



California-Nevada Chapter of the American Fisheries Society

Executive Committee Meeting

California Department of Water Resources
3500 Industrial Blvd., Room 106, West Sacramento, CA
April 19, 2018 (6:00 pm – 7:30 pm)
Call In: 916-574-2557

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order and Verification of Quorum (6:03 pm):

- 3 elected officers and 3 standing committee chairs:
 - Officers: Laurie Earley, Jim Hobbs, Stephanie Theis, Joe Merz
 - Committee Chairs: Lisa Thompson, Sean Luis, Ramona Swenson, Pat Coulston, Heather Benko, Gary Sprague, Esther Tracy, Brian Majardja, Brittany Davis, Shawn Acuna, Sheena Holley, Lorna McFarlane, Christina Parker, Pat Coulston
 - Student Subunits: Sean Luis (UCD), Kat Dale (SC-MB), Zachary Bess (UNR)
 - Incoming officers: Rob Titus

2. Focused Discussion and New Business - Laurie Earley

- Donation to WDAFS for annual meeting - received request in March
 - Providing funding for students this year for award winners (Best Student Subunit) for Katie Kobayashi
 - Discussion about setting up a travel award for the Western Division meetings
 - Motion to provide \$500 for WD meeting: Joe
 - Second: Jim
 - Motion approved
 - Need to set up a long-term financial plan to discuss how much we can spend on students, grants, etc.
 - Subcommittee to work towards developing the financial plan and grant program, etc
- Annual Meeting Debrief
 - Attendance around 270 people
- World Fish Migration Day
 - Looking for suggestions on how we can be more involved

3. 2019 National Meeting Planning - Laurie Earley

- Planning Committee - Laurie called in to meeting last week. Met with Dan Cassidy and Jesse Trusheski after the SLO meeting
 - Listed action items
 - Identify ways to deal with state employee travel. May be more difficult because funding comes out of state budget, not necessarily out of each agency
 - Use of the term “Meeting” instead of “Conference” makes it easier to attend

- Rob starting the dialog with CDFW to work through travel issues, Steve still working with DWR

- TWS has different conference development approach than AFS, so working through differences
- USFWS will provide funding for Laurie to attend WD meeting, so we will use the money set aside for Laurie to be used instead to send Rob to Atlantic City for National meeting

4. Secretary Report – Stephanie Theis

- Approval of Business Meeting (March 1) minutes
 - Motion to approve: Stephanie
 - Second: Gary
 - Motion Approved
- Will send the meeting minutes to the WD Secretary

5. Treasurer Report – Jim Hobbs

- Account Update as of the end of March 2018:
 - Checking: \$93,406.95
 - Savings: \$38,761.45
 - Merrill Lynch: \$101,202.34
- Need a list from the Registration Chair that includes the names of those who chose to pay for the conference by invoice or at the meeting
 - Recommend that the Chapter does not allow people to register via Eventbrite until they have received an invoice and gotten a confirmation code
- Meeting finances show us financially breaking even based on Meeting budget.
 - Missing money: SFPUC donation - \$2500, SFWCA donation - \$1,000; Some registered through Eventbrite but did not pay (requested invoice) - \$2,500
 - All invoices sent have been paid
 - Profit may end up around \$5,000

6. President Report – Laurie Earley

7. Past President Report - Joe Merz

- Submitted an application for Best Chapter award through WD, but lost to Oregon. It was apparently very close

8. President-Elect Report – Steve Brumbaugh, not present - baby born last night!

9. Time & Place – Kelly Souza, not present

10. Student Subunits Updates

- Sacramento-Davis - Sean
 - Anyone interested in being added to the Davis/Sac list serve to get notifications of events should contact Sean
 - Summary of experience for annual meeting presented to Lisa - what when well, what each person got out of the meeting, etc
 - Put out call for officer nominations - vote on June 3
 - Spring meeting and fishing session on UCD campus in May

- Career Panel set up in May - Peter Moyle included on panel
- John Liu (undergrad) doing stellar work
- Pizza fundraiser in May
- Coffee mug fundraiser (pre-order)
- American River cleanup in June with Sac State students
- Rob is an adjunct faculty at Sac State and working to help rejoin the two universities
- Humboldt State University - Aubrey, not present
- Santa Cruz- Monterey Bay Area - Kat
 - Won Best Student Subunit for WD - Katie Koboyashi will attend WD meeting
 - Fish Tails story telling meeting
 - Tri-subunit meetup in late June - tube down American River with other subunits
 - Provided joint newsletter for National on how to coordinate with other subunits
 - Chapters should include Ex Coms in their events
 - Submitted application for best subunit for National
- Reno - Zach
 - Working on recruiting - have 10 interested parties - 5 expressed interest in officer position
 - Tour of Marble Bluff Dam on Pyramid Lake in the works
 - June 2 - working with Trout Unlimited - Reno Chapter on McCarron Ranch cleanup
 - Summer Lake Trout fishing event on Lake Tahoe is under discussion
 - Bylaws are good to go - National have approved by managing committee

11. Continuing Education – Brian Mahardja

- Tidewater goby workshop - still moving forward but date not yet set. Still working through permitting issues for field work - target date in September
- Continuing Education for National will be a group effort - combination of both National and Chapter-led courses. Committee will contain TWS, National and Chapter Continuing Ed committee members

12. Conservation – Gary Sprague

- Recovering Americas Wildlife Act - Act that will take \$1.3 billion out of mineral extraction fees and give to states based on formula to support fish and wildlife; aimed at species that currently get minimal funding
 - Ex Com voted to approve move forward to support the sponsors of this bill
 - Support to be shown through twitter, personal thank you letters

13. Communications – Lisa Thompson, Brittany Davis

- Talk and poster winners ready to be posted on web site
- Removed meeting banner from site - looking for photos to post in place of the banner
 - Sean will send photos to Britt
- eNewsletter - need content and date of release
 - Steve still working on meeting update
 - Draft list of newsletter topics - deadline April 28 for submittal. Release on April 30

- President message
- Meeting update
- Subunit updates
- Conservation news (Gary/Laurie on RAWA)
- Retirements (Tom Taylor)
- Upcoming events
- World Fish Migration Day???
- Election Results
- Award Recipients
- Continuing Education - mention tidewater goby workshop and request info??

14. Bylaws and Nominations – Ramona Swenson

- Chapter Bylaws revisions were approved by National

15. Membership – Heather Benko

- Summary report on membership - men vs. women. More information will be shared with the Ex Com at a later date

16. Student/Young Professionals Travel – Shawn Acuna

- Putting together the semi-annual travel award (\$750 for 2 awards each). Applicant must be an AFS member - will send out the application to the Ex Com for review now. Applications can begin in July

17. Merchandise – Christina Parker

- Dry bags were a hit - have 110 left, can be resold as they do not have a year. Sold around 30 t-shirts.
- Difficulties with volunteers showing up at front desk, and sometimes left unattended

18. Policy and Resolutions - Sheena Holley, Lorna McFarlane

- National and WD have good examples of how to proceed in this role

19. Finance - Wayne Lifton, not present

20. Exhibits - Maddy Hardin, not present

21. Chapter Historian – Sean Luis, no update

22. International Committee - Esther Tracy, no update

23. Awards - Pat Coulston, no update

24. Native Fish - Shawn Chase

- Laurie as President declared as a special committee without having to revise bylaws at this time
- Developing Native Fish Symposium for Reno - Larry Brown and Fred Freyer
- Native Fish Campout - Sep 8-9, Lake Tahoe Basin
- Looking to expand educational outreach, want to set up native fish display

25. Old Business

26. New Business

27. Next Meetings:

- May 17, 2018

28. Meeting Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn: Laurie
- Second: Ramona
- Meeting adjourned at 7: 43 pm