

Western Division of the American Fisheries Society
EXCOM Teleconference Minutes
Date: January 28, 2003

Participants: Eric Knudsen, Tom McMahon, Monica Hiner, Bill Bradshaw, Mary Buckman, Steve Elle, Dana McCanne, Mary Whalen, Eric Wagner, Jim Whelan, Lynn Starnes, Jim Tilmant, Yvonne Muirhead (for Don MacDonald), Dave Manning, Carol Kerkvliet, Pat Byorth

2003 Annual Meeting (Tom)

- Mexican Connection (Eric)
 - 4 symposia are planned so far (1 1/2d)Offering travel support (information on web and in announcement)
 - Will discuss the formation of a Mexican Chapter at the meeting

A planning retreat was held on January 18th in San Diego. 18 people attended and toured the meeting facility. Final Budget

- An arrangement has been reached between the Division and California-Nevada, where the Division will receive the first \$15K in proceeds from the meeting. After the initial \$15K of profits are realized, the Cal-Neva Chapter will get additional proceeds until they match the profits received by the Division (\$15K total). Hopefully, both the WDAFS and Cal-Neva Chapter will get in excess of \$15K in profits, as we are anticipating great attendance.

The meeting information is on the website and looks great! Thanks Mary! Deadline for awards is January 31st. The WDAFS Executive Committee Meeting needs representation from each Chapter. Agenda items are needed by the March teleconference and then a draft agenda will be prepared.

- We will order additional WDAFS t-shirts for the meeting (thanks Bill!) and will need a table w/ a couple of chairs (in addition to volunteers!) to market these.

2004 Annual Meeting (Eric)

- Eric looked into additional hotels (Marriott), but not many have called back. The Little America had another customer interested, so we need to know ASAP and sign the contract. Don will sign the contract and fax to Eric on Friday. We need to use a contractor for tables.
- It is time to form a committee structure in regards to meeting planning.

Secretary/Treasurer Report (Monica)

- We currently have approximately \$11K in checking due to 2003 meeting expenses.
- Approval of Minutes
 - Retreat Minutes—vote on next month
 - December 17th Teleconference—Tom will look at and email me by the end of today (January 28th).

Fire Suppression (Jim Whelan)

- The Bonneville Chapter finished the letter to the WDAFS, but haven't developed a position statement yet.
- This would be a good topic for the 2004 annual meeting.

Western Native Fishes Project (Lynn)

- Dave Manning will work on arranging a room for the committee to meet at the 2003 annual meeting

Coal Bed Methane (Bill)

- Don has arranged for 4 people to review the BLM (Wyoming and Montana) EISs. One person has already provided comments. Harold Bergman is very interested in the topic and would also like to review what the WDAFS comes up with.

Outstanding Chapter of the Year Award (Eric)

- The Parent Society hasn't decided how this process will be handled this year. David Willis (N. Dakota) is in charge of it. When Eric gets the information from David, he will forward it to Chapter Presidents within the Division.

Newsletter (Mary)

- The coming issue is almost ready, but we are still waiting on an additional VP Candidate. One page is still blank.