



AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY MONTANA CHAPTER



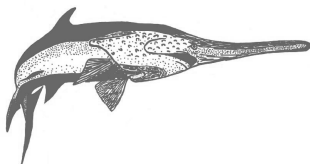
TO: MCAFS ExCom and Committee Chairs
FROM: Windy Davis, MCAFS Secretary/Treasurer
RE: Minutes from MCAFS ExCom Meeting

DATE/LOCATION: 5 June 2009, Conference Call

Attendees: David Schmetterling, Carter Kruse, Scott Barndt, and Windy Davis

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1. **Welcome/Introduction**
 2. **Secretaries Report**
 3. **Treasurers Report**
 - 3a. **2009 Annual meeting fiscal summary**
 4. **Old Business**
 - a. **2009 Annual Meeting Wrap**
 - b. **Membership database**
 - c. **Officer Duty Updates**
 5. **New Business**
 - a. **Fiscal Management**
 - b. **Strategic Plan - survey membership**
 - c. **Website/Database**
 - d. **2010 Annual Meeting**
 6. **Open Floor/Discussion**
 7. **Adjourn.**
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Minutes

Opening

- 1) Introductions: The meeting began at 9:05 am. No introductions were needed.
- 2) Additions/Changes to Agenda: A few minor changes were made to the agenda to accommodate schedules.

New and Old Business

- 3) Approval of last EXCOM Meeting Minutes:
 - a. Approval of February, 2009 EXCOM minutes- David motioned to approve, Scott seconded

- 4) Treasurer's report- Windy reviewed the June 2009 treasurer's report. There were a few mistakes noted an changes will be made. Carter moved to accept the report, David seconded the motion, no further discussion took place, and the motion was passed unanimously. **AI-Windy will make corrections and send a copy of the treasurer's report to Adam to be posted on the web page.**

4a. 2009 Annual meeting fiscal summary

The joint annual meeting with TWS was profitable. Expenses for the hotel, speakers, food, and supplies totaled \$17,168.87. Income from registration, sponsorships, vendors, and ½ of the raffle proceeds totaled \$40,043.38. The net profit from the meeting was \$22,874.51.

Discussion ensued about how to not make so much money. Excom wants to know how we can pass on this money to our membership. We do not want to reduce our fees because most of the membership is getting their registration paid for by an agency and we could be doing something to benefit the membership in other ways.

- 5) Old business

- a. 2009 Annual Meeting Wrap- The meeting was mutually beneficial. We may be able to increase our breaks and possibly include the business luncheon as part of the registration costs. David thinks that having the business meeting at lunch was a good idea and increased attendance.

AI-Pass comments about annual meeting along to Scott.

- b. Membership database- Carter is wrapping up the membership database with Bryce but the 2009 data is not included. Bryce will finish cleaning this up.

- c. Officer Duty Updates- Carter said that each of us should update our duties sheet. Work on the current office you are in. **AI-Everyone should pass updates of current duty sheets to Carter by the end of June.**

- d. Western Division Meeting- Carter attended the meeting. The meeting was not well attended and the AZ/NM chapter was losing money and the WDAFS supplemented them and gave them a profit of \$2,000. Carter learned about some of the proceedings of other chapters and felt the MT is ahead in some area and behind in others.

- e. Sturgeon Chub Status Change- SSC committee has recommended that the sturgeon chub be changed from status 2 to status 2-3. There were some dissenting opinions within the committee about the change. The overall thought was that there is more information and wider distribution than thought, but there is

some concern about declining populations in the Powder and Tongue. Excom voted and unanimously approved the committees recommendation.

f. Legislature- All of the bills we commented on were successful in our favor other than the streamside setback bill which never made it out of committee. Scott asked how did the process work with the Excom and membership being involved rather than having a lobbyist? Carter thought that it was worth the time, but there are some issues that are always going to split on party lines. In the future it should be up to the current officer to decide how to approach the legislature. It was not a failure to go away from the lobbyist if the Excom has some time to dedicate to the process.

5. New Business

a. Fiscal Management- We have a large balance in the checking account and we need to decide what we need to do with our money. We may need to clean up the Wally McClure scholarship transfer of funds to keep the source of scholarship money transparent. Currently we are paying the scholarship out of our checking account and keeping the proceeds from the raffle in our checking account. As long as we are making money off of our meetings we may not need to move funds in and out of the account. There was a lot of discussion about where we need to transfer our funds out of our checking account and into a CD, the PAX Fund, the WDAFS Fund, or some other option. **AI-Windy will send Carter a copy of the Waddell and Reed and PAX funds statements. AI-Windy will check with the First Interstate Bank on a money market account and see if it can be used as a checking account.** The group decided that we need to have a goal for our money. David said that we should at least be ahead of inflation rates so we are not losing money. Scott made a proposal to attempt try to have \$10-15k in a money market checking account, some money into a CD and some money into the PAX. Carter will get some ideas and rate comparisons together. We will check into the thoughts of the past Excom that started the PAX fund. **AI-Scott will check in with national and an accountant about what we need to do for accountability.**

b. Strategic Plan - survey membership

Carter checked with other chapters at the WDAFS meeting about the use of strategic plans. Some of the groups have plans and have seen some pros and cons from them. Scott and Carter agree that we need to have a survey of the membership of what they need and expect from the Excom and the chapter. At the annual meeting the membership did not seem to disagree with anything that Excom has been doing. There is some uncertainty of what the membership wants from us. We all agreed that the option of polling the membership is a good idea. The AFS Parent Society is revisiting their strategic plan and we should tier off that plan. **AI- Scott and Carter will draw up some questions for the survey and ask Michelle Anderson to review them and get back to the Excom.**

c. Website/Database- Carter brought up the option of having the capability of integrating the website with the database so we have the option of taking credit cards on-line. Adam Peterson thought that this step was beyond his expertise. We may need to hire a professional to manage the website and convert it to this process. David was concerned about the potential fees from credit card processing. Carter proposed that we allocate some funds to getting some bids and a cost benefit analysis between the maintenance of the database, credit card transactions, etc. There was discussion about some of the potential benefits and drawbacks. **AI- Carter will follow up with a cost benefit analysis.**

d. 2010 National Annual Meeting from Tennessee Chapter- The Tennessee Chapter is expecting a lower attendance because of the economy. Carter proposed that we will support our membership to attend. Scott made a motion to follow what we did for the WDAFS, but for an amount of up to \$2,000. Motion passed.

e. 2010 MCAFS Annual Meeting- Scott and Todd went down to the Best Western Gran Tree in Bozeman. They have increased their facility size and should accommodate our group. The meeting will be the week of February 8-12th. The proposal is to continue the format similar to last year with a business luncheon and an awards banquet. There may be some logistical challenges having a large

business lunch followed by the banquet. They have a capacity of about 300. They have an agreement with the Holiday Inn and may be able to host the business luncheon over there. No opposition from the group. **AI-Windy will check with the Great Plains Fisheries workers association to make sure there is not a conflict in dates. AI-Carter will send out a follow up to vendors and sponsors with the next years meetings.**

6. Open Floor/Discussion-

Set a date for the Excom meeting. Tentative date is August 27th in Bozeman.

Carter will be trying to get a short newsletter out to the membership with a meeting roundup, awards, etc. David will need to write the Tag Your IT!

7. Adjourn.

David motioned to adjourn, Carter seconded! Meeting adjourned at 12:04 pm.