

Bonneville Chapter AFS
2007 Business Meeting
Eccles Center USU Campus
March 21, 2007

08:00 Call to order, welcome, introductions (Patrick Goddard)

To get Chapter members involved in the parent society and because the Excomm would like to find ways to encourage people to join AFS, we decided to give away a parent society membership to one presenter (drawn at random) for each session (three total sessions at this meeting). The names drawn were: David Thompson, Tarita Harju, and Bryan Baker. Members of the Excomm decided that if the individual drawn already had a membership for the year, the Chapter would pay their parent society dues for 2008. This was the original intent; however, David Thompson already paid his member dues for 2007 and actually donated his award to a student for 2007. John Aedo accepted the membership award in David's place.

Patrick also encouraged everyone to participate in the parent society and reiterated that everyone who wishes to vote on issues in the Business Meeting needs to be a member of both the Chapter and the parent society.

Approval of minutes from Jan 30th meeting (Trina Hedrick)

Meeting minutes from the Jan 30th meeting were included in the Lateral Line. Patrick asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Eriek Hansen made the motion; Eric Wagner seconded the motion. All voted in favor of accepting the minutes. No one voted against the motion.

Amendments to agenda (Patrick)

None

OLD BUSINESS

BAFS budgets/investments update (Trina Hedrick)

Treasurer's report for this past year is attached at end of this summary. Incoming dollars increased from the previous year, as did expenses. This is likely a result of the increase in member benefits provided by the Chapter (travel awards, etc.). Interest income nearly doubled from the previous year from \$540 to \$1040. Student seed money is normally \$200; however, they never received money from 2004 or 2005 so they were given \$600 in 2006.

Also, the Western Division AFS has started a fund that will be a little more risky than a term deposit, but will likely have greater returns over the long run. WDAFS has decided to also allow chapters to invest in this fund with the idea that only interest will be withdrawn. The principal amount (minimum of \$1000) must remain in the fund for a longer term. Interest disbursements to each chapter will be decided by the percentage of principal each chapter has in the fund. Trina

recommended that the Chapter take \$1000 to \$2000 to start with from the money market (and not delve into the term deposits yet since they do bring more interest than the money market) to start investing in Western Division's funds. Paul Cowley mentioned that over their first year, the return was around 20%, but this will of course fluctuate with the stock market.

Eriek motioned to take \$2000 from the money market and invest it in the WDAFS investment fund. Gary Theide asked whether someone would monitor these funds. Paul Cowley discussed the history of the fund, that WDAFS had a financial committee, and that someone would always be in charge of monitoring the investment. Roger Schneidervin said he thought it would be a good idea. Paul Cowley mentioned it was not necessary that we specify that the investment come from the money market, but rather that it would just come from the Chapter account. The motion passed with no opposition.

Student Subunit Report (Eriek Hansen)

The Student Subunit recently awarded a scholarship to an undergraduate interested in a fisheries career: Jacob Stoller. At this time, their account balance is \$1317.43, but they will certainly see money come in from the pint glass sales and the fish of flies raffle. Membership for the semester was 20 after losing some to fall graduation. They have about five undergraduates that attend events occasionally. On Friday (March 23rd), the subunit is hosting Brad Dimock, author of The Very Hard Way: Bert Loper and the Colorado River. In April, they will be assisting in the Salmon Fly Transplant project in April and the Bear River Festival in May.

Western Division Update (Eric Wagner)

Eric is currently the President Elect for the Western Division AFS. The annual meeting (in San Francisco) will be Sept 2nd – 6th. They currently have 60 symposia planned, with approximately 1600 talks. They are planning many concurrent sessions covering both marine and freshwater fisheries. The deadline is closed for abstract submission; however, registration is still ongoing. A number of the subsections plan to produce publications from the meeting. Eric mentioned that the bioengineering subsection planned to produce a publication based on talks given at the meeting. Registration for the hotel is currently available online. The next AFS annual meeting will be in Ottawa, Canada, then Nashville in 2009, and Pittsburgh in 2010. WDAFS will be in Portland this year in May.

Recent WDAFS activities include: a DVD presenting information on the different strains of cutthroat trout across the western U.S. The DVD should be available soon for educational purposes. AFS is coming out with a new online journal (ETA is 2008) covering marine and estuarine issues. Access to this journal will be free. In the new standard names of fish text, all common names will be capitalized so this will be different for the purposes of submitting publications. AFS has implemented a new fee structure that includes \$19 memberships for students, \$38 for young professionals (defined as a professional working within the first three years after graduation). AFS has published multiple resolutions in Fisheries recently; one regarding economic growth in opposition to fisheries and one regarding evolution. Eric mentioned that AFS is aware of the issues with the website and that the Maryland office is trying

to work out the issues and get it fixed. Gus Rassam, AFS Executive Director, is in his last term. The AFS Excomm is trying to find ways to keep him with AFS.

The parent society has donated a great deal of money to fisheries students and professionals in Katrina-impacted states. Donations include money for membership, travel, and books (some of the money to transport these books actually came from BAFS). They have been giving up to \$30,000 per year to Katrina impacted chapters. The Fish Habitat Initiative, a relatively new initiative modeled after Ducks Unlimited, but oriented towards fish, is starting to pick up momentum. The Initiative has been set up to provide funding to on-the-grounds projects. Eric mentioned that we could potentially start benefiting from this funding and we therefore need to start identifying applicable projects within our various workgroups.

WDAFS is working with the parent society to increase percentage of earnings given to the sponsoring chapters. Right now, for hosting meetings, WDAFS receives 10% of the profits, the chapter another 10%, and the parent society would receive the remaining 80%. Many folks think that the Western Division and state chapters put in a great deal of time to these events and therefore deserve a greater cut of the profits. In 2011, the WDAFS will be hosting a national meeting and they may look to Utah to be the state host. It may actually be held in Mexico; however, this has yet to be finalized. A discussion of whether Utah should volunteer to host a national meeting ensued. Patrick mentioned that he was reluctant to volunteer folks for 2011 as the Excomm would be entirely different and it may reduce the willingness of members to participate in the Chapter over the next few years. Roger suggested that it's something that every Chapter hosting the national meeting considers and that it shouldn't necessarily stop us. Someone mentioned that facilities could be an issue. AFS attendance tends to be around 3500. A few locations were talked about as potential meeting locations: Snowbird, etc. Phaedra mentioned that ESA has met in Utah multiple times and are a much larger society than AFS. Eriek suggested that we should discuss whether we as a chapter want to host a national meeting. Trina motioned to continue discussing the idea of hosting the national AFS meeting in 2011. Scott Tolentino seconded the motion. Though it will be a great deal of work, we would likely make a significant amount of money from the meeting. Paul Cowley mentioned that he did not think it was worth the effort for only 10% of the profits and hoped that WDAFS would continue to pursue getting the percentage increased. Eric mentioned that it would not just be the Excomm that would plan the meeting. For example, they have a planning committee of 80 individuals for the San Francisco meeting. We could also look to other chapters to help, especially ones that have hosted national meetings. Someone mentioned that there is an individual in WDAFS that helps with meeting coordination, including contacting facilities to set up the conference venue. Everyone was in favor of looking further into hosting a national meeting. A committee will be formed (if deemed necessary) after the decision between Utah or Mexico is finalized.

Committee reports

SNWA proposal – The Chapter sent a letter of concern about 8 months ago after last year's plenary session describing our concerns with the proposed action and its potential impacts to the fisheries of the west desert. The issues surrounding the project have become very complex, making a quick summary difficult to provide. At this point SNWA is in the process of working with resource agencies to come up with extensive monitoring

plans and the agreement between UT and NV is still pending. This agreement must be complete before water withdrawals can occur.

Fish culture/health (Chris Wilson/Ric Hartman) – Chris talked about the proposed legislation for changes to the fish health board. Senator Peterson developed S.B. 195, which was crafted according to concerns from private fish culturists about regulation of private hatcheries. Chris and Patrick drafted a letter for Senator Peterson’s review and Chris was able to work with the senator to remove the more problematic parts of the legislation. Specifically BAFS was concerned about the part of the legislation that would place more private culturists on the Fish Health Board. Senator Peterson was amenable to removing these problematic items from the proposed bill. Ric talked about construction at state hatcheries, i.e., Mantua. Whiterocks hatchery construction is nearing completion, Midway Hatchery construction has recently begun, and the Springville Hatchery renovations will begin after the Midway Hatchery work is finished. Ric mentioned the discovery of VHS (Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia) and Quagga mussel in and/or near Utah. The committee is tracking these issues and will continue doing so into the next year.

Other committee reports (open) – Phaedra mentioned the need for volunteers to be on the environmental concerns committee. This is the committee that would write the letter to legislature regarding contaminants in our waters.

Call for nominations for committee chairs (Ben Nadolski) – We still need to fill most of our external committees. Only the fish health committee is functional right now. We are also supposed to have the following committees: legislative action, environmental concerns, native fish, and professionalism and continuing education committee (though the student subunit has essentially taken on this last committee). Ben asked anyone interested to see him after the meeting. Anyone in the running for an Excomm position who was not elected should consider this as an option.

NEW BUSINESS

Special Projects Award (Patrick) – This award can be used for continuing education, special research projects, career development, etc. BAFS offers one award up to \$1000 per year to an individual or a project. The Excomm never receives many nominations for this award. This year, despite Patrick’s best attempts to get more, there were still only two proposals. Kristi Meredith, who was not present at the business meeting, is working on a Ph.D. and is doing research on Bonneville cutthroat trout. She wants to use the money in support of her project, purchasing equipment, etc. The other applicant was Aaron Webber who is an employee with Division of Wildlife Resources. He is supporting himself through graduate school and is asking for tuition assistance to finish his master’s degree. Aaron plans to stick around Utah and hopes to benefit the fisheries here over the long run. Unfortunately, the Division is not able to pay for his tuition at this time. Eric Wagner expressed concern about setting a precedent for funding tuition with the special projects award. Patrick mentioned that BAFS might want to go to awarding a scholarship instead of, or in addition to, the special project awards. During last year’s discussion over what could and should be funded with the award, the end results was that this award could be used for

career development. Aaron mentioned that the RFP for the special projects award mentioned that tuition assistance was allowable. The Excomm could change this wording for next year if necessary. Scott Tolentino agreed with Eric Wagner and encouraged the Excomm to set up a competitive scholarship fund. He also mentioned that there are other avenues through the Western Division or the parent society for providing tuition assistance. Scott was unsure whether tuition assistance should be considered career development. Scott T. was on Excomm when they set up the special project award. The intent behind the award at that time was for special projects, not tuition assistance. Patrick mentioned that if we had more than just two proposals to choose from, our decision would be a lot easier and we likely wouldn't have to discuss what sorts of projects we'd like to fund.

Eriek motioned to support both projects at \$500 each. Paul Thompson seconded the motion. Chris Wilson altered the motion to add that a separate scholarship fund be set up in addition to the special projects award. Someone suggested we should be dealing with each proposal separately. Eriek withdrew his original motion and motioned to accept Aaron's proposal at \$500. Mike Slater suggested that there are many inconsistencies within the Division and that a letter from BAFS to the Division pointing out some of these inconsistencies might be useful. Scott Tolentino, Don Wiley, Eric Wagner, Paul Cowley were opposed to the motion. All other votes were in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Eriek motioned to also give Kristi Meredith a \$500 award for her proposal. Ron Brunson seconded the motion. Paul Cowley asked what should happen to the equipment when she's finished with her project, i.e., temp loggers, waders, etc. Someone mentioned that it would be used by her, but then passed on to someone else at USU. Phaedra confirmed that such items usually stay within the lab of the major professor. Paul recommended identifying on the equipment where the funding came from to purchase these items. Everyone was in favor of this motion except Don Wiley. Motion passed. Eriek motioned that we remove tuition from the special projects awards and add a \$1000 scholarship. Paul Burnett seconded. Scott Tolentino recommended that the Excomm have the discretion to either provide or not provide the special project and scholarship award each year. Vote on scholarship/tuition assistance: all in favor. Motion passed.

BAFS Lateral Line needs a new editor (Craig Walker)

The Lateral Line essentially acts a mouthpiece to all Chapter members and can be something of a liaison between the Excomm and the general membership. The LL is put together using Microsoft Publisher, converted to PDF, and then sent to the chapter as a PDF. Interested individuals should contact Craig after the meeting. The editor publishes three or four issues per year. This individual is responsible mainly for cutting and pasting and not responsible for writing any of the articles in the issue.

Bonneville AFS name/logo change (Patrick)

This issue came up in the last Excomm meeting. The name Bonneville AFS does not indicate that it's the Utah chapter and people from out of state may not know to look for the Utah chapter under 'B.' The suggestion was to somehow incorporate Utah into the name. Members were in

agreement that the logo did not need to change; however, most agreed that incorporating Utah would be a good change. Someone suggested that renaming it the Utah Bonneville Chapter would be adequate. With this change, we would keep Bonneville, but have the chapter name listed alphabetically under 'U' where most people would think to look for the Utah chapter. Because a change like this can only be done through a change in bylaws, we need 66% approval for the motion to pass. Roger S. suggested that Utah Bonneville might be confusing; people may think of this name like the Colorado-Wyoming chapter and wonder whom the Bonneville portion of the name refers to. Mike Slater motioned to change the official name to Utah Bonneville Chapter. Paul Thompson seconded the motion. Roger amended the motion to eliminating "Bonneville" all together and just having the Utah Chapter of AFS. Melissa seconded the motion. There were 23 votes in favor of the motion. Dave Speas, Mike Slater, Eriek Hansen, Melissa Trammell, Paul Thompson, Paul Burnett, Jim Whelan, Russ Findlay were against the motion. The motion passed with 74%.

Results from Elections (Ben Nadolski) – Results are: Gary Thiede elected as first year committee member; Aaron Webber as secretary-treasurer; and Mike Mills as vice-president. Awards for best poster: Kirk Dahle (\$400 travel to any AFS meeting); award for best presentation: Jeremiah Wood/Ben Nadolski (tie) (will each receive \$200).

2008 BAFS Annual Conference (Mike Slater) – For the last four years, the meeting has been held in the northern part of the state. Therefore, Mike proposed moving south to Moab. He has been looking into having it at the Red Cliff Lodge outside of Moab. The Wildlife Society has met there multiple times so facilities should be adequate for our purposes as well. Wendover is also currently an option as is Cedar City or St. George. Mike is thinking of holding the meeting March 24-26, 2008. Patrick thought that Moab might be an issue that late in the year due to the tourist season. We also need to avoid the USU spring break; however, there are still a few weeks left in March available or we could move the meeting to February.

Scott motioned to adjourn. Paul Cowley seconded. Adjourn @ 09:30.

Action Items:

| Trina will mail AFS memberships for Tarita Harju, Bryan Baker, and John Aedo.

Trina will send \$2000 to the WDAFS financial committee chair for investing in the WDAFS's fund.

If an AFS meeting in Mexico falls through for 2011, the Excomm will request volunteers to be on a committee looking at the feasibility of the Utah Chapter hosting the meeting.

| Trina will provide Aaron Webber and Kristi Meredith with their \$500 special project awards when they provide receipts showing their expenses.

Trina will provide Kirk Dahle, Jeremiah Wood, and Ben Nadolski with their travel awards when they return from an AFS meeting.

Someone will send a letter from BAFS to the Division of Wildlife pointing out the inconsistencies when dealing with continuing education for employees and asking for greater consistency with application of this policy.

Treasurers Report

2/1/2006 through 2/28/2007

BALANCE FORWARD 2/1/2006

Bal Fwd Checking	25.00
Bal Fwd Money Market	11,954.44
Bal Fwd Term Deposits	15,056.31
Bal Fwd Primary Savings	25.00
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TOTAL Balance Forward	27,035.75

INCOME

AFS 2006 Mtg income	6,822.12
AFS 2006 Raffle	1,293.00
Interest Income	1,036.98
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TOTAL INCOME	9,152.10

EXPENSES

AFS 2006 Mtg expense	6,939.89
AFS 2007 Mtg expense (to date)	78.96
Awards	1,574.00
Cont ED	0.00
Excom Mtg Food	105.38
Business-Travel Expense	1766.55
Student Subunit	600.00
Other (Disaster Relief)	229.50
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TOTAL EXPENSES	11,294.39

BALANCE END 2/28/2007

Bal end Checking	0.00
Bal end Money Market	8,529.71
Bal end Primary Savings	25.00
Bal end Term Deposits	15,869.43
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TOTAL Balance end	24,424.14

OVERALL TOTAL 24,424.14

Quarterly Budgets

BALANCE END 3/31/2006

Bal end Checking	0.00
Bal end Money Market	12,414.23
Bal end Term Deposits	15,123.72
Bal end Primary Savings	25.00
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TOTAL	27,562.95

BALANCE END 6/30/2006

Bal end Checking	0.00
Bal end Money Market	12,050.81
Bal end Term Deposits	15,323.34
Bal end Primary Savings	25.00
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TOTAL	27,399.15

BALANCE END 9/30/2006

Bal end Checking	0.00
Bal end Money Market	11,158.87
Bal end Term Deposits	15,527.85
Bal end Primary Savings	25.00
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TOTAL Balance end	26,711.72

BALANCE END 12/31/2006

Bal end Checking	0.00
Bal end Money Market	9,036.74
Bal end Term Deposits	15,735.09
Bal end Primary Savings	25.00
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TOTAL Balance end	24,796.83