



# AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY

## MONTANA CHAPTER



TO: MCAFS ExCom and Committee Chairs

FROM: Leo Rosenthal, MCAFS Secretary/Treasurer

RE: Minutes from MCAFS ExCom Meeting

DATE/LOCATION: 08 February, 2010 Bozeman, Montana

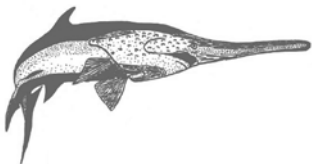
Attendees: Carter Kruse, Scott Barndt, Todd Koel, Leo Rosenthal

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### AGENDA

#### AGENDA - Executive Committee February 8, 2010

1. **Introductions**
2. **Additions/Changes to Agenda**
3. **Approval of last EXCOM meeting minutes**
4. **Treasurers report**
5. **Old business**
  - i. **Website/Database updates and changes**  
**Budget**
  - ii. **Updates to Procedures Manual**
  - iii. **Updates to Officers Duties/Cheat Sheets**
  - iv. **Officer duties/questions**
  - v. **Letter to vendors**
  - vi. **Membership survey (for strategic plan)**
  - vii. **Strategic plan update**
  - viii. **Investment strategies – update actions taken**
  - ix. **2012 Western Division host - update**
6. **New Business**
  - i. **RAF requests**  
**Blank – swimming performance**  
**Endicott – Lower Deer Creek barrier**  
**Bias – Big Hole River LL mov't study**
  - ii. **SOC Chair – Bob Bramblett replacement with Tyler Haddix**
  - iii. **2010 MT Chapter Annual meeting**



- General update
- Business meeting
- iv. Officer nominations for 2010 Election (Past Presidents)
- v. Scholarship selection – WSCTU, McClure

#### 7. WDAFS Meeting

#### 8. Summer workshop

#### 9. Adjourn

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### Minutes

#### Opening

- 1) Introductions: The meeting began at 2:00 pm. No introductions were needed.
- 2) Additions/Changes to Agenda: A few minor changes were made to the agenda. These included the need for a technology committee, the need for an ANS committee, dates for a summer meeting, and changes that would allow for funding more than \$2,000 for research RAFs.

#### New and Old Business

- 3) Approval of last EXCOM Meeting Minutes:  
Carter made a motion to table approval of the minutes from the 9/23/09 EXCOM meeting because we could not open them. Todd seconded. With no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.  
**AI – Leo will send out 9/23/09 minutes before the next EXCOM meeting.**  
Carter moved to accept the 1/5/10 EXCOM meeting minutes. Todd seconded. With no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.  
**AI – Leo will send Adam Petersen the official minutes for the website.**
- 4) Treasurers report - Carter moved to accept the 1/5/10 treasurer's report with the condition that Leo update to 2/8/10 for the business meeting to reflect the current checking account balance. Todd seconded. With no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously. **AI – Leo will create a new report updated through 2/8/10 for the business meeting. Correction – Leo will create an official EXCOM treasurer's report for the time period 1/5/10-2/8/10.**
- 5) Old business
  - i. Website/Database updates – Carter gave an update on the database work. He will continue to work on it, and will hopefully have something going before we change officers. Scott mentioned that it is important to know how much it will cost as we have several large RAFs.
  - ii. Updates to Procedures Manual – Carter mentioned that an update needs to happen. The last time an update was approved was 2007. **AI – Carter will lead the charge on an update of the procedures manual.**

- iii. Updates to Officers Duties/Cheat Sheets – The only thing added was that the Secretary/Treasurer will send copies of the bank statements and other financial documents to at least one other EXCOM member.
- iv. Officer duties/questions – Leo and Todd did not have any questions, as duties were laid out in the cheat sheets.
- v. Letters to vendors – Letters went out this year. We need to send thank you letters with dates of the next meeting.
- vi. Membership survey – Scott and Carter have a draft of the survey. They will try to have Michelle Anderson assist with the statistical analysis.
- vii. Strategic plan – It was decided that we need the membership survey first.
- viii. Investment strategies – Leo gave an update on what transactions had occurred. As per EXCOM's decisions, \$6,000 was transferred to PAX, \$4,115 transferred to a 1-year CD, leaving ~\$15,000 in the checking account.
- ix. 2012 WDAFS host update – Scott mentioned that the future WDAFS meetings are: 2011 combined with National in Seattle, 2012 Wyoming, 2013 Idaho, 2014 Alaska, and 2015 Montana.

## 6) New Business

### i. RAFs

- a. Blank (Swimming performance) – It was discussed that this is a research proposal, and that procedurally we cannot fund research for this amount (\$10,000). This may require a change in the procedures manual. Carter mentioned that we need to figure out the total we can fund for all RAFs together. Carter moved to pass the Blank RAF on to the membership for vote. Leo seconded. Discussion held: Procedures manual limits funding to \$2,000. Is membership willing to make an exception, or do we need to make a change in the procedures? Scott mentioned funding for \$2,000 and discussing with membership whether we lift the \$2,000 limit. With no further discussion, the motion failed unanimously. Carter made a motion to fund the Blank RAF for \$2,000 but would go higher (up to \$10,000) if the stipulation in the procedures did not exist. Todd seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.
- b. Endicott (Lower Deer Creek barrier) – This proposal is to complete the design of the structure. The project received support from the Species of Special Concern committee. Carter made a motion to recommend funding at the \$5,000 amount. Leo seconded. Discussion held: Carter mentioned that he recommended funding for \$5,000 because of the precedence of funding for this type of project, and for the overall service to the membership. Leo asked if funding for \$10,000 would be precedent setting for barrier projects. Todd mentioned that there is money in the budget, it met all criteria, and had support from a subcommittee. Scott mentioned that it met all requirements, we're not limited in money, why shouldn't we fund it? With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.
- c. Bias (Big Hole River LL movement study) – The Species of Special Concern committee did not feel that this proposal warranted funding. The proposal did not address native species directly, and the money was not being used for on-the-ground work. Todd made a

motion that we do not forward this RAF request to the membership for \$2,500 funding. Carter seconded. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

ii. SOC chair – SOC has recommended replacing Bob Bramblett with Tyler Haddix as the co-chair. Carter made a motion to accept the recommendation from SOC and appoint Tyler Haddix. Todd seconded. Discussion held: Is Tyler an active member? With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

iii. 2010 MT Chapter Annual meeting – Todd mentioned that everything is in order. Leo gave an update on registration numbers. Todd mentioned that EXCOM will have breakfast with the plenary speakers on Wednesday morning. Todd also mentioned that Wayne Hubert will have a message regarding the parent society during the business meeting.

iv. Officer nominations for 2010 election – Craig Barfoot has agreed to run for president elect.

v. Scholarship selection – Mariah Mayfield was selected to receive the WSCTU scholarship for her work on the Clark Fork River. Matt Corsi was selected to receive the graduate student Wally McClure award, and Jason Blakney was selected for the undergraduate McClure award.

7) WDAFS meeting – Scott mentioned that we have not received a request from WDAFS for support. It was discussed whether we should again mention support for travel to the meeting. The meeting is being held in Salt Lake City. There will be a good symposium on barriers. We should likely send someone for the business meeting. **Addition – EXCOM decided to carry forward the previous year's decision to fund up to \$1,000 to support MT Chapter members to attend the meeting.**

8) Summer workshop – This is the president elect's job. It was decided to bring this up during the business luncheon.

9) Technology committee – It was discussed whether we need another committee, or if we could just rename the website committee to the technology committee. EXCOM should facilitate the combining of the two.

10) ANS committee – It was discussed that this should fall under the Resource Management Concerns committee.

11) Summer meeting – This should occur after Carter has the database information. Likely will be late-April, early-May.

12) Adjourn – Leo made a motion to adjourn. Carter seconded. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.