



American Fisheries Society

Western Division

President Hilda Sexauer, President-elect Jim Bowker, Vice-president Cleve Steward, Secretary-Treasurer Travis Neebling, Past-president Pam Sponholtz

Agenda for Executive Committee Conference Call on Date: **Thursday, October 16, 2014**

Start Time: 8:30 am AK time/ 9:30 am PT / 10:30 am MT

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1. Introductions and welcome (Hilda Sexauer, Pam Sponholtz, Jim Bowker, Cleve Steward, Dave Lentz, Matt Klungle, Mike Gauvin, Dan Brauch, Steve Ranney, Jane Sullivan, Phil Loring, Bob Gresswell)
2. Determination of quorum (Yes!!)
3. Secretary-Treasurer report (Travis
 - a. Approve September minutes (Travis, not in attendance)
 - Minutes reviewed, motion to accept with 2nd, passed with no modifications.
 - b. Finances Update (Hilda reviewed)
 - Big expense for Quebec meeting hit on this statement, very expensive meeting.
 - We still owe Idaho chapter funds for silent auction item.
 - Endowment went down a bit in September.
 - Question about subchapters being able to contribute to Endowment fund, Pam will follow up with Travis to make sure that this within the intent of the MOU.
 - Discussion about including all or parts of Pam's recent presentation to the CSU subchapter on the WDAFS website. Pam will send to Jim and Hilda for their review.
4. Update on 2015 AFS/WDAFS/ORAFS meeting in Portland (Hilda/Jim/Mike):
 - The meeting announcement in Fisheries is out. Jim and others have worked on the website and it should be ready to go live; the intent is this website will be template for future meetings.
 - First Call for Papers is out, working to get link to WDAFS site.
 - Question about contract between Society, WDAFS and local chapter? MOU signed in Quebec! Hilda will forward to those interested.
5. 2015 Fund Raising/5K seed money (Hilda/Cleve):
 - Approached by 2015 fundraising committee for seed money..requesting 5k. Would bring total to 10k for seed money provided by WDAFS.
 - Motion to approve 5k for seed money (Jim), seconded by Cleve...passed!

- Bob Hughes is working on consistent message to funders, letter requesting donations has been completed, master list on google drive is available for members of the fund raising committee (this list was built off the Mazatlan meeting). Next call will address each committee members responsibilities ...master list on google drive to avoid duplication.
6. Update on 2016 WDAFS/CalNeva meeting in Reno (Jim/Cleve/Norm)
 - Working with Laurie Early on proposals for Reno.
 - 3 bids have been received: Grand Sierra, Atlantis, and Peppermill
 - Shawn and CalNeva folks are evaluating these locations so that they can be narrowed down.
 - Future conference calls with CalNeva folks will iron out responsibilities.
 - Website is main concern at this point. However until the CalNeva 2015 meeting is completed there will be little movement in developing the WDAFS/CalNeva 2016 meeting website.
 7. Update on 2014 WDAFS midyear retreat (Hilda):
 - Jackson, Wyoming!!! Please refer to email regarding how to make reservations.
 - Agenda will be sent out by November for EXCOM review.
 - Some questions about cost (Jane would be coming from Juneau); Hilda will look into options for video conferencing at Snowking before a decision is made regarding Jane's travel.
 8. WD AFS Officer – Chapter meetings:
 - Hilda reviewed master list.
 - Jim suggested that we discuss the message we are presenting at each Chapter meeting so that we are hitting the high points.
 - We need to make sure we are providing the Chapter with the support they need. Prior to the meeting, it might be good to discuss with the Chapter Presidents what issues/topics they would like WDAFS to discuss at their business meeting.
 9. WD AFS Chapter Metrics and Gov Board Reports (Jim/Hilda).
 - Impressive list for WDAFS!!! Included in governing board report for 2014..more Divisions will be following this example in 2015.
 - President is responsible for governing board report..huge report!!!
 - AFS Officers like bullet style. Bullets are easier to read!!!
 10. Excom Google Drive (Cleve)
 - Need to better define access (public, EXCOM etc) and who is granted permission to access files.
 - Can serve as an archive but also for files that are actively being worked on..group editing mode is a possibility.
 - Should evaluate competitors such as OneDrive (MS) or Dropbox. Cleve is willing to start the evaluation.
 11. WDAFS small grants – (Pam)
 - Dates for small grants has been moved up to December with notification in February. Website needs to be updated and notice needs to be sent out via the listserve. Pam will send announcement to Travis and Dave Lentz.
 12. Susitna Dam Proposal – (Hilda/Phil AK Chapter)
 - Issue with fisheries data/conclusions; licensing process is 2 years and very firm (FERC Dam). Decided to wait until after the October meeting to see how much

the project has evolved. At that point WDAFS will determine if they will send a letter by the February deadline.

13. Officer/Student rep updates (Jane Sullivan)

- Discussed Steven Klobucar about student colloquium.
- No budget yet but Jane and he will be discussing at AK chapter meeting next week.
- Jane is having issues getting in touch with California student chapters, asked for contacts for officers.

14. New WDAFS Newsletter Editor, (Steve Ranney!!!)

- Steve is hoping at getting 4 issues of the Tributary out a year. First issue will be out in January 2015.
- Needs mailing list from Travis or listserv

15. Chapter roundtable

a. Dan (CO/WY):

- started a mentoring program

b. Matt (WBC):

- Large deposit from Seattle meeting into Endowment fund; new subunit developing bylaws, makes total of 3 now

c. Mike (OR):

- Drafted several white papers via chapter committees..hatchery vs wild fish, working with student subchapter to work with different OSU professors as a student project.
- No annual meeting in February due to Portland in the fall but hosting a hatchery vs wild symposia in January.
- Discussion on bull trout recovery plan. It is a regional issue but comments are due at end of October. ORAFS will be providing comments.

16. New or other business:

- Dave Lentz: He will send out request for proposals to host 2017 and 2018 annual meeting. This request will be sent to all Chapters.
- Bob Gresswell: would like to update the scholarship info on the webpage. He will send information to Travis.

17. Next teleconference discussion (November 20, 2014)

Attachments:

1. Agenda
2. September 2014 Minutes
3. Current Financial Report
4. Susitna Dam Project (when available)