



## Colorado-Wyoming Chapter of the American Fisheries Society



Winter ExComm Meeting Minutes  
December 11, 2012

Colorado Parks and Wildlife  
Northeast Regional Office  
317 West Prospect Road  
Fort Collins, CO 80526

Members attending: Michelle McGree, Boyd Wright, Eric Gardunio, Chris Kraft, Bobby Compton, Dan Brauch (by phone), Nathan Cook, Christina Barrineau, Ryan Fitzpatrick, Jesse Lepak, Paul Gerrity, and Rick Henderson

Meeting called to order 9 am.

Quorum has been met (Ryan)

Approval of meeting agenda

Business minutes approved after addition of one item: two committee vacancies. Paul first, Jesse second.

Treasurer's report (Dan Brauch)

Fiscal year 2013 is just underway with only two expenditures to date (Tax preparation fees of \$497 and liability insurance payment of \$150). Currently, checking balance is at \$35,508 and savings balance is at \$12,133. With investment fund value of approximately \$13,047, total chapter balances at \$60,689. Paul noted that we can move money from checking to endowment fund after annual meeting as annual meeting could have some big upfront costs.

Chapter taxes update (Paul Gerrity) Done!

Discussion of FY13 budget (Ryan Fitzpatrick)

We are sitting pretty well on our accounts. We could add to our endowment funds. Investment funds, we could add too, but it has tanked since we put money in. If membership has other ideas, bring up. Jesse mentioned INTL Kokanee Workshop in February (4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>). Ryan suggested that membership can discuss potential assistance of funds at annual meeting. Endowment funds are approved for support of CSU and University of Wyoming sub-units. Need to increase VP travel budget to \$1500 for Paul to travel to WD meeting.

2013 Annual meeting update (Ryan Fitzpatrick)

Marriott hotel best deal, will look at rooms this afternoon, contract worked out.

Open committee positions

Two open committee positions: Raffle and AV equipment committee chairs.

Student subunit reports (CSU – Eric Gardunio, UW- Phil Branigan)

Eric Gardunio: Tyler Swarr ([tyler\\_swarr@msn.com](mailto:tyler_swarr@msn.com)) is new CSU chapter president for next year. Chapter is looking to have derby in April and is working on Boyd Lake native fishes study. Student chapter has a new t-shirt design for and have shirts on sale now! Chris Kraft is working on student social for annual meeting and is working to obtain donated beer from New Belgium brewery. Chapter is working with Avogandro's Number to have annual meeting student social there. Also working with Coopersmiths (if social was held there, chapter could not bring in donated beer) or center for fine arts photography (would be fee of \$300 but would do own food and beer). Chapter is working on filing taxes, but IRS does not know who chapter is (Matt Kondratieff was doing taxes for

a while). Chapter is working to reapply for FEIN, but there may be a tax penalty. Ryan indicated that the CO/WY Chapter could cover any penalties to get the student chapter taxes completed.

Phil Branigan did not attend ExComm, but it was reported that student chapter membership has been good.

#### Committee reports

- Arrangements (Ryan Fitzpatrick)
- Chapter archivist (Greg Anderson)
  - o Ryan has some edits for Fall Excomm meeting that he will provide to Dan who will then submit to Greg.
- Continuing education (Bobby Compton, Jesse Lepak)
  - o Scoped out several alternatives for 2013 continuing education sessions. A (cutthroat) genetic workshop was considered, but Jessica Metcalf not available and Kevin Rogers was not interested in instructing. Also have been working on a session on water law and water rights principles. Bobby mentioned that Tom Veneer is WY in stream flow coordinator and could be on panel (does speak around country). Discussed other potential speakers and potential of having a panel for session. Rick Henderson mentioned that the USFS has two water law folks on staff and that he could contact to see if they could participate. Discussed asking fish people with water law background to present, not lawyers. Could put together session with no caps. Jesse would like to put together proposal (a couple paragraphs) for the next week or so to send out for discussion.
- Environmental policy (Paul Gerrity)
- Membership (Nathan Cook, Boyd Wright)
  - o Steve Gale stepped down after 6 years on committee but still will be helping; Boyd now has access to email list and account. Nathan discussed getting new copy of membership from parent chapter. Discussed waiting until a little later since many will renew in January or getting list from 2012 instead (could do both). Mentioned that Steve Gale wants to set up face book page.
- Newsletter (Beth Bear)
  - o Eric Featherman volunteered to be co-editor
  - o PLEASE GET STUFF IN FOR THIS JANUARY!! Get in early if possible!
- Nominating (Diana Miller)
  - o Two candidates for 2014 chapter Secretary / Treasurer: Jason Burkhard and Bobby Compton. Request for any other volunteers was made with nominations due by deadline for January Angler.
- Program (Rick Henderson)
  - o Early Registration will move up? Paper deadline January 18<sup>th</sup>
  - o Working on potential sessions including Stream Restoration (Matt Konratieff lead), Fish Culture (Jason Fearheilly lead) and sharing your experiences session.
- Audio Visual (Vacant)
  - o Nathan Cook can assist, but need a committee chair (Nathan does have some stuff to support).
- Awards (Jason Burckhardt)
  - o PLEASE NOMINATE FOLKS
- Endowment funding (Travis Neebling)
- Fundraising (Ann Widmer, Matt Kondratieff)
  - o Past president automatically becomes chair of fundraising committee, need to get in this protocol added to bylaws
  - o Matt Kondratieff will get contact list from WD meeting for fundraising
- Fundraising vision (Mark Smith)
- Illegal stocking (Craig Amadio)
- Mentoring (Bobby Compton)
  - o Need to complete final draft of application process and program details. We have to get approval within WY to see if administration supports the program. Would like to run document to agencies to make sure there is support. CPW could send documents to

Senior Biologist meeting. May want to run by USFS also. Bobby will work to have draft completed by end of year.

- Papers/poster judging (Christina Barrineau)
  - o Christina may need help with responsibilities for annual meeting
- Gifts (Christina Barrineau)
  - o Send her gift ideas!
- Raffle (vacant)
  - o Dan will send Ryan list of contacts. Dan suggested that we may want to increase budget for photo contest to \$200 to allow for continued budget for purchase of raffle items.
- Registration (Dan Brauch)
  - o Ryan suggested that student prices be left the same for 2013 annual meeting and that registration for non-students be raised \$5 to \$10. Results in registration fees of \$155 for regular members. Ryan and Kevin will be working to have 123signup registration set up in next week and will get final numbers entered into web site. Ryan expected open registration to begin next week and will get announcement out to list serve when the 123signup page is ready. Early Registration date is planned for the first week of February.
- Student liaison (Michelle McGree)
  - o Will work with students to make sure they cover what they normally do. May want to incorporate Student liaison position into procedures manual for student chapters as it is newer position. Michelle has been in contact with Eric (CSU chapter).
- Trade show/ vendors (Steve Gale)
- Website (Kevin Gelwicks, Travis Neebling)

#### 2014 CO/WY annual meeting update (Paul Gerrity)

Paul is planning on a Tuesday through Thursday meeting with continuing education to be held on Tuesday. Hilton Garden worked well last time and Paul is working on contract to hold 2014 annual meeting there. Need \$1000 deposit by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### 2014 Western Division meeting in Mexico (Ryan Fitzpatrick)

Ryan discussed raising funds to pay for one professional from chapter to attend meeting. To apply, applicant will submit a short write up including their activity in AFS. ExComm agreed to review and choose winner and to exclude themselves from consideration of receiving award. Recipient will be expected to present at Western Division annual meeting while attending.

#### New Business

Potential for having shuttle to student social was discussed. Michelle and Zack may want to discuss.

#### Next ExComm Meeting date, time

Date was not discussed during meeting, but time and date was set after meeting: January 28<sup>th</sup> at 9am. This meeting will be held as a conference call to finalize plans for the upcoming annual meeting.

Adjourned at 10:30 am After adjourning, members of ExComm conducted site visit of Marriott Hotel, location of 2013 annual meeting.