

Western Division of the American Fisheries Society  
**EXCOM Teleconference Minutes**

Date: March 21, 2002

**Participants:** Eric Knudsen, Tom McMahon, Monica Hiner, Don MacDonald, Larry Brown, Pat Clancey, Eric Wagner, Allen Bingham, Dave Zafft, Bill Bradshaw, John Alves

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- We will bring an electronic copy of the minutes from the 2001 Retreat (Portland) to Spokane for approval.
- Eric and Monica will try to locate the most recent attempts at minutes from last year's Business and Executive Committee meetings held in Phoenix.

2002 Annual Meeting Update—Don MacDonald

- Things are looking good for the upcoming meeting, and 540 people have already pre-registered.
- Currently, they are getting bids for A/V needs.
- Fundraising for the entire Transboundary meeting is still short in reaching the budgeted goal by between \$8,000-9,000.
- It was also decided that we should increase the seating in our Annual Business breakfast to 300 people (from 250), and order 270 breakfasts (+/- 10%, which would increase the total number of breakfasts up to around 300 if needed).
- Bill is working on the layout of t-shirts for the meeting—they include a Yellowstone cutthroat with the WDAFS logo. Our cost for the shirts is \$7.50 each and we are ordering approximately 400.
- It was decided that we should purchase table space at the trade show to increase our visibility in such a large meeting, and Don promised to get us a good location!!
- The meeting agenda will be posted on the SFF website by the end of March.

*Highlights*

- 500 technical presentations are planned.
- The Governor of Oregon will speak at the banquet.
- Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> is the Executive Committee meeting, which will be a dinner from 5-8 pm.
- Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> will be the Annual WDAFS Business Meeting, which will be a breakfast from 7-9 am. Keynote speaker will be Ken Beal, current AFS President. We have two new items to vote on, both of which are a change in our bylaws: 1) The Grants Funding Committee will become a standing committee, and 2) Allow for online voting.
- Sunday morning will include a leadership training session organized and convened by AFS Past President Carl Burger.

2003 Annual Meeting—Tom McMahon

- Tom is developing a poster announcing the 2003 meeting to be inserted into the Spokane registration packets.
- Tom is working on developing a MOU with the California-Nevada Chapter with the goal that both units will receive \$15,000 in proceeds.

- A first call for papers will be coming soon and will be in the July Tributary.

#### 2004 Time and Place

- Eric K. proposed that we sponsor a session at the WFC meeting and that funds raised by Don be earmarked as funds raised by the Western Division.
- The Western Division annual meeting will be held in Utah (either Park City, Ogden, or Salt Lake)—the Bonneville Chapter will take care of local arrangements and the Colorado-Wyoming Chapter will be in charge of the program duties. Eric Wagner will call around and check on hotels in the three cities of interest to determine how much it will cost in each area to host a meeting for 500 people. The Western Division Executive Committee will review the information provided by Eric at the upcoming annual meeting in Spokane.

#### Scholarships

- The scholarship application deadline was March 15<sup>th</sup>, and scholarships will be awarded in Spokane at the annual meeting.

#### Committee Charges/Assignments

- Eric K. recently sent a reminder email to all committee chairs that requested a description of committee charges, procedures, and reports be sent to Tom McMahon.
- Cutthroat Committee (chair: Bruce May)

-The Western Division has recently been granted \$25,000 by the Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks Department to produce a PBS-quality documentary about cutthroat trout. It is also likely that other state agencies will also contribute.

#### Newsletter

- An issue of the newsletter went out on March 18<sup>th</sup> with the ballot.
- Eric proposed a deadline of June 1<sup>st</sup> for contributions for the July 1<sup>st</sup> newsletter.

#### Budget/Finances

- The Western Division will contribute gift memberships totaling \$500 for Mexican memberships that will be given away at an upcoming meeting in Mexico.
- We recently sent a check to the Arizona Chapter for \$1,080 to payback expenses incurred at the 2001 Annual Meeting.

#### Ocean Policy Hearings

- Eric has not heard back from anybody interested in representing AFS in the upcoming Ocean Policy Hearings. He has already contacted Chapter presidents in an attempt to recruit regional fisheries professionals to represent AFS, but hasn't had any responses.

#### April Teleconference

NO TELECONFERENCE IN APRIL—SEE YOU AT THE ANNUAL MEETING