

Bonneville EXCOM Business Meeting Summary  
Best Western Landmark Inn, Park City, UT  
March 22, 2006

**Treasurer's Report**

2/1/2005 through 2/28/2006

BALANCE FORWARD 2/1/2005

Bal Fwd Checking	25.00
Bal Fwd Money Market	27,103.86
Bal Fwd Primary Savings	25.00
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TOTAL Balance Forward	27,153.86

INCOME

AFS 2005 Mtg income	5,008.26
Interest Income	541.89
Additional Income	468.00
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TOTAL INCOME	6,018.15

EXPENSES

AFS 2005 Mtg expense	3,933.46
AFS 2006 Mtg expense	52.13
Awards	1,107.31
Cont ED	400.00
Excom Mtg Food	101.75
Grant in aid	500.00
Business-Travel Expense	407.50
Other	24.00
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TOTAL EXPENSES	6,526.15

BALANCE END 2/28/2006

Bal end Checking	0.00
Bal end Money Market	11,679.44
Bal end Primary Savings	25.00
Bal end Term Deposit	5018.77
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TOTAL Balance end	26,760.75

OVERALL TOTAL	26,760.75
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## Quarterly Budgets

### BALANCE END 3/31/2005

Bal end Checking	0.00
Bal end Money Market	25,517.23
Bal end Primary Savings	25.00
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TOTAL	25,542.23

### BALANCE END 6/30/2005

Bal end Checking	0.00
Bal end Money Market	27,698.52
Bal end Primary Savings	25.00
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TOTAL	27,723.52

### BALANCE END 9/30/2006

Bal end Checking	0.00
Bal end Money Market	27,709.12
Bal end Primary Savings	25.00
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TOTAL Balance end	27,734.12

### BALANCE END 12/31/2005

Bal end Checking	0.00
Bal end Money Market	26,538.64
Bal end Primary Savings	25.00
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TOTAL Balance end	26,563.64

### **Student Subunit Activities.**

Mark emphasized that the group is a subunit of BAFS, not a student chapter and is comprised of both grad students and undergraduates. Enrollment is down over the last year. Current officers are:

Mark Novak – President

Eriek Hansen – Vice President

Darek Elverud – Secretary

Nick Weber – Treasurer

Kai Steimle – Cont Education

Mark is currently updating the bylaws and asked for approval from the full BAFS. Once the membership has approved the bylaw changes, Mark will submit to AFS for finalization. At this point, the group is financially sound. Mark thought they received enough money through raffle, cont education courses, and BAFS to support them through the upcoming year. They were able to sponsor an undergraduate scholarship through College of Natural Resources and initiated a seminar exchange with graduate students at the Idaho State University Subunit. Robert Gresswell from USGS will teach the seminar.

The subunit also hosted a model selection workshop with David Anderson (CSU). Volunteer activities over the last year include revegetation work on Spawn Creek, annual tour of porcupine Reservoir kokanee run, and the annual Bear River Celebration.  
Action to pass by-law changes: Passed 49-0

### **By-Law Changes.**

The BAFS by-laws have also been uncertain for a while. Have incorporated comments from a number of people, including members of the BAFS, over time. Comments included reducing redundancy and other minor edits. However, also added (most importantly) the Student Subunit President as a voting member of the EXCOM. Other changes were renaming ad-hoc committees to “special” committees, moving registration and dues to Section 10, and breaking out the changes to bylaws section into 3 separate sections.

Action to pass by-law changes: Passed 49-0

### **Special Projects Award.**

The EXCOM had solicited requests for special projects and this year decided to include continuing education and training. Eriek Hansen submitted the only request. Eriek’s request was for tuition to the Principles and Practice of Stream Restoration Short Course Part 1 at USU. The request is available from Patrick Goddard or Phaedra Budy. Paul Holden suggested that this is not the type of request that we should be funding. Paul also thought it was an unfair advantage that Eriek put in ahead of time. Patrick mentioned that we had put out the request for solicitations in the Lateral Line and over the listserv and that we were hoping for more. Phaedra mentioned that we were hoping that professionals in the field would also have put in for this. Paul Cowley wanted to explore other options and wondered whether the University was going to allow one or two open spots that Eriek could take. Paul C. asked what sorts of revegetation/habitat restoration was going on at Spawn Creek and whether it was necessary for him to take this course. Eriek said that all the education and training he had had on restoration was from the literature and also that the final amount wouldn’t necessarily be \$1000. Aaron Webber said kudos to Eriek for taking the initiative and submitting a request and that if he had known about it he’d have put in for it. This initiated a discussion of the website and whether it was reaching enough people. The group seemed to agree that most of us receive the email, but few of us might read it. Someone mentioned that BYU wasn’t really represented here and that no one there really knew about it, though Phaedra had spoken with professors there. Paul wondered how much money was available for this and thinking that if we wanted to send a number of people to habitat training (which is likely becoming much more important) – give five students \$1000 (as an example). Walt Donaldson thought instead of excluding people, just put \$2000 towards it and have however many people/students take it that want to. Mark mentioned that this issue had come up about 10 years ago and that the EXCOM was given the decision-making capabilities. Chris Keleher mentioned that we could host a training if there was enough interest. Paul C. mentioned that when he was secretary/treasurer, we had about \$5000 and it was difficult to run meetings. Paul C. thought it more fiscally responsible to try to live off the interest and leave the principal. He thought maybe it would be better to host a conference. Patrick thought that with such a healthy budget, we shouldn’t just sit on it. Craig suggested that it was entitled, “Special

Project Award” not “Special Training.” Patrick suggested we want to support these requests that we receive.

Motion to approve Eriek’s request up to \$1000 (Kris Homel).

Dave Speas seconds the motion.

Motion passed 31 to 13.

### **Elections and Awards Results.**

Mike Slater was elected Vice President. Ron Brunson was elected first-year committee member. Fourteen posters total...and the winner is...

Best poster – Kris Homel – will receive a \$500 scholarship to attend the AFS meeting in Lake Placid. Patrick suggested Chris write a letter and ask the parent society to match that amount.

### **Thoughts on next year’s conference.**

We have been invited back for next year here at the Landmark Inn in Park City. CO-WY may be meeting somewhere we can attend. Should look at how best to strengthen our own members and the camaraderie within. Phaedra suggested potentially meeting with The Wildlife Society again. Paul C. mentioned we also could meet with the Society of Range Management. Paul Birdsey backed that up, especially with the Division’s watershed management plans. Historically has been difficult to meet with TWS in terms of finances and coordination. If we do meet with them it was recommended that we get everything in writing. Their Moab meeting this past year seemed to run really well. Perhaps it might be time to try again. CO-WY AFS chapter went very smoothly when it was in Grand Junction, but Wyoming was limited because it is out of state for them. This year they will be considering Laramie, Cheyenne, or Fort Collins. Chris Keleher suggested meeting with American Water Resources Association or other water folks. Patrick researched meeting with Nevada this year though they were not interested. Paul will contact the adjacent chapters again and the in-state chapters (including TWS) to explore meeting in conjunction with another society.

### **Data request (Pete McHugh).**

Pete sees a need for a standard weight equation for Bonneville cutthroat trout and to complete the work needs length and weight data from all throughout their range. There was a sign up sheet on announcement board for people who can contribute data. Wants information from a wide range of sources. Will put something together for the listserv.

**Southern Nevada Water Authority** – Phaedra asked whether we wanted to put a resolution forth regarding our concerns for Utah’s fisheries due to water withdrawals. Chris Keleher asked what the difference was between a resolution and a comment letter. No formal format so not much difference between the two. Chris remembers doing that during his tenure on the EXCOM. At that time, they sent a number of comment letters to water agencies on development projects. Would circulate a draft comment letter on the listserv so the membership could comment and would cc: the parent society. Chris recommended doing this again. Suggested that we get Western Division involved also (two separate letters). Mike suggested there might be missing information or missing data – probably should let them know that we need more information and that they should put

this data together before any decisions are made. Phaedra suggested some language: we want to be kept in the loop and we want more information collected for better evaluation of impacts and potential impacts. Dave Speas suggested that ESA compliance issues need to be resolved. Eric said that this is an ideal time in the scoping process as it establishes us as an interested party process. Kevin reiterated the importance of not missing the deadline to be an interested party – even if we have to address holes in the data. Walt suggested we should express our concern to BLM and that we want to be involved, then we can go to the Western Division. Resolution not necessary – just a letter of concern. Chris K. suggested we need a group to stay on top of this to follow it through. Paul Birdsey requested that when we write letter, that we talk about invertebrate species, not just vertebrates. Phaedra will draft a letter. Subcommittee was formed to stay on top of this issue: Craig Walker, Chris Keleher, Paul Thompson, Paul Burnett, and Carmen Bailey.