



Bonneville Chapter of the American Fisheries Society Business Meeting

3/3/2004

Call To Order Eric Wagner

Approval of Agenda: No discussion offered, agenda approved

Determination of Quorum

36 members had arrived before the meeting started. 30 were required for a quorum.

President's Remarks

Thank to those who helped with the meeting! E.g., trip planning: Matthew Andersen, Mike Slater; Film Festival: Roger Wilson; Trade show: Kevin Christopherson & Scott Tolentino; Socials: Dave Speas, Mike Hudson; AV: Tom Pettengill, Krissy Wilson, Paul Burnett; Poster Boards: Gordon Nelson & **Ryan Josie**; Registration: Roger Mellenthin; Raffle: Phaedra Budy, Gary Thiede & Roger Schneidervin, plus the raffle donors; Signs: **Emily Sanderson**, Student Paper and Poster Judging: Anna Miller; Continuing Education: Mark Novak & Kai Chamberlain.

Thanks to those who brought AV equipment. That saved us a lot of money.

The annual report was sent to the Western Division. It included some environmental concerns that Dan Duffield will talk about later, the list serve, Student sub unit Kai Chamberlain President, the student sub unit is doing good work and is an active chapter. There is a deficiency in national membership. We need to encourage membership in national. We can do more collectively than as individuals.

Recognition of Ira Adelman, President of National AFS

Ira: It is a pleasure to see what goes on in other chapters. The society is doing very well. Membership has been flat. Over all numbers change very little but seasoned members are dropping out as fast as new members are recruited. Member retention is a pursuit. Individual contact is most effective to get people to join. \$78 is not too much to pay.

Q&A

Mike Hudson has the society ever looked at what percent of professionals are enrolled in AFS?

Ira A surprisingly small percentage (about 40% to 50%) not a very good statement

Eric Wagner

2005 Western Division Meeting will be in Anchorage Alaska September 12-16th

Recognition of Western Division president Tom McMahon

Tom

I know what it takes to put on one of these meetings and this was a fine event. Anchorage will be a good meeting also.

Q& A no questions

Recognition of Lynn Starnes

Lynn

As the work load was broken up for these meetings it was great to see how many people were willing to help. It was great to see the student involvement. I am happy with the volunteer work. We are glad that so many agencies allowed their people to attend. We expected to get 325 we had more than 570 registrants. That is the most people to come to a meeting that was not on the coast. 74 students were registered. That is the highest number I am aware of. The student sub unit has organized the continuing education. The classes are full and the students should make a profit. Kudos to Eric for his hard work and support.

Treasurers report Roger Mellenthin

Treasurers Report

2/1/2003 Through 2/28/2004

BALANCE FORWARD 2/1/2003

Bal Fwd 6 Month Certificate	1,943.89
Bal Fwd Checking	764.67
Bal Fwd Money Market	9,273.99
Bal Fwd Primary Savings	25.00

TOTAL Balance Forward 12,007.55

INCOME

AFS 2003 Mtg income	3,266.96
Interest Income	110.45
Service Income	5,090.00

TOTAL INCOME 8,467.41

EXPENSES

AFS 2003 Mtg expense	3,604.01
Awards	161.00
Bank Charge-Bank Charge	12.99
Cont ED	35.00
Excom Mtg Food	115.05
Fund Raiser	1,042.90
Grant in aid	1,000.00
Ron Remmick fund	1,000.00
Lateral Line	170.00
Business Travel Expense	1,415.56
WD Meeting	3,849.89
Ads	293.37
Socials	75.00
TOTAL WD Meeting	4,218.26
Web Site	114.00

TOTAL EXPENSES	12,888.77
TRANSFERS	
FROM 6 Month Certificate	1,975.23
FROM Money Market	7,238.57
TO Checking	-7,238.57
TO Money Market	-1,975.23
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TOTAL TRANSFERS	0.00
BALANCE END 2/28/2004	
Bal end 6 Month Certificate	0.00
Bal end Checking	4854.47
Bal end Money Market	2,706.72
Bal end Primary Savings	25.00
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TOTAL Balance end	7,586.19
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OVERALL TOTAL	7,586.19

Q&A

Scott Tolentino Did we get a reimbursement from national for last years membership?
Don Wiley Yes
Roger It is under the service category in the income.

Committee Reports

Environmental Concerns Dan Duffield 2 issues

1. Changes to grazing rights. No letter sent. Determined it was not a big change
2. Forest plan revision on Fish Lake National Forest. **Bruce May, Tom Mendenthal** and Dan Duffield work to encourage USFS to incorporate language to define quality cold water habitat.

Legislative Action Bill Bradwisch for Maureen Wilson

1. Trout Unlimited bill for in stream flow did not make it out of committee
2. The wastewater reuse bill did not make it out of committee. Effects stream flows late in the year

Fish Culture and Health Ric Hartman

1. Whirling disease issues in 2 state hatcheries. Clean up Midway and Mammoth Creek. Test filtration.
2. White rocks being rebuilt.
3. Minor use minor species act

News letter/ Membership Craig Walker not here; please submit any items to him

Web Site Chris Wilson not here; please submit any items to him

Student Subunit Kai Chamberlain President

1. Newly founded thanks to a grant from Bonneville chapter
2. Working on continuing education for these meetings

Native Fish Mike Hudson

Not a very active committee. Mike steps down as committee chairman. No volunteer to head the committee. If no one is found to head committee it will be dissolved.

Nominating Mike Slater

Thanks to nominators and nominees

Election results

1st year committee member Dan Abeyta

Vice President Patrick Goddard

Eric encourages us to step up and help out.

Past president award: Don Wiley

Grant in aid proposal: Sponsors Phaedra Budy, Chris Wilson and Paul Chase

Fence one and a half miles of Spawn Creek

Tried funding from Whirling Disease Foundation – Denied, applied again

\$1200 from Cache Anglers

In kind from USU + in kind from USFS

Q&A

Q What kind of fence

A Buck and Rail

Q Ron Goede: This was also done on Beaver Creek. Have you tried Audubon society?

A We would also be monitoring and evaluating. Habitat council did not want to fence federal land. There is an enclosure where you can see the benefits.

Q Ron Goede: They had help from the Boy Scouts on Beaver Creek

Q Could we do some of the on the ground work?

Q Is the forest service adamant about buck and rail? There are cheaper methods

A USFS dose not want to maintain it.

Q Has seasonal grazing been considered?

A Seasonal grazing is hard to do without fences.

We will make 7-10 thousand on these meetings.

Don Wiley appointed parliamentarian

Eric Wagner entertain motions

Matthew Anderson moves that we vote to help fund the project

Jim Seconds the motion

Discussion

What amount?

\$1000

what is usual a 1000?

I think we should support it. more partners give more weight. When we say it is worth some of our money it speaks.

Vote

Motion Carries

We will fund \$1000

Budget

Eric Wagner: Other AFS organization use a budget. We do not have that process as part of our bylaws. We need to formalize that a little more. It will make us give more thought to how our money is spent. Colorado-Wyoming has changed their bylaws.

Read from Co-Wy Chapter bylaws:

Fiscal year beginning in August is good; Track expenses and income; Budget requests over \$x must be approved with the exception of the annual meeting budget \$x with expectation of repayment; student sub unit given \$x for travel; annual meeting VP funds for travel (important for representation and to establish Quorum); student travel officer to attend meetings; ExCom distribute news letter to nonmembers; Regular fees may be assessed; Regular Fees may be waived; Money for ExCom meeting lunches

Who is responsible for this?

Matthew it sounds important

Bill propose bylaws also look at past budget

Pheadra what is the Co-Wy budget \$8-10 thou

Ron they are a similar size

Scott adding this would make the bylaws cumbersome but a budget for meeting is important. We should try to keep the bylaws simple and allow some flexibility.

Bill some of the decline in our funds is due to us wanting to spend down our funds

Patrick Student chapter needs to be supported with \$ and it should be left open ended

Pheadra make it a min amount and help them develop a budget

Patrick what assets do the students have?

Kai \$400 from a grant from Bonneville Chapter. After this meeting we should have about \$1000

Patrick What activities do you need support for?

Kai we had 69 students and only 4 student room here

Food helps get participation

Pheadra we have a hard time getting undergrads involved

Kai Rooms and registration and travel to annual meetings help

Don Should put in bylaws to support students at these meeting just do not put a \$ amount to it

We should investigate using our 1st year committee member and a committee.

Who would like to be on the committee?

Jim Wheland

Eric Wagner

Roger Mellenthin

Have something in Oct issue about budget bylaws

Annual Meeting Location for 2005

Pheadra The next meeting will just be the Bonneville Chapter. We will meet at Bear lake

Bill Having concurrent sessions will be hard at Bear lake.

Pheadra We hope to have just one session. Bryce is willing to work on that.

Matthew forcing us all together is an advantage.

Mike Slater Might help get culture more involved

Pheadra Consider a later date. We are shooting for March not April. We would like to get more non-fish people involved, more multidisciplinary.

Out of time, adjourn.