raffle booth to acknowledge donors, and is just getting started on soliciting donations. Jeff Streeter (Bobby) will offer one-day float or wade trip for North Platte or Encampment River. Dave Biedelsbach will offer stream restoration trip like last year. Bobby suggested tying something to 50th.

Registration (Kevin Gelwicks)

We will use 123 signup at a cost of 3%. The registration website will be open by January 4, 2016. Kevin has a list of registration prices, banquet, and continuing education. Registration costs will be the same as 2015. Member- early \$155, late \$175, student- early \$70, late \$85, retired are free, non-member- early \$170, late \$190, young professional- early \$85, late \$100, and \$90 for 1 day (member or non-member). Early registration will end January 31st. Register for block rooms by February 15th. No true av room...will have computer at registration desk to download talks.

Volunteers.

There are usually more student volunteers than jobs, we need to make sure students help with student social. Traditional jobs are av responsibilities, raffle room, and registration desk. There was a new idea to have student volunteers take pictures throughout the meeting. Also, have students work with moderators to help out with introductions, etc. Dan mentioned having students cook food for student social. Bobby encouraged folks to come up with ideas to keep students busy.

Usually the work reimbursement plan for students is: 4 hrs. half registration, 8 hrs. full registration
We should plan for:

~15 from UW Subunit

10-15 CSU

~5 CMU

Website (Kevin Gelwicks)

Joe Skorupski is the new webmaster. He has begun updating the site in preparation for the annual meeting.

Western Division AFS Environmental Concerns Committee (Lori Martin).

Rick Henderson, Jim White, Laura Burckhardt, Eric Fetherman are on the CO/WY AFS committee. Lori Martin explained a recommendation to restructure the Western Division Environmental Concerns Committee and provided a hand out. The WD suggests having a chair of each chapter ECC serve on WD ECC. The intent is to have experts on issues from throughout the Division.

Bobby noted that the committee fills itself-lots of interest from folks to serve on this committee in CO/WY Chapter. Idaho was only state not interested. Currently, the Vice President is the committee chair, and would be added duty.

No need to vote...all agreed that Environmental Policy Committee Chair will serve on ECC. Need to update procedures manual to add responsibility to Vice President. Could appoint a committee member if we don't want to add responsibility to VP, but rather have someone sit on ECC for several years. Try with VP for now...revisit in the future if necessary.

Student Subunit Reports**UW Student Subunit (Richard Walker)**

The UW subunit is hoping to boost undergraduate involvement in the Spring semester. They have a monthly meeting at the beginning of each month. Turnout is usually about 15 participants on average. They are working on the student social for the CO/WY meeting and plan to have it at the Train Depot. They are hosting WD AFS Student Colloquium the 2nd week of April in Lander at the Nature Conservancy Learning Center. Need assistance from CSU and CMU on fundraising. Planning on having local restaurants donate proceeds for certain nights. Interest in donation from COWY AFS...will submit request for Business Meeting.

CSU (Estevan Vigil).

The CSU Subunit revised their bylaws and got them back after review by Western Division AFS. They are currently being reviewed by the CO/WY Excom for final approval. They had a river restoration workshop this fall, and are planning on a fishing derby this spring. They are also planning on helping CPW with ice fishing clinics this winter. They want to add money to Western Division investment fund – Eric Gardunio will assist. They are interested in working with UW Subunit more in the future.

CSU Bylaws...Excom will get back to them by this week (Dan). CSU currently not acknowledged by Parent Society and are trying to get bylaws done.

CMU (Kelsi Antonelli)

The subunit is still new with 15-20 current members. They are continuing to build up membership. They have had guest speakers at each meeting, including Chris Myrick from CSU. In September they hosted a flyfishing film tour. They conducted a cleanup of Carson Lake and are looking for fundraising ideas for spring. This spring, they are also planning a campus flyfishing tutorial, icefishing trip in January and the usual monthly meetings with speakers.

Travel Grants to 2016 WD/Parent Society (Dan Brauch)

WD March 21-24, 2016 in Reno

Parent Society August 21-25, 2016 in Kansas City

Need to get announcements out this week. January 8 will be the deadline for WD and Parent Society applicants as January 21 is the deadline for WD abstracts, and March 13 for Parent Society abstracts. In future years, note this in November Angler.

2017 Annual Meeting (Rick Henderson)

Rick has been entertaining three ideas for meeting location; the usual Fort Collins meeting, meeting in Steamboat Springs or having a joint meeting with the Utah Chapter, probably in Grand Junction. The group decided to pursue a joint meeting with Utah in Grand Junction. They have investigated 2-3 options for a venue, one has risen to top. Lori Martin and Dan Brauch said they can help out. All acknowledged that the main negative for Grand Junction was the long trip for WY folks, but it has worked out in the past.

New Business

Dan Brauch –CO/WY Chapter supported the Parent Society raffle by contributing items, but it was contingent upon book proceeds going to student endowments. Dan is seeking reimbursement of \$24.27 for matting and \$96 for shipping. Dan also seeking money to pay for fine for CO Raffle (\$100 back to Dan). Total \$221.43

CSU and UW are ok with \$291 going to CMU (book raffle proceeds). Tom Nesler donated the books.

Procedure Manual Update-In July, the Excom discussed revising the Procedures Manual after the Bylaws were done. Rick Henderson will get it rolling by the end of the year.

The next ExCom meeting (conference call) is scheduled for Tuesday January 26, 2016 at 9 am. Bobby will email instructions.

Dan motioned to adjourn the meeting. Bobby seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 1310.