



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

Location: Long Beach
Date: 3/3/2023
Time: 12:00 – 1:00
Call-in: **NA**

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, Miranda Tilcock, Jose Setka
 - Standing committee chairs: Kathleen Berridge, Kelly Souza, Ramona Swenson, Matt Young
 - Student sub-units:
3. Agenda Review (Eva and ExComm)
 - Support student membership and professional growth of Cal_Neva membership
4. Officer Updates
 - Miranda Bell-Tilcock
 - We did it! Meeting was one of the biggest we've had in the last few years
 - **Fill out the survey!**
 - Plan more events and workshops going forward and grow a more diverse membership
 - Evaluate membership's feeling on the potential of moving to every other year meetings
 - There are pros and cons to each, no decision have been made but this is a discussion we will be having moving forward

- 2 year students miss out?
 - Potential for other activities during the interim
- Secretary (Mollie Ogaz)
 - 209 members currently, it probably has gone up as the meeting approaches
 - Need to bug people to remind them to register
 - Tommy Agosta officially elected Treasurer
 - Christina Parker officially elected as President-Elect
- Treasurer (Jose Setka)
- March 1, 2022 February 24, 2023
 - Checking Account \$63,359.70 \$52,840.88
 - Savings Account \$38,785.42 \$48,789.01
 - Investment Account \$181,552.99 \$165,658.31
 - Total \$283,698.11 \$267,288.20
 - Chapter continues to be in a very strong financial position
 - Low point of investment account was in October 2022 at \$152K
 - Market conditions are still volatile even for conservative strategies
 - Recommend that Excomm work with Finance Committee to put the investment capital to work
- Past President (Matt Young)
 - Updating strategic plan
 - Need feedback from membership to craft it carefully and thoughtfully moving forward

5. Student Updates

- San Luis Obispo County (Hayley Mapes)
 - i. Are hosting the fish printing
 - ii. Involved at the Spokane Meeting
 - iii. Will go to Grand Rapids in August
- Santa Cruz
 - i. Not present, but have had many events coming up

- UC Irvine
 - i. Membership has more than doubled since last year
 - ii. Socials and hikes with the members- getting students out
 - iii. Two research panels
 - iv. Beach clean ups
- Sac-Davis Subunit (Caroline Newell)
 - i. Want more Sac participation
 - ii. Local restoration efforts
 - iii. Connection to job opportunities
 - iv. More recreational activities coming
- Humboldt (Michelle Heim)
 - i. Significantly increased membership numbers (50-60 Regular members)
 - Lots of social events (pumpkin carving, jetty fishing, fish movie nights)

6. Committee Updates

- Continuing Education (Cynthia LeDoux Bloom)
 - Not present, but she set up to continuing ed and it was very successful
- Conservation (Gary Sprague)
 - Not present, will be retiring
 - Still working on Recovering Americas wildlife act- it did not pass this past time
- Communications (Kathleen Berridge)
 - First year using Instagram as well as facebook and emails
 - Keep tagging the Chapter account
 - Keep working with Western Division
 - Reach out to Kathleen if you would like to help with any website design
- Bylaws and Nominations (Ramona Swenson)
 - Will be retiring from her position
 - Always looking for new people to get involved and looking for new networks to pull from
- Grants (Shawn Acuña)

- o Travel award for the meeting since 2014: quite a few applicants
 - Emily Chen
 - Christian Denny
- o 2022 semi-annual can be used for national meeting
 - Amanda Peterson
 - Nicholas Vu
- o A proposed assessment of the effects of pollution on gut microbiome and physiological metrics of mosquitofish (*Gambusia affinis*) in Southern California watersheds.
- o Matea Djokic, UC Irvine
- o Fire and Fish: Assessing fish community alteration and recovery following a mega-fire.
- Merchandise (Chris Parker)
 - o Experiences instead of stuff for the registration gift- looking for feedback
 - o Merch to get our name out to increase membership and reach
 - o Online shop!
 - o Stepping down from this chair
- Exhibits/Fundraising (Andrew Hampton)
- Finance (Wayne Lifton)
 - o The market is still down, but relatively stable compared to last year
 - o Going forward maybe set aside a portion of the money to come up with a chapter growth fund
 - Use income for things like outreach, support students and young professionals- available every year (set amount)
 - Some examples of things we used to do: a lot of fish in classroom work, fish festivals
 - Looking for help crafting this- reach out to Wayne or Jose if you are interested
- Policy and Resolutions (Vacant)

- Chapter Historian (Jim Hobbs)
 - Not present
- Awards (Zach Bess)
 - 4 total award recipients
 - Marine Fishes Award new
 - Need nominations for the awards
- Native Fishes (Damon Goodman)
 - Get out in the field and camp out
 - Big Chico Creek this year in June!
 - Will be on the website

7. Next meeting: March 16, 2023

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