

California Nevada Chapter



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

**Location: Zoom**  
**Date: March 21, 2024**  
**Time 6:30-8:00**

1. Call to Order (6:30)
2. Verification of Quorum (Kathleen)
  - a. 3 elected officers – Chris Parker, Eva Bush, Tommy Agosta
  - b. 3 standing committee chairs – Jim Hobbs, Kathleen Berridge, Matea Djokic, Sach Bess, Dave Lentz, Wayne Lifton, Cynthia LeDoux-Bloom
  - c. Subunits - Georgia Third
3. Agenda Review (Miranda & ExCom)
  - a. Addition of new business if applicable - none
4. Officer Updates:
  - a. Secretary (Mollie Ogaz, not present)
    - i. Current membership – 261 members
    - ii. Vote on the meeting minutes – January and February meeting minutes approved.
    - iii. Update Cal
  - b. Treasurer (Tommy Agosta)
    - i. Account Balances
      1. Bank of America Checking Balance as of 3/18/2024: \$23,991.83
      2. Bank of America Savings Balance as of 3/18/2024: \$48,794.23
      3. Merrill Lynch Balance as of 3/18/2024: \$189,118.80
      4. Total: \$261,904.86 (+9,502.49 From February 2024)
      5. Investment account change (From February 2024): +\$5,189.98
      6. Checking account change (From February 2024): +\$4,312.11
    - ii. We received \$5600 in sponsorship checks, which have been deposited in the checking account. Other charges to the checking account this month were storage, clover, Raku Sushi, Raffle

registration fee, Networking solutions, and an AFS membership registration fee.

iii. Other updates and things to discuss:

1. We received checks from ICF, RES, FISHBIO, and CalTrout and the San Diego Flyfishers (Russell Barabe Award) for a total of \$5600 in sponsorships. The google drive sheet is updated and accurate.
2. We have logos from all donors except Robins Rice, Knaggs Ranch, and the San Diego fly fishers. Although we have not received checks yet from Robins Rice or Knaggs.
3. Our raffle is now registered. Received confirmation letter in the mail (Raffle registration # is RF0016472). We will need to file the Nonprofit Raffle Report form no later than February 1st 2024. Treasurer should be registering our raffle every year.
4. Received Insurance letter from Western Division
5. Our sales permit is expired! We will need to get this renewed to be able to sell “tangible goods” a.k.a merchandise at the annual meeting. Need to add myself to the permit. Once all the paperwork is in, the permit should be reinstated instantaneously; but need to stay on this as it’s a tight timeline before the meeting.
6. NOAA wired payment to the parent chapter. I reached out to Dan and he can reimburse us for this. Were their folks registered for the meeting?
7. CalTrans North Region Environmental’ s check is in the mail and they wanted to know if their folks have been registered for the meeting. How have we been handling that?
8. My UC Davis email is going away, so I need to switch accounts over to the new treasurer.calneva@gmail.com email I set up

c. President (Miranda)

- (a) Student housing for National AFS will be under construction so not available for student. Registration is not out yet but ~400 ish
- (b) **Don't forget to update your slides for the business luncheon.** Link was sent Feb 29. Want to make sure everyone adds a positive AFS experience like memory or how you've benefited professionally or personally from being a member.
- (c) I recruited a new Outreach and Diversity member to AFS who will join us in April/May. Alexandra Chu, a soon to be grad student with lots of great ideas.

- (d) Sushi – make sure everyone got the monthly invite next one before the meeting on April 4<sup>th</sup>.
- d. Past President (Eva)
  - i. Received nominees for election and helped run election.
- e. President Elect (Christina)
  - i. State of the Estuary? – Rescheduled for May.
  - ii. Meeting planning coming along. Welcome party Tuesday night at Turtle Bay (fly tying and casting demo, games, fish trivia).
  - iii. 195 tickets sold to date, includes workshops
  - iv. Currently net \$46k after WHOVA
  - v. Last planning meeting on 3/28 at 6pm
  - vi. Larry's library will be at the banquet, up for donations for student travel

## 5. Student Subunit Updates

- a. Sac/Davis (Alexandra Ginez) – not present
- b. SCMBAS (Georgia Third)
  - i. Got new bank account
  - ii. Started diverse voices in fisheries this week. Nearly 100 people in attendance.
  - iii. About 4 students planning to go to Redding meeting.
  - iv. Seminar series on Wed Morning at 11am
- c. Humboldt Cal Poly (James)
  - i. Finalizing online store to sell merch to fundraise for future events.
  - ii. Preparing for Cal-Neva event
  - iii. Preparing for elections, have some great candidates
  - iv. Been very active on social media
- d. SLOC (Haley for a few more months) – not present
- e. UCI (Matea)
  - i. Undergrads have been running ExComm, some are graduating. Working on bringing in new grad student
  - ii. More undergrads getting involved and want to present research
  - iii. Planning trip to Catalina Island
  - iv. Planning more activities with spring weather

## 6. Committee Updates ( 3 min each)

- a. Time & Place -updates during planning meeting
- b. Continuing Education (Cynthia)
  - i. 15 people in Fantasy Floodplains, 5 in Cantara, 3 in Drones, 3 in Career class, and 2 in FFAST
- c. Awards (Zach)

- i. Chief Sisk (?) – Conservation achievement award, but will be in NZ Marine Sisk will accept the award on the Chief's behalf.
  - ii. Will set aside a banquet ticket for them and a plus 1
  - iii. New email zbess@unr.edu
- d. Communications (Kathleen)
  - i. Awarded Lily Olmo the social media position. She has put together a content schedule and will officially begin in April.
  - ii. Several people busy blasting meeting information on IG, FB, website, and Constant Contact.
  - iii. Started Officer Spotlight series.
  - iv. Highlight Student subunit ExComm
- e. Policy and Resolutions (Maddelyn) – no update
- f. Student Liaison (Matt)
  - i. I will be purchasing a kayak for the raffle tomorrow
  - ii. I've sent out prizes to winners of the "Guess That Fish" contest through social media.
  - iii. Coordinated with Shasta-Trinity Fly Fishers for them to attend the welcome event and have fly tying, and possibly casting if weather permits and it makes sense on site
- g. Conservation (Dave)
  - i. Trout Unlimited asked National AFS to sign letter to USACE about nationwide permit for aquatic restoration.
  - ii. Amargoso asked CalNeva to sign letter to BLM, DOI, USFWS about exploratory drilling near Ash Meadow Wildlife Refuge. CalNeva signed.
- ~~h. Bylaws & Nominations (Vacant)~~
- i. Grants (Shawn)
  - i. Two awardees for the 2024 Cal Neva Meeting in Redding, both will be presenting their poster at the meeting and will be at the banquet to receive the award.
- ~~j. Outreach & Diversity (Vacant)~~
- k. Merchandise (Kim & Matea)
  - i. Spawning run hats are ready for pick up and Matea reached out to the student subunits to begin the process of getting their subunit designs/logos on Zazzle so they can purchase merch.
- l. Exhibits/Fundraising (Andrew)
  - i. If you need anything printed (ex. Description of trips), send details to Chris and Andrew
- m. Finance (Wayne)
  - i. Looking into different ways of financing grants. Found that 5% bonds or CDs are short term unless you go into federal 30 year bond. Best we could do is 6 month, with 6 month renewable. Right now accounts like Meryll Lynch funds are doing better.

- ii. Wayne will draft material to discuss at an ExComm meeting after the business group meeting in May.
- n. Student Liason (Matt Young)
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- ~~o. Native Fishes (Vacant)~~
- 7. No meeting in April due to business luncheon at conference in Redding
- 8. Meeting Adjourn (7:55pm)