



American Fisheries Society

Western Division

President Eric Wagner, President-elect Scott Bonar, Vice-president Leanne Roulson, Secretary-Treasurer Dave Ward, Past-president Robert Hughes

Minutes for Teleconference Call 8 July 2008

Present: Eric Wagner, Leanne Roulson, Scott Bonar, Dave Ward, Neil Ward (Oregon), Paul Cowley (Utah), Eric Knudsen (NPIC), Kajsa Stromberg (Newsletter), Jim Tilmant (WNF).

Quorum not established. Approval of the May minutes was deferred.

Portland Meeting Recap

Neil Ward summarized the 2008 annual meeting held in Portland in May. Attendance was 1,100, and most things went smoothly. Vendors were somewhat dissatisfied with the location of the trade show, and the hotel placed food and beverages in the wrong locations during the Trade Show Social; therefore, the vendors received a 50% refund. The Hotel recognized their mistakes, and provided a discount to cover the cost of the refunds.

Dave Ward provided a financial report for the meeting. Because attendance was so large and fund-raising so successful, the net profit from the meeting was \$195,327.37. This will be shared with the Oregon Chapter; therefore, the net profit to the Division is \$97,663.69.

Treasurer's Report

Dave continued by providing a summary of the Division's overall finances. All accounts are in good standing, and the Division is in excellent financial shape. The ExCom will need to discuss the potential uses of the meeting profits. The accounts used for normal operating expenses and emergencies are fully funded.

President's Report

Eric Wagner asked Dave Ward to provide minutes from the Business Meeting held in Portland. Dave agreed.

Eric provided an update on the Environmental Concerns Committee. The statement on mining reform will be issued as a resolution, not a policy. Eric would like the Vice President to take over duties leading this committee.

Eric has an employee willing to help with photocopying archives. The ExCom agreed that \$9/hour was a reasonable wage for this duty.

Eric reminded chapters that annual reports are due soon.

Eric Knudsen reported that a motion will be introduced at the Governing Board meeting to increase the share of Parent Society annual meeting profits to host chapters. The Parent Society Governing Board now seems to be receptive. This new scenario needs to be institutionalized.

Eric K. also reported that the NPIC Chapter will officially change its name to the Washington-British Columbia Chapter.

Fall Retreat

Scott Bonar reported that the fall retreat will likely be in November, in Sedona, AZ.

2010 annual Meeting

The 2010 Western Division Meeting will be in Salt Lake City. Venue and hotel contracts are in place. Planning is on schedule.

2011 National Meeting

The 2011 Parent Society Meeting will be in Seattle. An organizing committee has been established, and planning is going well.

Western Native Fish Update

Jim Tilmant reported that a grant proposal has been submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The USFWS will award \$5,000, with a possibility of an additional \$5,000. Opportunities for housing the database are being discussed. The student at Redlands University is assessing options for setting up the database project.

New Vice President

Lori Martin won an extremely close election, and will assume office in October.

Newsletter

Kajsa Stromberg reported that the next newsletter will be ready for posting within a week. Neil Ward will provide a recap of the annual meeting.

New Business

Eric Knudsen requested that a discussion about re-energizing the grant/endowment committee be placed on next month's agenda.

Next Meeting

The next ExCom teleconference will be August 12, 2008 at 10:30 AM PDT.