



American Fisheries Society

Western Division

President Jackie Watson, President-Elect Dan Dauwalter, Vice-President Todd Pearsons, Secretary-Treasurer Tracy Wendt, Past-President Brian Missildine, Student Representative Britta Baechler

Executive Committee Conference Call: Wednesday, October 10, 2018

Start Time: 8:00 am AK time/ 9:00 am PT / 10:00 am MT

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Minutes – WDAFS call 20181010 (Dauwalter)

Roll call (5 min) - Eric Fetherman (CO/WY), Britta Baechler (Student Rep), Jackie Watson (WDAFS Pres), Dan Schill (ID), Gabe Temple (WA/BC), Dan Dauwalter (WDAFS Pres-Elect), Todd Pearsons (WDAFS VP), Kris Homel (OR), Jeff Falke (AK), Brian Missildine (Past-Pres), Steve Brumbaugh (Cal/Neva), Brian Ertel (MT), George Weekley (UT).

Determination of quorum (majority of elected officers, 1/3 Chapters): Quorum achieved.

Approval of September ExComm meeting minutes: September minutes were not received in time because Tracy Wendt has been in the process of changing jobs and moving from Colorado to Montana. The minutes will need to be approved in November at Mid-Year retreat.

Midyear Retreat (Jackie, 5 min): Jackie Watson has sent out a draft agenda for the Mid-Year, and it is coming together. There will be an Antelope Island field trip Friday morning. Friday afternoon will be dedicated to the Division finances and approval annual budget. Agenda is draft. A call in line will available. **Action:** Jackie will look in to GoToMeeting or something similar.

AFS Membership Committee (Todd, 10 min): Todd Pearsons: A main action item is a memo to the Society for WA/BC to retain old Society cost structure for life memberships for current WA/BC excomm members (the chapter pays for life membership for excomm members that serve a full 4-year term) because the chapter budget is based on that old cost structure (\$1000 v \$1700). The memo will be sent out to the Division excomm for review/comment, and the memo will be voted on for approval at the Mid-Year meeting in November, which is with the acceptable timeline for WA/BC. **Actions:** Todd Pearsons will put together some language of Division support to add to WABC memo and circulate memo to WDAFS ExComm. Jackie will request the topic is added to the November Management Committee agenda.

Diversity & Inclusion award update (Brian, 10 min): New D&I Award: Brian Missildine: WDAFS tabled motion by the Division's D&I Committee of \$1500 for a committee travel award. There is further need to scope out what the award would look like. For example, trying to defer cost of travel grants by offering scholarship. Would award winner be recipient of travel grant (thought is, Yes, it will be) There are open questions about criteria. The award winner would volunteer at Division annual meeting. This discussion comes down to three things: 1) Division funding for award (e.g., plaque); 2) funding request for 3 \$500 travel grants; and 3) could this be funded by committee challenge funds (are these the same or separate). **Action:** Jackie Watson will send out the request again, and Division excomm will send questions back to committee (through Brian Missildine) by 20 October, so that the committee has time to answer the questions before the Mid-Year meeting in November. ECP Committee: Dan Dauwalter will coordinate with ECP committee because similar funding needs discussions have happened for that committee as well (for awards, travel grants, operating funds, etc.); these will be sent out by and should be returned to Dan Dauwalter by 20 October.

Chapter Updates: Oregon Chapter – website options (Kris, 10 min): Kris Homel: Revamping website (platform) because the chapter site is getting hacked. Questions around what other chapters are using: Steve Brumbaugh. says Cal-Neva goes through Society hosting platform. Change requests are easy and people are responsive. Cost for using Society hosting? Steve Brumbaugh will get info. Jeff Falke doesn't recall cost, but has been surprised at low cost mentioned in previous discussion. Brian Missildine: there is an initial start up cost, and then annual maintenance fee like \$250 or so. Question from Kris Homel: can site have Donate button (no one knows)? Utah Chapter – Lake Sucker Summit (Paul, 5 min): George Weekley (UT): Chapter annual meeting is shaping up, talking to June Sucker Recovery Program to convene a lake sucker summit. Recovery Program has been wanting to have one (last one was in early 2000's). June sucker, Cui-ui, Klamath suckers, etc. So, there will be a joint meeting. Plenary and 1st day will be a 'symposium' on lake suckers, to talk about challenges and issues (habitat, WQ, co-existence). Jackie Watson: UT chapter needs help getting message out about meeting. She requested Cal-Neva and Oregon Chapters help advertise the summit. Others?: Britta Baechler: Student colloquium. Working on logistics. Registration is open. Britta emailed info to the Division excomm.

New or other business: Jackie Watson: get agenda items in early so they can be distributed in time for people to review before the call.

Summary of Action Items:

Jackie Watson: WDAFS website costs to Kris Homel; Help distribute Utah Chapter meeting info through Division channels, find options for GoToMeeting or similar service for midyear retreat, request WABC lifetime membership discussion be added to November Management Committee agenda, circulate D&I award information to the ExComm

Brian Missildine: Diversity & Inclusion committee award, compile feedback from excomm by 20 October, and get answers from committee for Mid-Year meeting in November.

Dan Dauwalter: Early Career Professional committee: Dan will inquire about funding needs from ECP, distribute them to excomm by 20 October, compile any questions from excomm for committee, and get answers from committee before Mid-Year meeting.

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Steve Brumbaugh: will get costs for Cal-Neva website hosting info to Kris Homel.

Todd Pearsons: Will add sentence to WA/BC life membership memo, and sent out to excomm for comment approval that will be sought at Mid-Year meeting in November.

Tracy Wendt: Will finalize September meeting minutes and send out for approval prior to Mid-Year in November.

Adjourn: Jackie adjourned the meeting.