

**Colorado-Wyoming Chapter of the American Fisheries Society**  
**2013 Annual Business Meeting Minutes**  
**February 27, 2013**  
**Fort Collins, CO**

**Notes:** Dan Brauch

**Attendees:** Ryan Fitzpatrick (President), Paul Gerrity (Vice President), Dan Brauch (Secretary/Treasurer), Diana Miller (Past President), chapter committee members, and chapter members.

**Ryan Fitzpatrick (President)** - The meeting was called to order at 11:45 am. With 36 current active chapter members present, it was determined that quorum was not met. With no quorum, it was stated that approval of items would require a unanimous vote of at least 20 members, per the chapter bi-laws. Diana Miller agreed to serve as parliamentarian. The business meeting agenda was unanimously approved.

**Guest Address (Pam Sponholtz, President-Elect, Western Division American Fisheries Society)** – Pam presented details for the upcoming Western Division meeting, which will be held in Boise, Idaho April 15-18, 2013. The Idaho Chapter is hosting the meeting and is planning on several invited speakers, 24 symposia consisting of 350 presentations and 70 posters. Pam also announced the location of the 2014 Western Division meeting: Mazatlan, Mexico. The Western Division is planning on providing up to \$25,000 in matching funds to help professionals to attend the meeting and is requesting the local chapters provide a 50% match. The meeting will be held April 7-11, 2014. The meeting will be at an all inclusive resort which will provide great facilities for families if they travel to Mexico with attending members.

**State of the Chapter (Ryan Fitzpatrick)** – The state of the Chapter is in great shape with good profit during the past few years. This results in opportunities for funding of student endowments or projects. Ryan solicited ideas from the membership for future funding. The current annual meeting has been a success with a total of 153 registrants attending. Ryan encouraged member activity in AFS functions and committees and spoke to the personal and professional growth and development that AFS involvement brings to those participating. Ryan concluded by thanking members for their participation in the Colorado – Wyoming Chapter of AFS.

**Secretary-Treasurer Report (Dan Brauch)** – Dan presented a summary of chapter finances for fiscal year 2012, which ended on July 31, 2012. The chapter end of Fiscal Year funds totaled \$61,352, with \$35,508 in checking, \$12,133 in savings, and about \$13,711 in the Western Division Investment Fund. The FY 2012 ending balances were higher due to increased income in FY 2012 from hosting the 2012 Western Division AFS Annual Meeting, in Jackson, Wyoming (Total FY 2012 profit was \$14,351). Dan also gave an update on the projected fiscal year 2013 budget. To date, the chapter has received \$16,713 in income, which includes a significant amount in meeting sponsorship income (\$6,950). \$5,037 in expenses for the current fiscal year have been paid. The FY2013 final income is expected to exceed \$12,000 due in large part to exceptional work by the fundraising committee.

**Preliminary Address Regarding 2015 Meeting (Dan Brauch)** – Dan discussed potential meeting locations for the 2015 annual meeting and solicited input from the membership. Paul Day requested meeting in Fort Collins / Loveland area to allow better participation from Wyoming chapter members.

**FY13 Proposed Budget (Paul Gerrity)** - Paul discussed the FY 2014 budget. The prepared budget plans on \$9,000 in income (projects and 2013 Western Division meeting support was not included in presented budget). It is expected that FY 2014 could see more expenditures than income due to favorable income from past couple of years.

## Presidents Highlights of Committee Chair Reports (Ryan Fitzpatrick)

- **Continuing Education** - The Continuing Education Committee organized an Instream Flow Continuing Education Session which was held on Monday (February 25) and was well attended. Tom Annear and Tim Monahan were among the presenters.
- **Archive** – Greg Anderson is the chapter archivist. Dan will send all meeting materials to him for archiving. A funding request will be discussed in new business.
- **Environmental Policy** – Ryan informed the membership about a letter from the Parent Society to President Obama regarding global warming which was submitted earlier this year.
- **Fundraising** – The fundraising committee did a great job with underwriting of the meeting this year, with an \$8,500 in funding commitments from agencies and businesses!
- **Paper/Poster Judging** – Christina Barrineau is chairing the judging committee and is working to compile ratings for the awards banquet.

### Student Sub-unit Reports

- **Colorado State University (Tyler Swarr)** – The CSU subunit has been having bi-weekly meetings every other Wednesday. Matt Kondratieff will be presenting at the next meeting. The College Lake Fishing Derby, the sub-units main funding source, has been affected by the invasion of College Lake by New Zealand Mud Snails. Work is being done to get approval from Colorado Parks and Wildlife for approval for spring event, but may need to consider moving the event to the fall if approval is not achieved in time. The student chapter has updated their web site and has a new Facebook page. Many student unit officers are graduating this year, so efforts are underway to increase membership.
- **University of Wyoming (Philip Branigan)** – The UW subunit currently has a good active core group which participates in monthly Tuesday night meetings. Christina Barrineau will be talking next week about the Laramie River. The subunit is financially stable and going well. The subunit thanked the chapter for support of student scholarships to attend the annual meeting.

### Unfinished Business

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- **Announcement of New Secretary Treasurer (Dan Brauch)** – Two great candidates ran for the incoming Secretary/Treasurer position. Bobby Compton was elected as the Secretary/Treasurer for fiscal year 2014. Thanks to candidates for stepping up and being willing to participate as chapter officers.

### New Business

- Ryan introduced idea to fund professional representatives to travel to the 2014 Western Division Meeting in Mazatlan. The Western Division intends to provide a match to pay for additional members to attend the meeting if chapter also supports attendance. Paul Gerrity made motion to fund up to \$2,000 for a Wyoming chapter member and \$2,000 for a Colorado Chapter member to attend the meeting. The motion was seconded by Travis Neebling and was unanimously passed verbally by members present.
- Ryan introduced an Archive Committee request to fund \$2,000 for archiving of digital photographs. Kendall Bakich made motion to provide \$2,000 to fund archiving of chapter digital photographs; Diane Miller seconded motion. During discussion, a question was asked whether previous funding included photo archiving, and the answer was no (only documents). A question was asked about the format of scanned photos, but the format was unknown. It was proposed that a format be chosen that could be widely used by membership. Verbal vote resulted in several dissenting votes, so motion did not pass.
- Ryan brought up request from Western Division to provide additional funding of 2013 Western Division meeting, if possible. \$500 has already been donated by the chapter and Ryan introduced the idea of

donating an additional \$500. Darrel Snyder made motion to provide an additional \$500 to support the Western Division Meeting. Jason Burckhardt seconds motion. Verbal vote is unanimous, motion passes.

- Ryan introduced a suggestion that since chapter funding has exceeded income the last few years, there is potential to use some of the chapter funds to support various projects or to provide meeting support such as student endowments, additional travel support, or support for retired fisheries folks. Discussed a need to maintain input and participation by people who are no longer active and who maintain lots of knowledge but are not able to attend meeting financially. Discussed benefits of having experienced fisheries professionals available to interact and share their experience with students and other professionals. Also discussed a desire to involve and encourage attendance from students and professors from small colleges. Ann Widmer made motion to form a committee to propose additional funding and allow for membership vote at the 2014 annual meeting. Diana Miller seconded motion and membership supported motion with unanimous verbal vote, motion passed.

**The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 pm**