



AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY

MONTANA CHAPTER



To: MCAFS ExCom

From: Amber Steed, MCAFS Secretary/Treasurer

Re: Minutes from MCAFS ExCom Meeting

Date/Location: 15 September 2011, video conference call between Bozeman and Kalispell

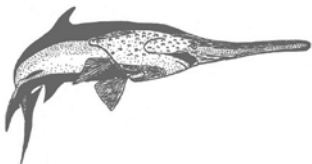
Attendees: Todd Koel, Leo Rosenthal, Craig Barfoot, Travis Horton, Amber Steed

Agenda

1. Introductions
 2. Additions/changes to the agenda
 3. Approval of last ExCom meeting notes
 4. Treasurer's report
 5. Old business
 - a. IJS update
 - b. RAF disbursement update
 - c. Webmaster status
 6. New business
 - a. Officer transitions
 - b. DEQ letter
 - c. 2012 annual meeting
 7. Open floor/discussion
 8. Adjourn
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Minutes

- 1) Introductions: The meeting began at 10:15 am. No introductions were made.



- 2) Additions/changes to the agenda: No additional agenda items were proposed.
- 3) Approval of last ExCom meeting notes: The minutes of the 5/23/2011 ExCom meeting were distributed prior to the video conference. Craig Barfoot made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Travis Horton seconded Craig's motion. The motion carried unanimously without further discussion.
- 4) Treasurer's report: The treasurer's report dated 9/7/2011 was distributed to ExCom prior to the video conference. The topic of whether or not to renew MCAFS's one-year CD (to mature on 10/29/2011) was discussed. One option introduced was to use the CD funds for outstanding RAF awards rather than renewing, depositing any remaining funds into the checking account. Travis Horton motioned to accept the treasurer's report as submitted. Craig Barfoot seconded Travis's motion. The motion carried unanimously without further discussion.
- 5) Old business:
 - i. *IJS update* – Craig Barfoot stated that TWS opted to continue printing their annual meeting abstracts in the Intermountain Journal of Science (IJS).
 - ii. *RAF disbursement update* – Todd Koel had contacted the two RAF recipients who had received their funds to date. Leo Rosenthal confirmed that their awards had been set at \$2,000 each. **AI: Craig Barfoot volunteered to contact the recipients and determine if their projects are still viable and in need of RAF money, and to prompt them to report the details of how they spent those funds by 12/1/2011.**
 - iii. *Webmaster* – Todd Koel had explored the possibility of using someone from the new Institute of the Environment (formerly the Big Sky Institute) of MSU as a webmaster for MCAFS. His inquiries didn't yield an interested party, however, and alternatives were subsequently proposed. Travis Horton suggested asking an FWP tech support employee if they would be interested in sub-contracting the position. **AI: Craig Barfoot will contact Leanne Roulson to determine how WDAFS is approaching their webmaster needs since they've held similar discussions.** However, Meetings, Etc. will be used for registration of the 2012 MCAFS annual meeting.
- 6) New business:
 - i. *Officer transitions* – Travis Horton assumed the office of President-Elect, Craig Barfoot the position of President, and Todd Koel became Past-President. Amber Steed took over the office of Secretary/Treasurer from Leo Rosenthal. **AI: Leo and Amber will transfer all MCAFS accounts from Leo's to Amber's name.**
 - ii. *DEQ letter* – Craig Barfoot discussed the draft letter composed by Pat Byorth and Carol Endicott regarding DEQ's new method for assessing water quality. Pat and Carol requested comments by ExCom prior to the October 7 deadline. **AI: Craig will respond to their request and have a draft for Excom by late September.**
 - iii. *2012 annual meeting* – The MCAFS 2012 annual meeting will be held at the Red Lion in Helena. A theme has not been set but Travis Horton suggested one as the social and political aspects of resource management. He also suggested a mix of politicians and academics as plenary speakers. Craig Barfoot stated Mike Phillips might be a relevant speaker, who also spoke at the 2008 MCAFS meeting in Billings. Craig also has Scott Bonar's *The Conservation Professional's Guide to Working with People*, and suggested incorporating the text and/or author into the conference. **AI: Craig will get past meeting**

formats for agendas and registration for Travis to distribute the meeting announcement by mid-October (no registration will be available yet).

7) Open floor/discussion

- i. Todd Koel discussed possible incoming President-Elect nominations. **AI: Craig Barfoot will find the prior list of names to round out the potentials.**
- ii. The suggestion was made to rotate vendor and/or sponsor logos between talks to offer added incentives for donation.

8) Adjourn

- i. Leo Rosenthal moved to adjourn the meeting. Travis Horton seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 12:30pm.