

Colorado-Wyoming Chapter of the American Fisheries Society

ExCom Meeting/Conference Call

July 22, 2013

WGFD Lander Regional Office

Notes: Bobby Compton

Attendees: Paul Gerrity (President), Dan Brauch (Vice President), Bobby Compton (Secretary/Treasurer), Ryan Fitzpatrick (Past President), and Nate Cook (called in)

The meeting was called to order, a quorum was established, and the official officer changeover occurred for FY14.

Secretary/Treasurer report (Dan Brauch)

Dan requested that the Business and Conference Call (May 13) Meeting minutes be sent out to committee chairs for final review before the July Angler is published. Dan motioned to approve both meeting minutes pending any corrections, Paul seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Dan provided paper copies of the budget (Treasurer's Report). The final report will come out at end of July (end of fiscal year), but the print out is current through July 22. We began the fiscal year with \$61,000 and now have approximately \$72,000; this increase (profit) is shown in the checking account. Recent expenses were discussed and are as follows: \$1,000 to Brett Johnson, \$1,000 to Anika Walters, ExCom meeting dinner later today, Paul Gerrity reimbursement for attending the Western Division meeting in Boise, and two outstanding checks from the last meeting (totaling \$170; they can be paid for out of the FY14 budget).

Review of FY14 Budget (Paul Gerrity)

Paul asked if it is mandatory to make \$7,000 for each annual meeting - this amount is not in by-laws or procedures but has been a goal of past meetings. This target could have been created during the joint Wildlife Society/AFS meeting in 2011. Paul is not sure what the profit will be for the 2014 meeting but estimates it to be \$5,500. He thought this would not be a problem because we need to spend some money as no money was spent for Western Division retreat travel and remains in the budget.

Eriek Hansen, recently hired as a professor at Colorado Mesa University in Grand Junction, has requested \$300 for start-up money for a new student subunit (for food and other expenses). This request was approved and he will provide update at the next business meeting.

Mark Smith of the Budget Review Committee suggested that we spend money on student travel grants to the Western Division meeting in Mazatlan. Per chapter bylaws, the ExCom can give out a total of \$2,000 per fiscal year without a vote from the chapter membership. Because \$300 was given to Eriek Hansen for the CMU subunit startup cost, \$1,700 remained for the ExCom to give out in FY14. The ExCom decided to use this remaining \$1,700 for a chapter student member to attend the Mazatlan meeting. This travel grant amount, and E. Hansen's \$300 request, will be added into the FY14 budget under the "ExCom-approved expenses in 2013". The student gift membership will be eliminated for the coming year to help compensate for the Mazatlan travel grant. An announcement/application for students will come out soon and will be sent out to advisors, faculty, subunits. A deadline of October 11 for applicants was set and Ryan will make the application and send out. Unlike the past travel application for chapter professional members, a fifth criterion will be added for long term goals (will be added to work experience).

Additional funding requests may not be considered by the ExCom in FY14 (discretionary budget approved on above items) but requests could be submitted to the membership at the annual business

meeting for a membership vote (per Chapter bylaws, can be approved by majority if quorum is met or by unanimous vote of at least 20 members present if quorum is not met).

FY14 budget review- Paul used a lot of past expenses from past meetings to estimate the upcoming budget and has probably over budgeted. \$4,000 will be used to send two members to Mazatlan. Dan notified Paul that there is a 123 Signup credit card fee (3% flat fee on the total amount spent ???) on top of their basic fee. Last year the total was \$1444 and this cost was not in the FY14 budget. Dan will give Paul the exact amount from last year's meeting and Paul will add the 3% to the FY14 budget.

Paul motioned to approve the proposed FY14 budget after adding \$2,000 (\$300 for E. Hansen and \$1,700 for student travel to Mazatlan) and the 123 Signup credit card fee. Ryan seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Committee reports

Membership update (Nate Cook) – He is keeping the email list up-to-date. He is cleaning up addresses when email addresses bounce during routine list serve emails. Paul appreciates the promptness of getting out emails to membership. The current contact info for members is pretty good.

UW update - Eriek Hansen is leaving and others will need to step up to keep the subunit going. Phil Branigan, the past president, noted that there is a lot of turnover and 3 of 4 officers have graduated. Jessica Dugan plans to run for president this coming year, and a new graduate student, Tyler Firkus, will run for either Treasurer or Secretary. They plan to recruit two other undergraduates to run for the other officer positions. The first meeting of the UW subunit will be scheduled for the week of either August 26 or September 2nd and the subunits' activities will be planned shortly after the first meeting.

This past spring, the subunit had a number of speakers from the Wyoming Game and Fish Department present their work and research at the subunit monthly meetings, including Christina Barrineau, Travis Neebling, and Mike Roberston. The UW subunit also worked with the Wyoming Game and Fish Department monitoring brown trout redds in Spring Creek in Laramie and also worked with TU (Adopt-A-Trout) with radio-tracking trout in the spring. They are very excited to host the Colorado Wyoming Chapter annual meeting here in Laramie. Lastly, the UW subunit has submitted the paperwork to the IRS for tax exemption, paid the fee, and status is still pending.

CSU update - Jon Wardell, current president, is working on taxes and Ryan will help him out. A banking issue (from changing names) has been resolved. Both subunits have directions for filing 990 EZ to apply (line by line). This was created by Matt Kondrodieff and is in our tax file (physical). Ryan will talk to both Phil Brannigan and Jon Wardell to see if both have been filed and where both subunits stand. He will meet with them the 1st week of August (including Dan Gibson-Reinemer). This duty should be a part of the faculty sponsor's duty in the future.

Continuing Education – Jesse Lepak and Diana Miller are talking about a genetics course taught by J. Metcalf and S. Fitzpatrick from CSU. They will provide notes and slideshows that describe current genetics techniques, and then go over papers that use these current techniques in fisheries. Both instructors want to do the course.

Newsletter – Eric Fetherman and Anna Senecal are now in charge, but Beth is helping with transition. Thanks to Beth for all her help over the years. Eric is requesting to submit submissions on time (this Wednesday).

Discussion on creating an Aquaculture Committee (Paul Gerrity)

Paul proposed the creation of a special aquaculture committee, via Lars Alsager (a hatchery superintendent with WGFD). Lars would like to have at least one employee from each hatchery from each state attend meetings (a goal of the committee). He would like a co-chair from each state. Dan and Ryan will start asking around within CPFW to get culturists engaged. They will then get in touch with Lars. Lars will begin to discuss this idea with the WGFD culture section. This proposal will be discussed with WGFD staff. We decided to give Lars the floor at the next business meeting so he can pitch the idea. We will monitor participation/meeting symposium/speakers, etc. over the next few years and then decide if we should create a standing committee. Paul will send out the committee goals to ExCom. Paul motioned to create a special aquaculture committee. Dan seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Review of Mazatlan applications (Paul Gerrity)

ExCom (minus Compton) has reviewed applications (two from each state) and applicants will be contacted before the recipients are made public. One applicant from each state was selected.

New Business

Ryan noted that Utah has inquired if we want to host a joint meeting in 2016 at the earliest. The location would need to be close to Utah.

Ryan requested that the special funding committee created at the 2013 business meeting get going now to come up with ideas and solicit proposals soon so it can be voted on at the 2014 business meeting. We don't want to discuss the committee again at the business meeting. It needs to be online before the meeting. Ryan will contact the funding committee (Smith, Widmer, and Sponholtz) and get them organized and motivated. The funding committee cannot approve money but will bring proposals and the proposals need to be approved by membership.

Bobby participated in the last Western Division conference call and updated ExCom about the content of the meeting.

Dan signed a contract for 2015 meeting at the Ft. Collins Marriott. The date of the meeting is 2/23-2/27. No down payment was requested by Marriott as of yet.

Paul motioned to adjourn the meeting. Dan seconded and the meeting was adjourned.