



American Fisheries Society

Western Division

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

Minutes for Teleconference Call 25 September 2008

Present: Scott Bonar, Lori Martin, Dave Ward, Toshihide Hamazaki (Alaska), Amy Unthank (AZ/NM), Marianne Cox (AZ/NM), Jim Fredericks (Idaho), Carter Kruse (Montana), Neil Ward (Oregon), Kathy Foster (CO-WY),

A Quorum was established. Minutes from the August 12 teleconference were approved. .

Introductions

Because this was the first meeting of the new ExCom, President Scott Bonar asked that everyone introduce themselves and provide a little personal background.

President's Report

President Scott Bonar welcomed all the new and returning ExCom members. Scott noted that he among his priorities as President would be continuing the important efforts already underway, including the Western Native Fishes Project and the archiving of Western Division records. Priorities for new activities include providing education opportunities.

Financial Report

Secretary-Treasurer Dave Ward provided a summary of the Division's financial status, which includes two checking accounts, a money market account, four one-year CDs, and the Grant Endowment Fund. The Division is in sound financial shape; however, most money in the checking count is obligated, and no further income is expected until early 2009. The Grant Endowment Fund is experiencing the volatility resulting from the recent troubles with the U.S. economy.

2009 Annual Meeting

Amy Unthank noted that the meeting website is up and running, and the first call for papers will be out soon. The ExCom meeting will be held Sunday morning immediately before the meeting. A fund raising letter has been drafted. A contract with an AV provider has been signed. The chapter will prepare a proposal for splitting the meeting proceeds. The proposal will be discussed at the ExCom meeting in Sedona in November.

The ExCom will also discuss funding to help ensure attendance by members of the Mexico Chapter. Amy requested that the Division assist with fund raising. ExCom agreed, with Eric Knudsen and Bill Bradshaw volunteering to provide information on past donors.

New Business

Items are needed for the next newsletter, scheduled to be completed by late October.

Next Meeting

The next ExCom teleconference is scheduled for October 16, 2008 at 11:30 AM Mountain Time, 10:30 AM Pacific Time. Future calls will be on the third Thursday of the month at this time.