



**California-Nevada Chapter
Of the American Fisheries Society
Executive Committee Meeting**

Location: Zoom Call

Date: May 18, 2023

Time: 6:30-8:00 PM

1. Call to Order and any Introductions (Eva)

Round-robin introductions, given number of new officers/chairs.

Present: Eva Bush, Tommy Agosta, Jose Setka, Matt Young, Gary Sprague, Dave Lentz, Wayne Lifton, Katie Osborn, Cynthia LeDoux-Bloom, Emily Nazario, Adrienne Chenette, Caroline Newell, Matea Djokic, Maddelyn Harden

Action: Eva will make sure new officers/chairs get added to list-serve

2. Verification of Quorum (Katie filling in for Mollie)

- a. 3 elected officers: Eva Bush, Tommy Agosta, Matt Young
- b. 3 standing committee chairs: Maddelyn Harden, Dave Lentz, Wayne Lifton
- c. Subunits: Davis/Sacramento, Irvine, San Luis Obispo, Santa Cruz (Cynthia representing Humboldt)

3. Agenda Review (Eva & ExCom)

- a. Addition of new business if applicable: No new business

4. Focused Discussion, New/Ongoing Business

- a. BLM letter (see meeting materials)
 - a.i. WDAFS will vote on June 8th, do we support? **Yes**
 - Matt: would like to see waterways emphasized relative to other critical habitats, as waterways/wetlands encompass land and water use. Otherwise in favor. All others in favor of supporting.
- b. Funding request for The Ecology of Marine Fishes (see meeting materials)

- Unclear on when funding is needed. Chapter in favor of funding, but would be better for CalNeva finances if we could push all or some of the funding to next year

Action: Eva will respond to Larry requesting more information regarding timing of funding

5. Officer Updates:

a. Secretary (Mollie Ogaz): sent in update

- current membership at 310
- Votes held to approve meeting minutes for February and March, and April Business Meeting. Matt moved to approve, Gary seconded, unanimously approved.

b. Treasurer (Tommy Agosta): decrease of 1,300 since April

- **Account Balances**
- Bank of America Checking Balance as of 4/30/2023: \$70,394.61
- Bank of America Savings Balance as of 4/30/2023: \$48,790.18
- Merrill Lynch Balance as of 4/28/2023: \$171,189.25
- Total: \$290,374.04 (decrease of \$1,362.13 over April 2023)
- Jose: Hilton Long Beach yet to cash check
- Tommy: going through process of transferring logins and auto-pay info from Jose, Matt reminded group that Zoom is likely part of those charges as well

c. President (Eva):

- Sent check for port-a-potties for Native Fish retreat (\$290) to Jose
- Transcribing student information from WDAFS and AFS to send out
 - New subunit officers need to be sent to WDAFS student rep
 - New Student rep is Meredith (forgot last name)
- Will be giving information about ECP programs and events
 - Want to engage students in their last year as well

Action: Reminder to ExComm to review and comment on the Meeting Planning Guide



d. Past President (Matt)

- No update on strategic plan
- Sent feedback to students from judges for conference presentations
- Student subunit payments received, request student sub-units confirm with Jose/Tommy if they have received reimbursement (although high lodging costs meant no reimbursements this year)
- Schedule has yet to work out for Redwoods trip, HSU now on summer break
- Offered chapter assistance to student sub-units, especially during transition to new ExComm

e. President Elect (Miranda)

- Would like to meet with Eva and Matt to discuss transition to President
- Receive intermittent updates from Zazzle, sold a few things recently and would like to come up with some new designs
- Wayne suggests asking if we can use the illustrations from the forthcoming Ecology of Marine Fishes in exchange for funding
- Sky wanted to remind the chapter that we're welcome to use his artwork on merch, provided it includes his name and socials

6. Student Subunit Updates

a. Sac/Davis (Caroline)

- Trivia night using prizes donated by chapter, which were well received

b. SCMBAS (Emily)

- Film screening and fish tacos
- Most ExComm members graduating, having trouble finding new recruits for elections in Fall
- Still has questions on reimbursement

c. Humboldt Cal Poly (Cynthia filling in for James)

- All offices filled
- Currently revising bylaws to submit in June to CalNeva & AFS
- On summer break, hoping for a retreat with Matt Young and also planning over summer for next year

d. SLOC (Hayley)

- Planning an event on the Thurs/Fri before Memorial Event, probably fishing, depends on conditions
- Graduating this August, hope to phase out, looking for new officer candidates – elections will be held in fall
- SLOCAFS received reimbursement check

e. UCI (Matea)

- Received check for reimbursement
- Close elections Monday, it will all be undergrads next year (exciting!)
- Will continue as past-president with limited involvement
- Last weekend had a beach clean-up and Pismo Beach clam surveys
- A few weeks ago did an event with Aquarium of the Pacific
- Also tabled at recent org/career fair
- Attended and presented at Long Beach, as did a few other officers
- Next Thursday is Freshwater Films showing, but have yet to receive files, hoping for a good turn-out despite exam-season

7. Committee Updates

a. Time & Place (Kelly): not in attendance, sent in update

- We have scheduled a site visit for June 23 in Redding. We will be scoping out the Red Lion Inn, Fall River (happy hour) and Turtle Bay area (Spawning Run). If anyone has run good run routes already mapped for this area, or wants to pick out potential routes for us to scout, please help us do that. We were thinking about having the run end at the happy hour location.

- 99% certain that dates will be Tuesday April 9 (Continuing Education) – Friday April 12. I attached a proposed schedule that was sent to the hotel.

b. Continuing Education (Cynthia)

- Will be in Redding soon to scout out Continuing Ed opportunities, would like to join trip with Chris, Kelley, etal.

c. Native Fishes (Damon): Not in attendance

- Registration closed for retreat, 24 will be attendance
- Eva paid for the port-a-potty \$294.35

d. Policy and Resolutions (Maddelyn):

- Writing a letter in support of “Recovering America’s Wildlife” Act, has been a top AFS priority for >3 years.
- Will be following up with Gary with questions, planning on writing this weekend.
- Gary says timing need not be synced with WDAFS, he's sent letters directly to congress in the past. Also says letter is usually presented to Drew first, then comes to ExComm for vote, president signs and its sent to the AFS national policy lead who works directly with congress. Have had full support from House California reps in past.

Action: Eva will check with Laurie on WDAFS' timing for their letter

e. Conservation (Gary):

- no updates

f. Communications (Kathleen):

- no updates

g. Bylaws & Nominations (Ramona):

- no updates

h. Grants (Shawn):

- no updates

i. Outreach & Diversity (Katie & Esther):

- no updates

- j. Merchandise (Chris): no updates on merchandise, not in attendance
 - Have a site visit to Redding with Kelly, JT/Amanda, Cynthia and Andrew in June.
- k. Exhibits/Fundraising (Andrew): not in attendance, sent in update
 - Contacted Fall River Brewing Co in Redding to meet about potential donation options and hosting a social event at their facility after the run.
- l. Finance (Wayne):
 - no updates

Meeting adjourned by 8PM