



AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY

MONTANA CHAPTER

TO: MCAFS ExCom and Committee Chairs

FROM: Windy Davis, MCAFS Secretary/Treasurer

RE: Minutes from MCAFS ExCom Meeting

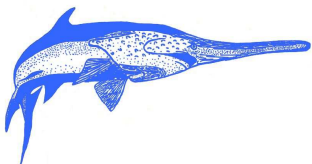
DATE/LOCATION: 11 February, 2008 Crowne Plaza Hotel, Billings, MT

Attendees: David Schmetterling, Leanne Roulson, Carter Kruse, and Windy Davis

-----AGENDA-----

EXCOM meeting February 11, 2008

- 1) Introductions
- 2) Additions/Changes to Agenda
- 3) Approval of last EXCOM Meeting Minutes
- 4) Treasurers Report
- 5) Old Business
 1. Membership:
 - Resolve issues with database
 2. Procedures manual
 - Finalizing procedures manuals
 3. Memorializing updates, cheat sheets
 4. Meeting to discuss legislature
 5. MCAFS logo development
- 6) New Business
 1. Summer Workshop
 2. Solicit nominees for president
- 7) RAF requests
 1. AFS- Hutton Program
 2. Western Native Fishes Project
 3. Effects of piscicides on larval amphibians- Turner
- 8) Wally McClure Scholarship
 1. Discuss nominees and vote on awards
- 9) 2008 Meeting
 1. Help schedule



2. Last minute items
3. Carters thought on planning

10) Agenda items for Business meeting

Adjourn

Minutes

Opening

- 1) Introductions: The meeting began at 2:20 PM. No introductions were needed.
- 2) Additions/Changes to Agenda: Solicit Carters thoughts on planning for the meeting.

New and Old Business

3) Approval of last ExCom Meeting Minutes: ExCom reviewed the minutes from the 28 November 2007 meeting. Leanne moved to accept the minutes, Carter seconded the motion, no further discussion took place, and the motion was passed unanimously. **AI-Windy will send a copy of the minutes to Lee to be posted on the web page.**

4) Treasurers Report: Windy reviewed the 02/11/ 2008 treasurer's report. Report was incomplete due to meeting activities. Discussion was ensued about meeting income versus expenses. We will be in the black. We decided to review the report prior to the business meeting.

5) Old Business

1. Membership: Leanne updated on the issues with the database. Clint at GANDA was only able to briefly look at the database. The old issue was the lack of a unique identifier for each member. Meetings Etc. set up registration to assign a unique identifier to each registrant. **AI- David- Find out if the problem has been solved, but we need to check with Clint Sestrich, Kristi Webb, and Meetings Etc. to make sure the process has been fixed and there is a way for late registrants to also be assigned an identifier at the meeting.** Leanne had the idea to add a sponsors table to the database. **AI- Leanne-If the issue has not been resolved Leanne will work on it and make sure that the unique identifiers match up with the parent society.**
2. Procedures manual
Leanne finalized the procedures manual and Windy and Carter had it placed on the website. Leanne also saved a draft of the procedures that included all of the track changes so we have it memorialized. **AI- Windy will print out a copy and bring it to the business meeting.** Bylaws on the web are updated.
3. Memorializing updates, cheat sheets- Cheat sheets should be updated to add new duties at the end of each year by the acting officer and then sent to the president to update the procedures manual. This should be done before the summer ExCom meeting. The past president should be the chapter representative to the Intermountain Journal of Science board. This is how things were in the past and then that memory was lost. We will bring this up in the business meeting.

4. Meeting to discuss legislature- The legislative committee and ExCom will be meeting with Scott Bosse on Tuesday night (02/12/08) to discuss our opportunity to aid in the writing of legislation. We can aid in the scientific aspects of writing bills. This is an opportunity to gain knowledge in how we can be the most effective. Any president elect nominees should also be invited.
5. MCAFS logo development- Leanne has had no traction with the logo development. Al has been unresponsive. David and Leanne discussed the drawbacks of the current logo. It is generic and the fine details make it difficult for printing. **AI- David will talk to Al and find out if there has been any progress on the logo and if he would like to remain involved. He will report at the business meeting.** There was discussion about the possibility of having MSU graphic arts students design a logo.

6) New Business

1. Summer Workshop- David- The past few years the summer workshop has not occurred or was not well attended. Continuing education at the meetings has been very popular and has partially taken place of the workshops. Should we continue the workshops on an annual basis or should we make it an option to have the workshop if there is a need or opportunity? Leanne- Maybe we should poll the membership about what topics would be of interest. The last well attended workshop was the prairie fish identification workshop. There was discussion about who's responsibility it is to organize the workshop. David found in the procedures manual that the summer workshop is optional if there is sufficient interest and it is the president elects duties to organize the workshop. It was decided that the we would leave it that way, but the president elect has the option to delegate the duties. There was discussion about how to ensure that the summer workshop gets sufficient attendance before it is planned. We will bring it up to the membership about how to better solicit ideas and get commitments for attendance.
2. Solicit nominees for president
AI- Leanne will approach our potential nominees before the business meeting.
 Scott Barndt is interested. He is the Fish Supervisor for the USFS in Bozeman.
 Scott Bosse has not been asked, but was discouraged after not being elected in the past.
 We will approach him about his interest.
 Sue Camp should be asked.
 Matt Jaeger should be asked.
 There was discussion about how to get nominees committed. **AI-Leanne will provide Windy with the names for the ballots. AI-Windy will print ballots before the business meeting.**

7) RAF requests

1. AFS- Hutton Program- The proposal is for \$8,000. The ExCom has to provide a recommendation to the membership at the business meeting. David- Some of the background is that we (MT) were not getting Hutton students assigned to MT even though we were helping fund the program. Last year it was decided that we will give the program funding if there is a MT student interested in the program and MT students would be guaranteed placement. This year they have come back and said that if we want to guarantee students in MT we will have to pay for it. Historically we have had a lot of interest from our membership to be mentors, but they have not been able to get students. In 2007 there were at least 3 Hutton students in MT. Leanne discussed the fact that the Western Division oftens floats the parent chapter and that often we do not get a fair share

of the funding. David- what are the risks for this versus the benefits. The idea behind the RAFs were to use the money from a riparian workshop held several years ago. The intention was always to spend the money on on the ground projects. We should still try to spend this money because the chapter does not need to make money. There are many ways we could make money if we need to. Leanne was bothered that the RAF application was not completely filled out and the benefit to native species section of the RAF says n/a. There was concern that if we pay this we may be setting a precedent to have to fund our piece of the pie every year. There was discussion that if we only fund MT students and do not pay into the main pot of Hutton funding we may preclude our ability to get more students than our MT funds would support. Carter made a motion to recommend to the membership to fund the RAF at \$4,000 to show that yes, our MT students are important, but it would show them that we do not have an open checkbook and a letter will be drafted to reflect the need for the money to be spent on funding MT students. David seconded the motion. Motion passed 3 to 4.

2. Western Native Fishes Project- Leanne explained the status of the project. The funding was spent as of 6 months ago. The data has been compiled for all the fish and their distributions. At this point University of Redlands has assigned a GIS masters student to make an interactive database and website for the project. The funding comes from University of Redlands and WDAFS. Funding requests have gone out to other agencies and chapters. Carter made a motion to pass the RAF at the full amount. Windy seconded the motion. Motion passed (Leanne refrained from the vote).
3. Effects of piscicides on larval amphibians- Turner- Carter explained the RAF. There is a lot of concern about the exposure of amphibians to piscicides. This project would help answer questions about the effects of piscicides to amphibians and will serve as a tool for AFS and fisheries professionals to make better decisions about the use of piscicides. Windy made a motion to fund the RAF at the full amount. Leanne seconded the motion. Motion passed. There was discussion that RAFs are not typically used for research, but the timeliness of this project and the applicability to the state will be worth it.

8) Wally McClure Scholarship

1. Discuss nominees and vote on awards- There was discussion about the merits of the students. The graduate students were rated very close. There was discussion about funding all three of the applicants because the funds in the account are sufficient. David made a motion take the committees request and to fund the third applicant at \$500. Leanne seconded the motion. Motion passed.

9) 2008 Meeting

1. Help schedule- nothing needed
2. Last minute items-
.Discussion of meeting details ensued. We have a few legislatures coming to make some opening remarks. David has presentation remotes. Decided to sell coffee mugs and water bottles for \$5 and donate some of each to the raffle. Registration opens at 7:30 on Tuesday and 7 Wednesday. Awards banquet needs a table for ExCom and some award winners
3. Carters thought on planning- he had it under control.

10) Agenda items for Business meeting

Adjourn

Adjourn: David motioned to adjourn the meeting, Windy seconded the motion. Meeting ended at 5:35 pm.