



California-Nevada Chapter of the American Fisheries Society Executive Committee Meeting

California Department of Water Resources
3500 Industrial Blvd., Room 106, West Sacramento, CA
17 July 2019 (6:00 pm – 7:30 pm)
Call In: 916-574-2557

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order and Introductions

2. Verification of Quorum (6:05)

- 3 elected officers and 3 standing committee chairs
 - Officers: Steve Brumbaugh, Jim Hobbs, Laurie Earley, Rob Titus, Kathleen Berridge
 - Committee Chairs: Gary Sprague, Sheena Holley, Heather Benko, Esther Tracy, Dave Lentz, Lisa Thompson, Kelly Souza, Ramona Swenson, Wayne Lifton, Brian Mahardja, Zachary Bess, Chris Parker
 - Subunits: none present

3. FOCUSED DISCUSSION AND NEW BUSINESS

- Awards Committee-Chapter Awards
 - Several nominations submitted for Award of Excellence and Conservation Achievement awards
 - Motion: To award Gary Scoppettone the Distinguished Professional Award or the Award of Excellence if there is supporting information - Rob Titus
 - Second: Gary Sprague
 - Motion passed
 - Conservation Achievement Award(s): Walker Conservation Achievement Award and Matt Brown (USFWS – Red Bluff)
 - Motion: To award Walker Basin Conservancy with a Conservation Achievement Award – Kathleen Berridge
 - Second: Gary Sprague
 - Motion passed
 - **Action Item**: Zach will get contact info for Walker Basin Conservancy representative who can accept award
 - Motion: To award Matt Brown with a Conservation Achievement Award – Heather Benko
 - Laurie Earley abstains from vote
 - Second: Chris Parker
 - Discussion: There is not a unique qualifying mention of Matt's specific contributions. The application seems broad and many people have contributed to the achievements stated.
 - Matt has worked continuously on the upper Sac for 25 years. Pivotal role for restoration on Battle Creek.
 - Motion passed
 - When present award, provide specific, unique contributions by Matt
- Zach is interested to fill awards chair: Steve appoints Zach to
- Special contributions award via e-mail

4. Secretary Report – Kathleen Berridge

- Cal-Neva election results are in. Total of 54 responses out of 476 members.
President- elect: Dave Lentz; Treasurer: Jose Setka
- Thanks to Heather for taking notes last month and for feedback from others.
- June meeting notes accepted.

5. Treasurer Report – Jim Hobbs

- Account update as of the end of June 2019:
 - Checking: \$96,010.80
 - Savings: \$38,771.16
 - Merrill Lynch: \$105,975.38Total: \$240,757.34
- Received check form national for \$4,450 for chapter dues rebate, have yet to deposit so not reflected in ledger.
- **Action Item:** Steve will consolidate information for National Meeting reimbursement check dispersal. We've awarded money to lots of individuals. Can we start a google doc or something with names, addresses, and amounts and what we are expensing this to? That will make it much easier for Jim to get checks out ASAP.

6. President Report – Steve Brumbaugh

- Ethan Mora Scholarship
 - Alicia Seasholtz (?) are going to set it up through the North American Sturgeon Association (?), no action need from Cal-Neva
- WDAFS Update
 - Moved money to checking account so we could use it.
 - Covered student colloquial fundraising that came up short.

7. Past President Report – Laurie Earley

- Still looking for moderators, working on program

8. President-Elect Report – Rob Titus

- Reno Planning Highlights
 - Options for Wednesday night social; Cal-Neva AFS and Sac-Shasta TWS chapter joint social (7:30-9:30), AFS National is willing to host event for Cal-Neva and Western Division by pool following affiliated networking event (Start at 9:30)
 - How would the logistics be handled, guest list, other options, etc.?
 - Only social opportunity for Cal-Neva Chapter
 - At local level we might be missing potential sponsors. Stay tuned for e-mail list of contacted sponsors for ExComm to think about other potentials
 - Additional rooms available at Atlantis and Circus Circus

9. Time & Place – Kelly Souza, no update

10. Student Subunits Updates, none present

- a. Sacramento-Davis – Arthur Barros**
- b. Humboldt State University – Michelle Loftus**
- c. Santa Cruz- Monterey Bay Area – Doriane Weiler**
- d. Other Student Updates**

11. Continuing Education – Brian Mahardja

- Other courses for 2020?
- Dave Lentz is our primary contact for the 2020 meeting. Jim can participate as well.

12. Conservation – Gary Sprague

- CVP/SWP Biological Opinion is being written, expected out in August

13. Communications – Lisa Thompson and Brittany Davis

- Diversity survey will go out to active Cal-Neva members
- Lisa out Aug 2nd – Aug 11th, contact Britt
- News Blast out before Aug 2: announce president-elect and treasurer, fundraising, National meeting “Pool Party”. Material to Lisa by 26th.

14. Bylaws and Nominations – Ramona Swenson

- Miller and Lee is going to press with Cal-Neva logo

15. Membership – Heather Benko

- Last Meeting!
- Put together packet of membership documents, will pass off to Steve

16. Grants – Shawn Acuna, not present

- Announcement for grants is going out

17. Merchandise – Chris Parker

- Reprinting sturgeon hats and buffs for sale
- Carbineer as giveaways

18. Policy and Resolutions – Sheena Holly, no update

19. Finance – Wayne Lifton, no update

20. Exhibits – Maddelyn Harden, not present

21. Chapter Historian – Vacant

22. Diversity and Outreach – Esther Tracy

- Planning mixer with TWS

23. Awards – Zach Bess, no update

24. Native Fish – Shawn Chase, no update

- Russian River Aug 5th - 6th, workshop presentations, camping, snorkel Russian river

25. Unfinished Business

26. Next Meeting:

- August 15, 2019
- Decide if we want to have September ExComm meeting, cover Business Meeting Agenda

27. Meeting to Adjourn: 8:02pm