

Colorado-Wyoming Chapter of the American Fisheries Society
2012 Annual Business Meeting Minutes
March 27, 2012
Jackson, Wyoming

Notes: Paul Gerrity

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

Diana Miller (President) - The meeting was called to order at 11:31 am. A quorum was determined at 11:33 am. Dirk Miller agreed to serve as parliamentarian. The business meeting agenda was unanimously approved.

State of the Chapter (Diana Miller) – The state of the chapter is good. The CO/WY Chapter of the AFS currently has 215 official members and there are an additional 50 that still need to renew for 2012. Thirty-five chapter members currently serve on a committee. Diana thanked the chapter members who put a lot of work in putting on the 2012 WD meeting.

Secretary-Treasurer Report (Paul Gerrity) – Paul presented two reports. The first report was a summary of chapter finances for fiscal year 2011, which ended on July 31, 2011. The chapter had a total profit of \$2,879 for fiscal year 2011. Paul also gave an update on the projected fiscal year 2012 budget. So far the chapter has received a \$1,000 donation from Wyoming State parks and Archives and \$2,250 donation from the sale of Wyoming Game and Fish Commissioner Jerry Galles's elk license. It was too early to tell how much money the chapter will make from hosting the 2012 Western Division AFS Annual Meeting; however, both the chapter and the division will each likely achieve their \$5,000.00 profit goal.

Dirk Miller asked if a thank-you letter had been sent to Commissioner Galles for the donation of some of the proceeds from his elk tag. Travis Neebling confirmed that a thank-you letter had been sent.

FY13 Proposed Budget (Ryan Fitzpatrick) - Ryan said that the 2013 CO/WY Chapter AFS Annual Meeting will be held in Fort Collins from February 25 – 27. With an estimated 100 attendees Ryan estimated that the Chapter will profit by \$8,000.

Committee Highlights (Diana Miller)

- **Newsletter** - The Newsletter Committee produced three issues of *The Angler* during the year. There have been no significant changes to the contents of *The Angler* over the last several years, and it's probably time for some updates and new features. Ideas from the membership on ways to improve the newsletter are welcome. The committee is also in need of a co-editor for this year to help produce the newsletter.
- **Continuing Education** - The Continuing Education Committee organized four workshops at the Western Division American Fisheries Society Annual Meeting in Jackson which provided

continuing education for a total of 67 AFS members. The workshops included: AFS Leadership Workshop, Aquatic Plants Workshop, Stable Isotopes Workshop, and Introduction to R Workshop. The Continuing Education Committee is currently soliciting ideas for future workshops.

- **Archive:** The Archive Committee is pleased to report that it has completed a monumental effort in the chapter's plans to scan our archive collection and arrange for a formal long-term storage loan agreement with the D.C. Booth Historic National Fish Hatchery and Archive facility in Spearfish, South Dakota. The following is a synopsis of the events that took place to achieve this project:
 - A proposed budget request of \$2,000.00 was passed by the chapter membership.
 - The committee received a grant from the Wyoming State Historical Records Advisory Board for a \$1,000.00 for this project.
 - The scanning project was completed with a total cost of \$2,882.69 dollars. For this effort the chapter received a set of microfiche film and 2 professional CD's.
 - Copies of CD's containing our chapter archives were presented to the ExCom.
 - On October 4, 2011 the committee hand delivered 5 boxes of paper documents, microfiche film and CD to Randi Smith, curator of the D.C. Booth Historic National Fish Hatchery and Archive facility in Spearfish, South Dakota, and secured a 3-year renewable loan agreement.
 - Copies of past chapter proceedings were provided to the University of Wyoming and Colorado State University libraries as well as past copies of the chapter newsletter *The Angler* to the University of Wyoming.
 - The Archives Committee's next effort will be to scan the chapter's photo collection. Research has begun to find a photo management system/software to scan the collection.
 - A future endeavor is to start thinking about a 50th anniversary history write up. A committee may need to be formed.

Student Sub-unit Reports

- **Colorado State University (Eric Gardunio)** – The CSU subunit has been having bi-weekly meetings where 20-30 people show up. Some subunit students just got a mercury dilution research project published and others have a student's angle and pike predation study in press. Eric said that New Zealand mud snails have recently been discovered in College Lake, which is owned by CSU. Access to the lake has been subsequently been restricted by CSU, which prevented the subunit from holding their annual ice fishing derby. The subunit is currently trying to come up with a decontamination procedure so that they can resume activities on College Lake. Other activities that the subunit has participated in include assisting with a Poudre River cleanup and a kid's fishing day.
- **University of Wyoming (Eriek Hansen)** – The UW subunit currently has an all-undergraduate ExCom. Many guest speakers have appeared at subunit meetings over the past year. Subunit students will be assisting the Wyoming Game and Fish Department with PIT tagging and radio tagging of brown trout in Laramie River during the spring of 2012.

Unfinished Business

- **Memorial Scholarship Recipients (Diana Miller)** – Kyle Christiansen from CSU and Eriek Hansen from UW were this year's scholarship recipients
- **Awards (Jason Burckhardt and Diana Miller)** – Anna Senecal presented Patrick Lionberger (not present) with the "Max" award of Merit. The University of Wyoming student subunit presented Wyoming Game and Fish Department fisheries biologist Steve Gale with an award for all of his work with the subunit over the years. Kevin Rogers presented Ben Swigle with the Leaky Boot Award. Diana Miller presented Ann Widmer with the Past President Award. The Awards Committee decided to wait until the meeting banquet to award the "Award of Excellence."
- **Announcement of New Secretary Treasurer (Paul Gerrity)** - Dan Brauch was elected as the Secretary/Treasurer for fiscal year 2013

New Business

- Diana announced that the Western Division AFS ExCom is looking for someone to chair the division's environmental concerns committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:03 pm