



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

Location: Zoom call meeting
Date: February 16, 2023
Time: 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
Call-in: see Zoom invitation sent on 2/14

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order and Introductions
2. Verification of Quorum (Mollie Ogaz) –
 - 3 elected officers and 3 standing committee chairs
 - Elected officers: Eva Bush, Mollie Ogaz, Miranda Tilcock
 - Standing committee chairs: Kathleen Berridge, Ramona Swenson, Wayne Lifton, Andrew Hampton, Cynthia Le Doux-Bloom, Christina Parker, Kelly Souza, Gary Sprague, Zachary Bess
 - Michelle Heim, Caroline Newell, Pedro (SC), Matea Djokic, Hayley Mapes
3. Agenda Review (Eva and ExComm)
4. Officer Updates
 - Secretary (Mollie Ogaz)
 - 207 members as of February 14, 2023
 - January minutes approved
 - Treasurer (Jose Setka)
 - Not present, update below
 - Account Balances:
 - Bank of America Checking Balance as of 2/15/2023: \$55,585.01
 - Bank of America Savings Balance as of 2/15/2023: \$48,789.01
 - Merrill Lynch Balance as of 2/15/2023: \$170,347.77

- Total: \$274,721.79 (increase of \$16,761 over January 2023)
 - o Notes:
 - Received \$10,000 donation for student support
 - As if 2/6/23 we've received \$4,200 in sponsorships. I know a number of invoices have gone out and suspect there will be checks waiting in the PO Box when I return.
- President (Eva Bush)
 - o Finish your slides for the conference!
 - Slide at the end for open positions
 - o Madeline Harden interested in the Policies and Resolutions Chair
 - Ramona has given info directly
 - o WDAFS:
 - Someone will reach out to Damon regarding Native Fishes
 - 2023 will be California-Nevada
 - Jack McLaren (student rep) looking for replacement, Eva has contact info
- Past President (Matt Young)
 - o Has reached out to student sub-units to communicate support
 - o Needs voting support
- President-Elect (Miranda Bell Tilcock)
 - o **Students**: for those arriving on 2/28, need help stuffing the name tags- pizza provided!
 - o Over 150 registrations! Will be a well-attended conference
 - o Still waiting to hear from the Aquarium about paying for the tickets
 - o We are using zazzle for merchandise purchasing to avoid extra inventory issue
 - People can order individually
 - o Honor Tom Keegan at the banquet

5. Student Sub-Unit Updates

- Santa Cruz Monterey Bay Area (Emily Nazario)
 - o VP Pedro attending in place of Emily

- o Finalized list for top speakers for the spring seminar
 - Applied for WSASF grant
- o Working with Patagonia store to host film screening
- o Hosted beach clean-up in January
- Davis/Sacramento (Caroline Newell)
 - o Working on new merch, having trouble buying in bulk up-front and then re-selling
 - Pre-orders to get a number and then asked for the set dollar amount
 - Zazzle shop- downside is more expensive because they are one-off orders
 - o No need to pay taxes because the items are taxed already when purchased from the printer
 - Upselling tax? Check with Jose, but probably fine
 - o Pizza evenings- looking for more professionals to come through
 - o Quarterly meeting will be hosting practice talks for the conference
 - o More outreach with Putah Creek Council
- Humboldt (Michelle Heim)
 - o Fishing event on Saturday with new fisherpeople and taught them how to fish
 - Need a new set of club rods
 - o Movie nights once a month
 - o High participation!
- Irvine (Matea Djokic)
 - o Held first student social 2 weeks ago, good turnout with new students
 - o Will table at sustainability fair at the end of the month
 - o Raffle or event to win the fish stuffed animals
 - o Citizen science outreach
 - o Beach clean-up quarterly
- San Luis Obispo County (Hayley Mapes)
 - o 5 students attending the conference (some for the first time!)
 - o Mostly prepping for the meeting with more events to come in March and beyond

6. Committee Updates

- Time and Place (Kelly Souza)
 - Emailing out reservation confirmations for those that this applies to
 - Award order discussion
- Continuing Education (Cynthia Le Doux-Bloom)
 - 22 people signed up for continuing ed events
 - Need more people in the fish printing- we can comp them
 - COB tomorrow (2/17) Ramona is solely in charge of organization
 - **Dates:** Wrap-up meeting and pre-pre planning meeting
- Conservation (Gary Sprague)
 - Recovering America's Wildlife Act a priority for next year
 - Drew Winters (headquarters) is moving on, but will stay on for a year
- Communications (Kathleen Berridge)
 - Conference and job announcements out
 - Need the logos for the sponsors- Kelly will send
- Bylaws and Nominations (Ramona Swenson)
 - Officer election is up and running
- Grants (Shawn Acuña)
 - Not present
- Merchandise (Chris Parker)
 - Volunteer slots are about 80% full (conference)
 - Water bottles are in
- Exhibits/Fundraising (Andrew Hampton)
 - Not present
- Finance (Wayne Lifton)
 - Getting together with Jose next week for long term planning
- Policy and Resolutions (Vacant)
- Chapter Historian (Jim Hobbs)
- Awards (Zach Bess)

- o Miranda will present the special contribution awards
 - o Voted and approved to recognize Phil Pister with the Moyle-Deacon Native Fishes Award at the annual conference
- Outreach and Diversity (Katie Osborn)
 - o Not present
- Native Fishes (Damon Goodman)
 - o Not present, but will present the Deacon-Moyle award

7. Next meeting: Business Meeting, March 3, 2023

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