

Bonneville Chapter EXCOM – AFS Meeting
September 22, 2006
1:00pm to 4:00pm
UDWR – Salt Lake City

Attendance: Paul Cowley, Patrick Goddard, Phaedra Budy, Trina Hedrick, Ben Nadolski, Ric Hartman, Mike Slater, Eriek Hansen, Brian Hines, Ron Brunson

- I. Statewide aquatic issues update (Walt Donaldson)
 - A. Southern Nevada Water Authority update – The proposed project is the equivalent of the Central Utah Water Conservancy District for Las Vegas. It is an effort to provide water for Las Vegas' continued development. At this point, the State Water Engineers for Utah and Nevada have been instructed to develop an agreement between the two states. The Division of Wildlife Resources has three main concerns: 1) Water rights, specifically maintenance of water rights for the local farmers and ranches, 2) Ecology of the region, including the issue of increased salinity as freshwater is pumped from the region and replaced by saltwater from Great Salt Lake groundwater, and 3) Sensitive species, including the spotted frog, least chub, and three snail species. Walt's position has been no net loss of wetlands, as loss of wetlands will likely equate into loss of populations of these sensitive species and potentially a listing of these species.
 - B. Contaminants – The Division has been faced with three contaminant issues in the recent past: PCBs (carp in Utah Lake have tested positive – other species from the lake have been sent off for analysis), selenium (Stewart Lake in the Division's northeastern region has been under mitigation efforts for selenium for years), and mercury. In 2005, four sites were tested for mercury contamination producing fish consumption advisories for these areas. A number of additional sites were evaluated for mercury contamination in 2006. Results of these analyses are not yet back, but should be released shortly. Walt recommended adding a contaminants session to the 2007 meeting since it is such a prominent topic lately. Another topic briefly mentioned was that of whirling disease. It was found in Utah in 1991. The Division's policy has been to keep it in as few waters as possible, meaning that everyone who raises fish in the state is held to the standards that the State has set. It is expensive for private fish farms to meet these standards; however, there are a number of things that the state can do to help these individuals (low-interest or no-interest loans to bring their facilities up to code). Walt suggested sending a letter to Representative Noel or Senator Peterson suggesting that the Division's standards are satisfactory and that the state should try to financially support other trout farms as they bring their facilities up to code.

- C. Little Hole – SITLA has opened 360 acres to bid in an open auction to be held January 5, 2007. The Director of the Division has said he will be willing to bid on the land.

II. Treasurer's report (Trina)

MACU August statement:

Total Shares

- Savings...\$25.00
- Money Market...\$11,715.14
- 5 Year Term Deposit...\$5,153.62
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- Business Checking...\$0.00

Total Annual Interest

- Money Market...\$178.17
- 5 Year Term Deposits...\$460.86

Meeting Financial Summary:

Including all dues, payments, and reimbursements, we took in \$254 from the 2006 Annual Meeting. The parent society gave us \$123 for the annual meeting for a total of \$377. After the meeting, we paid out just over \$1500 for awards meaning an overall net loss; however, the net loss will likely be made up with interest accrued in our accounts over the year.

The discussion then turned to how we can provide benefits to more of our members given our decent financial standing. The EXCOMM discussed having one issue of the Lateral Line as a hard copy to reach more people before the meeting. This issue would call for nominations of officers, proposals for awards, etc. Other ideas were brought up as the meeting progressed and are mentioned later in the summary.

Phaedra mentioned that the Western Division invests a portion of their money in a high yield investment fund. Other chapters have decided to do this as well through the Western Division's investment advisor. The BAFS EXCOMM decided to gather more information before making a decision on whether this was a good thing for our chapter. It was suggested that we invest just a small amount of money (\$1000) to begin with. The student subunit is also interested in gathering interest on a portion of their funding. Trina will speak with the WDAFS investment advisor and bring investment options to the next meeting.

III. John Nickum - Disaster Response Program (Phaedra)

John Nickum, who used to be a member of the BAFS, donated 50 boxes of books to the AFS Disaster Response Program. The original idea was to have AFS members from each state drive it from one state border to the next. Instead, the WDAFS said it

would pay for part of the shipping if BAFS paid for the remainder. WDAFS ended up paying \$500 and Phaedra asked the EXCOMM to vote on whether to cover the remaining \$193.54. The EXCOMM voted in favor of paying this expense 8 to 0.

IV. Western Division Meeting Briefing (Phaedra)

The Western Division is doing really well financially. They have started investing a portion of their money in high yield funds as mentioned in item #2. They also made between \$26K and \$28K from the meeting in Bozeman. Phaedra mentioned that USGS and the FWS donate money to the WDAFS annual meeting and thought it might be a good idea to ask for donations from these agencies for our annual meeting. The WDAFS also votes for a student subunit of the year and Phaedra suggested nominating our student subunit for this award. The motion brought to the table was to research how to submit a student subunit and this motion also passed 8 to 0. Phaedra also mentioned that we need to remember to ask the Western Division for help with travel and/or symposiums; the Western Division seems to provide a great deal of travel grant money and they seem to consistently fund half of the amount for each request. Their next meeting is in San Francisco. The EXCOMM discussed putting together travel scholarships to professionals to attend this meeting. The midyear WDAFS business meeting is Nov. 29 this year and will be held in Portland. Paul Cowley is planning to attend this meeting.

V. National AFS Meeting Briefing (Patrick)

Seven members of the BAFS were present for the National AFS meeting this year. One of our student members received an award for authoring a paper. The parent society is also financially sound at this time and did well with the meeting. They gave out a number of scholarships and are publishing a new electronic journal focused on marine and coastal fisheries. Patrick suggested that one of the things he would like to focus on during his reign as president is getting people to join the parent society. The EXCOMM members agreed that this is important and Paul C. suggested giving money to BAFS members to join the parent society.

VI. Student Chapter Update (Eriek)

The USU student chapter had their opening meeting the week of September 11th. Graduate students and five undergraduate students were present. Their schedule appears to be pretty active for the 2006-2007 school year:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>
October 2006	Flycasting clinic
November	Brown bag lunch
December	Icefishing
January 2007	Cisco fishing
February	Tour of Living Planet Aquarium

March	BAFS (continuing ed possibilities include database, bioenergetics, stream restoration)
April	Salmon fly transplant
May	Bear River Festival

The student subunit brought home \$425 after the annual meeting after all expenses for the continuing education class. They currently have \$2392, but are expecting \$200 more for seed money. They are also working on updating their website with new contact information, pictures, and a list of activities. The website will remain at USU, but will be linked to the BAFS webpage.

It was again mentioned that BYU should be more involved and that it would be great to get a student subunit started there as well.

VII. 2007 Annual Meeting (Paul)

Paul has been looking into locations for the 2007 meeting. It will be held in northern Utah for 2007. He's received bids from the Davis County Convention Center in Layton (not as popular with the EXCOMM as a Logan location) and the Eccles Conference Center on USU campus. It would be \$150 to \$200 per day for the large conference room. They would offer catering, though we could also use a separate caterer. There would be free parking on campus if people stayed at the University Inn (which can offer a government rate). Alcohol is not allowed on campus so the banquet would be held off campus. The EXCOMM agreed tentatively to hold the meeting the week of March 6th, with continuing education on Monday and the meeting running from Tuesday morning to Wednesday afternoon. The banquet would be Tuesday evening and the business meeting Wednesday morning. The student subunit will start looking into field trip options.

VIII. Fish Health Committee update (Ric)

The Mammoth Creek Hatchery just re-opened this summer. The Division will start construction on the Midway hatchery soon, which should be back online in summer 2007. The rebuilding of Whiterocks hatchery is nearing completion. The Kamas hatchery is producing 160,000 fish on only 3cfs/day. The Springville hatchery is the Division's #1 priority for installation of a water treatment system (sand filtration or UV). Many of the State hatcheries are working to secure their water by capping springs, drilling wells, or installing water treatment systems. Many are securing water by containing the springs. Mantua is operational again and the June sucker facility at FES is completed and operational.

IX. Lateral Line – review of needs

Articles are due to Craig Walker by October 13th. Paul C. will submit details on the 2007 meeting. Eric Wagner will submit information on the parent society and Western Division 2007 meetings. Trina will submit an article on the middle Green

River entrainment study (with pictures) and the budget. Patrick will submit an article on the 2006 National AFS meeting. Phaedra will submit an article on the 2006 Western Division meeting and the Disaster Relief Program. Ben will submit a request for nominations for the EXCOMM. Eriek will submit information on the student subunits continuing education and field trip opportunities for the 2007 meeting. Finally Phaedra or Patrick will submit the resolution letter for SNWA.

X. Essay Contest (Patrick)

Patrick suggested the EXCOMM needed to come up with more creative ways to give back to BAFS members. He will submit an article for the next Lateral Line regarding this topic. He thought an essay, op-ed, or photo contest (perhaps these could be rotated to cater to multiple skills) on a given topic would be an ideal way to start. Prizes were discussed. It was suggested that payment (or partial payment) or reimbursement for parent society dues would meet both needs for increasing membership of BAFS members in the parent society and for giving back to BAFS members. The article or essay would be judged by an ad-hoc committee and the winning article would be published in the Lateral Line.

XI. Membership campaign (Phaedra)

Phaedra announced a membership campaign for members who recruit the largest number of new members. A number of suggestions were made including having an official membership application like the parent society does and including a section for referrals. Trina will track these entries (or if no official application is developed, Trina will ask for referral information from new members and track it that way) through 2007. Prizes for who gathered the most number of new members were not discussed.

Next meeting: January 24th, Logan

Adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Action Items:

Trina will send \$193.54 to Gus Rassam for the Disaster Relief Program. *Done*

Trina will contact Bill Bradshaw of the Western Division AFS regarding investment opportunities.

Trina will send the student subunit seed money to Eriek. *Done*

Eriek will look into field trip options for the 2007 meeting in Logan.

Submissions to the Lateral Line (you know who you are).

Ben will develop a handbook for the bylaws and distribute it upon completion.