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The Vent

Lori Martin

Nearly a year has disappeared since I was handed the reins of the Chapter Presidency. Another passage in the Colorado-Wyoming Chapter of the American Fisheries Society has been successfully and memorably written. We have accomplished many tasks associated with the Chapter's mission to promote: the conservation, development, and wise utilization of Colorado and Wyoming fishery resources; technological advancement of all branches of fisheries science; and the professional exchange of fisheries information among its members. Thanks to all of you for your hard work and dedication to one another, and to the fisheries resources of Colorado and Wyoming. You have made a difference!

Highlights of the 2006-2007 year are too many to list; the following are just a few of the Chapter features that I would like to proudly recognize. The Chapter sponsored a well-attended and prosperous Annual Meeting in Fort Collins focusing on the energy industry in Colorado and Wyoming. Another affordable and outstanding continuing education workshop, which centered on the ecology and management of western Great Plains stream fishes, was provided to Chapter members by Chapter members. Thanks to all committee members, session moderators, student volunteers, workshop instructors, and presenters for taking time out of your busy schedules to make the Annual Meeting and continuing education workshop such a great achievement for the Chapter!

Other Chapter accomplishments in Aquatic Stewardship and Member Services via Information Transfer and Outreach should be acknowledged. Chapter members continue to support the Western Division and Parent Society by serving as

representatives to Western Division committees, publishing peer-reviewed journal articles, participating on committees related to Parent Society journals, and providing peer reviews of species' status assessments and Parent Society publications. Two new Chapter Committees are forming: one committee to address illicit introductions of fish species in Colorado and Wyoming, and the other committee to address the energy industry boom occurring in both states. The student subunit at Colorado State University provided an educational opportunity to a secondary school class by surveying and assessing a Colorado stream, and subunit members at the University of Wyoming participated in gill netting and removal of lake trout at Yellowstone Lake in Yellowstone National Park. The Chapter Newsletter Committee and Webmaster continue to provide Chapter members with educational, informative, and timely information regarding Chapter, Western Division, and Parent Society activities and events. The Chapter remains committed to the future of fisheries professionals by presenting student scholarships via the Chapter Scholarship Endowments at Colorado State University and the University of Wyoming. Further, the Scholarship Endowment Funding Committee generated \$8,000 toward the university endowments with the sale of a donated Wyoming Game and Fish Commissioner's Big Game License.

Financially, the Chapter has had a busy, yet monumental year. We have been fortunate to continue providing support to various events, including Cheyenne Fishing Days and the Western Division and Parent Society's 2007 Annual Meeting. The Chapter has also diversified funds by investing \$14,000 into the growing and promising Western Division Investment Fund. This investment has been made with the intent to maximize financial growth of the Chapter.

All of your efforts and accomplishments have resulted in a strong and diverse Chapter, growing nearly 14% across the past year! I am proud to be a part of such an outstanding group of fishery folks! Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve as President of the Colorado-Wyoming Chapter of the American Fisheries Society.

September ExComm Meeting

The next Chapter ExComm meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, September 13th at 8:30 am** at the Wyoming Game & Fish State Headquarters office located at 5400 Bishop Boulevard in Cheyenne. If you are unable to join us and are serving as a committee chair or member, please provide Matt Kondratieff (970-472-4316; matt.kondratieff@state.co.us) with a committee report/update prior to the meeting.



Mark your calendars!

The December ExComm meeting will be scheduled for **Thursday, December 6th at 8:30 am** with the meeting location to be announced. If you are serving as a committee chair or member, please plan on attending this one!

CO-WY AFS – Call for Committee Volunteers

Have you considered becoming MORE involved in the American Fisheries Society (AFS)? Are you interested in boosting your fisheries experience, increasing your interactions with fisheries professionals (including folks from out-of-state), or enhancing your leadership skills? Do you have a passion for a particular issue in fisheries that you would like to focus more attention on? Take the challenge by serving as a 2007-2008 CO/WY AFS committee member and/or starting and leading your own special committee.

Currently, opportunities exist to serve on both standing and special committees for the 2007 annual meeting. Standing committee vacancies currently exist on the Program, Registration, and Arrangements committee. Because Wyoming will be hosting the 2008 annual meeting, it is preferable that standing committee volunteers be from Wyoming. Special committee vacancies include chairman positions for the Annual Meeting Funding, Awards, Audio-Visual, Best Paper, Endowment Funding Scholarship, Grants

Funding, and Tradeshows, Vendors, and Sponsors Committees. If you have questions about what is involved in serving on a committee, please contact Matt Kondratieff at 970-472-4316 or matt.kondratieff@state.co.us. You can also access the procedures manual located on our chapter website for additional details about various committees.

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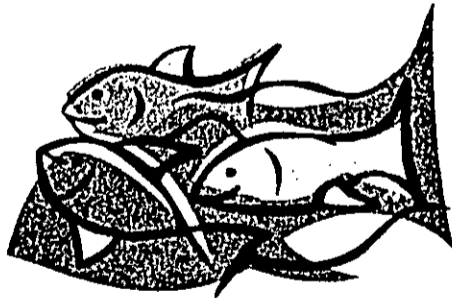
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Program -VACANT (to be filled by WY)

Annual Meeting Funding - VACANT

Endowment Funding Scholarship - VACANT

Grants Funding - VACANT

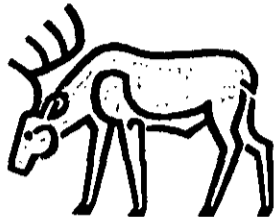
Tradeshows, Vendors and Sponsors - VACANT

Best Paper -VACANT

Awards -VACANT

Audio-Visual - VACANT

Wyoming Game and Fish Commissioner Fred Lindzey Donates to Student Scholarships



Past Wyoming Game and Fish Commissioners were instrumental in jump-starting the Chapter scholarship funds, and Commissioner Fred Lindzey has continued supporting the funds by donating a 2007 Commissioner's tag. Holders of the tags can hunt deer, elk, or antelope in any open area, and this year's tag was purchased for an elk hunt for \$8,000.

Those of you who know Fred really should make an effort to thank him for his very important support. Because of Fred and others, the Chapter is now able to provide financially significant and professionally prestigious scholarships to emerging fisheries professionals.

Rocky Mountain Flycasters Robert J. Behnke Graduate Research Fellowship



The Rocky Mountain Flycasters Chapter of Trout Unlimited (RMFC) is raising funds to contribute to an endowment in honor of Dr. Robert J. Behnke, our most distinguished member and renowned salmonid biologist. RMFC has already funded the first scholarship, and our goal is to raise in excess of \$2000 annually to grow the endowment and insure that the Behnke Research Fellowship can be offered to a CSU graduate student in perpetuity. For more information about the RMFC-Behnke Research Fellowship and to find out how to contribute, email: scholarship@rockymtnflycasters.org.

Committee Reports

Continuing Education

We worked on finishing up CEC business as Brett Johnson hands over the reins to Andy Dux and new CEC member Ryan Fitzpatrick (CO). Among other things, we submitted a draft of revised CEC procedures for the Chapter's Procedures Manual, with a focus on funding for CE workshops. We completed an analysis of the online CE needs survey. A synopsis follows:

Approximately equal numbers of members responded from each state, with a total of 57 valid respondents. Most respondents had a BS or MS degree and worked for an agency, although several students, academics, and private industry folks also responded. The overwhelming majority preferred either a 1/2 or full day workshop as opposed to longer events. Over 80% of survey respondents were willing to attend training at other times of the year. Willingness to pay was similar across all employment backgrounds, at about \$86 (maximum). Almost 1/3 of respondents rated official continuing education credit as important to them, while almost half rated it not important. The three most highly ranked workshop topics in the survey, based on mean rank and the number of first place and second place votes each topic received, were selected as the theme for the 2007 CE workshop.

Membership

The current Parent Society AFS CO/WY Chapter Membership list as of June 2007 has our membership at 216 "paid" members. There may be some people who have not yet paid 2007 Parent Society dues, which is why the membership count is a little low. Please remember to pay your 2007 dues.

Membership Breakdown as of June 2007:

Life: 34
Regular: 117
Young Professional: 19
Retired: 12
Developing Countries: 1

Raffle

A special thanks to all of the people and companies who donated items to the raffle. Thanks also to the many people who supported the Chapter and raffle by purchasing tickets, and to the many student volunteers who helped with the raffle. The raffle was a success again this year, netting \$3,163.10 for the Chapter.

 **Treasurer Report** 

Colorado-Wyoming AFS Fiscal Year 2007 Budget Treasurer Report: 09/06/06 through 06/25/07			
BEGINNING CHAPTER ACCOUNT BALANCE - Checking and Savings Account		\$33,242.72	
Checking Account Balance on 09/05/07		\$7,144.39	
Savings Account Balance on 09/05/07		\$26,098.33	
INCOME	Totals	Itemized	Actual Amounts as of 06/25/07
Annual Meeting Total Income	\$16,160.00		\$17,062.50
Total meeting registration fees (all categories) with Increase of \$25 per category		\$7,800.00	\$11,717.50
COMWY Chapter business meeting breakfast registration (actually lunch)		\$250.00	\$680.00
Continuing education workshop registration fees		\$1,000.00	\$2,320.00
Banquet registration		\$1,600.00	\$2,335.00
Raffle (Gross Income)		\$2,750.00	\$4,157.86
Meeting donations		\$1,750.00	\$2,600.00
Account Interest	\$35.00		\$26.06
Chapter Rebates From Parent Society	\$650.00		\$404.16
Coca Cola Stock Sale			\$5,012.78
Elk Tag Sale			\$8,000.00
Transfer from Savings for WD Investment Fund			\$14,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$16,835.00		\$51,263.36
EXPENSES	Totals	Itemized	Actual Amounts as of 06/25/07
Annual Meeting Total Expense	\$12,200.00		\$14,292.70
Food (banquet, breaks, socials) and Meeting Room Charge		\$8,750.00	
AV total (if using own projectors/laptops)		\$0.00	
Raffle (seed money)		\$1,000.00	\$994.76
Printing (abstract/program)		\$350.00	
Speaker gifts (mugs, knives); complimentary rooms, honoraria		\$1,100.00	\$1,490.87
Award Certificates and Plaques	\$125.00		
Continuing education workshop expenses		\$1,000.00	\$1,873.22
Student Registration Refund			\$798.50
City Sales Tax			\$458.80
Other Misc Annual Meeting Expenses-supplies, mailings, etc.			\$462.80
Angler Newsletter/Ballots	\$200.00		
Excom Meetings - Aug/Dec/Feb	\$200.00		\$120.86
Excom Operations	\$1,800.00		
FY06 tax preparations		\$300.00	\$300.00
Donations		\$500.00	\$600.00
Other Excom committee operations, including all other committees		\$1,000.00	\$159.80
AFS Gift/Student Memberships (6 @ \$19 each)	\$114.00		\$43.00
FY06 Contributions to Student Subunits (\$200 each)	\$400.00		\$400.00
Pres. travel to WD retreat - Portland	\$850.00		\$669.09
VP ('08) travel to WD meeting - San Francisco (partial gas and registration)	\$646.00		
Wyoming Hunting and Fishing Wildlife Heritage Expo - Casper	\$300.00		\$217.39
WD Investment Fund			\$14,000.00
Website	\$0.00		
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$16,835.00		\$36,881.79
ESTIMATED TOTAL ANNUAL MEETING PROFIT OR LOSS		\$3,950.00	
ESTIMATED TOTAL FY07 PROFIT OR LOSS		\$0.00	
ESTIMATED CHAPTER FY07 ENDING ACCOUNT BALANCE		\$33,242.72	
ACTUAL TOTAL FY 07 ANNUAL MEETING PROFIT OR LOSS		\$3,327.86	
ACTUAL TOTAL FY07 PROFIT OR LOSS		\$14,361.57	
ACTUAL CHAPTER FY07 ENDING ACCOUNT BALANCE		\$32,663.86	
Checking Account Balance as of 06/25/07		\$20,539.46	
Savings Account Balance as of 06/25/07		\$12,124.39	

CO-WY AFS Chapter Annual Business Meeting Minutes

Marriott
Fort Collins, Colorado
Wednesday, February 28, 2007

Editor's note: Due to limited space, the ExCom meeting minutes are only highlighted here. The full minutes can be found on the Chapter website.

Attendees: Lori Martin (President), Matt Kondratieff (Vice-President), Kathy Foster (Secretary-Treasurer), Hilda Sexauer (Past-President), Chapter Committee members, and Chapter members

Lori Martin called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM.

Determination of Quorum: Lori Martin determined we had at least 52 members to complete a quorum.

Approval of 2006 Annual Business Meeting Minutes: Kathy Foster motioned to approve the 2006 Annual Business Meeting Minutes. Kevin Bestgen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Appointment of Parliamentarian: Dirk Miller and Joe Margraf were designated the meeting parliamentarians.

Western Division President Address: Lori introduced Joe Margraf, Western Division Past-President. Joe stated that the Western Division represents the Chapter on the governing board. Lori as Chapter President serves on the Western Division ExCom. This year's Western Division Annual Meeting is with the Parent Society in San Francisco, CA. Joe as Past-President is serving on several committee chairs: Awards Chair and Nominating Committee Chair. Joe says that the Western Division officer job is not any harder than the Chapter Officer positions. The best thing about being an officer with the Western Division is working with the governing board at the national level.

Chapter President's Address: Lori said we are an amazing Chapter especially when you sit down to put together the Chapter's mid year report to the Parent Society. There are three main topics of accomplishments that are reported to the Society: Aquatic Stewardship, Information Transfer and Outreach, and Member Services. Lori summarized the mid year report, which will be available on the

Chapter's website. The Chapter is growing with 269 members this year vs. 246 members at this time last year.

Secretary/Treasurer Report: The Secretary/Treasurer Report is presented below. Lori estimates that the total meeting cost will be about \$15,500, so while it may appear that we have a profit without the raffle, there are many unknowns in terms of total costs. We are hoping to break even for the meeting, and we are hoping our profit for the year will come from the raffle.

Budget Review:

Western Division Investment Fund and the Coca-Cola Stock: The decision from Chapter membership at last year's Annual Business Meeting was for the Chapter to invest in the Western Division Fund when it became available. The Western Division fund is now functional so that Chapters can invest. The ExCom decided at our December 2006 meeting that it is time to move forward with the investment and has determined that our annual operating expenses are around \$25,000. As of December 2006, we had total assets of \$39,000 and thus have \$14,000 to invest. The ExCom also decided to sell the Coca-Cola stock (about \$5,000) to invest in the fund. Lori did mention that currently we do not have guidelines on what to do with the investment fund dollars. A handout was provided to members that explained the procedures for Chapter participation in the Western Division Investment Fund.

Taxes: The Chapter has filed taxes for the 2003-2004, 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 tax years. The Chapter does not have to file unless we gross more than \$25,000 three years in a row. In the summer of 2006, the IRS sent the Chapter a letter stating that we owe \$1,800 in late penalties for not filing when we should have. Lori sent the IRS a reply explaining the Chapter's situation. The IRS replied by waiving the penalties. The process for filing Chapter taxes should be added to the Chapter's Procedures Manual.

Grants: The Chapter has received requests of \$100 for support of the Cheyenne Fishing Days and an unknown dollar amount for support of the Western Division Annual Meeting. The Chapter has given the \$100 Grant for the Fishing Days and we are waiting on the final numbers from this year's Annual Meeting to decide how much we can give to the Western Division.

Student Subunit Reports:

CSU Subunit (Adam Thompson): The Subunit has a lot of good speakers lined up. Their major fundraiser is in April. They will also do a mark/recapture study to involve the members as part of the fundraiser. The Boys and Girls club outing is scheduled later in the spring. The Subunit is going to provide an educational opportunity for a class in Greeley by sampling the Poudre River. The subunit also has a fish fry planned before the end of the year.

UW Subunit (David Banks): Activities of the UW Subunit can be broken down into three categories: officers, meetings and activities. The Subunit had a successful Yellowstone Lake trip. Current officers include Nick Walrath, Nathan Cook, and Jerry Wilhite. The Subunit meetings drew heavily on the Wyoming Game and Fish for speakers. Activities have included clean up of Alsop Lake and fishing outing, Cup of Christmas Cheer, and an annual ice fishing derby. The Subunit has a lot for sale such as shirts, pint glasses and stocking hats.

Committee Reports:

Archivist (Greg Anderson): The big task and goal is to move our Chapter archives for long term storage to the D.C. Booth Historic National Fish Hatchery facility in Spearfish, South Dakota. The Chapter is ready to sign the agreement for D.C. Booth. The Procedures Manual provides information on how to archive materials.

Awards (Melissa Schnier): The Committee is researching a possible alternative to local production of award certificates. The Parent Society will print an award certificate which now includes the Executive Director's signature rather than that of the Parent Society President.

Continuing Education (Brett Johnson): Committee work includes conducting a web-based survey, analyzing the results of the survey, and selecting this year's Continuing Education workshop. We had a good response from the survey, and a good sign up for this year's Continuing Education session (50+). Andy Dux will be the chair for the committee in 2008. Each year, the Committee Chair will be a representative of the state hosting the meeting. The committee is looking for a Colorado representative for next year.

Environmental Policy (Matt Kondratieff): The Committee proposes to develop guidelines from this year's Annual Meeting Plenary Session.

Newsletter (Beth Bear): The Angler has gone electronic and will be posted on the Chapter's website. Please let Beth and Paul Gerrity know if you need to update your contact information so that we can ensure you receive the electronic version of the Chapter's newsletter.

Arrangements, Fundraising and Program (Lori Martin): This year we have 128 meeting registrants, which is the same as last year. Seventy-eight of the registrants are from Colorado while 50 of the registrants are from Wyoming. This year's meeting included 28 contributed papers and 1 contributed poster.

Raffle (Dan Brauch): The Committee will sell tickets throughout the banquet. This year's Card raffle will be a Trump Card Raffle. The trump card winner will be able to take any silent auction or general raffle item.

Website (Kevin Gelwicks and Ann Widmer): Kevin is the webmaster and the job has been challenging since the Parent Society has completed many changes that have affected our website. The Committee has undertaken a revamping of the website, mainly being performed by Ann Widmer's husband. The new Chapter website is being modeled after the Arkansas Chapter's website.

Memorial Scholarship Recipients: Bobby Compton from UW and Lucas Young from CSU.

Unfinished Business: We did not have unfinished business from last year's Annual Business Meeting.

Announcement of Incoming Secretary/Treasurer: The Nominating Committee was not able to find two candidates to run for the Chapter's Secretary/Treasurer position. The Nominating Committee was able to find one great candidate and it was with great pleasure and honor to announce Mark Smith as the Chapter's new Secretary/Treasurer.

New Business:

1. **Illicit Introductions (Brett Johnson and Pat Martinez):** Western Colorado is experiencing illicit fish introductions at a rate in excess of one per year in the past two decades. Brett and Pat would like the Chapter to form a working group. We can look at what Montana, Utah and other states have done. Maybe we need to form a multi-state meeting to stem

the tide? Joe Margraf said this should be raised to the level of Western Division since this issue is not just a CO/WY problem but a problem that is Society-wide. Joe suggested that we should write a resolution as per the bylaws. That is the way to bring it up through the Society and the members can vote on it electronically. Dirk Miller offered to co-write a resolution with Brett's help.

2. Continuing Education - Clarification of Bylaws Section VII. Finances C. (Brett Johnson): According to the old Chapter Bylaws (prior to August 2005), Section VII. Finances. C.: "The Chapter Executive Committee can approve budget requests up to \$500 without a vote of the membership with the exception of the symposium/workshop special account. This account shall have an annual balance of \$2,000 to be used for seed money when requested and approved by the Executive Committee. This money should be granted with an expectation of repayment." Brett indicated that these statements had been removed from the new Chapter Bylaws (post August 2005), and he asked why. Dave Zafft said that the intent of the revised and now current Chapter Bylaws was to make the Continuing Education workshop a part of each year's Annual Meeting budget. Dirk Miller clarified by saying that if the Continuing Education workshop is part of the Annual Meeting, then the workshop should be considered a meeting expense. If the workshop is separate from the Annual Meeting, then the workshop would require separate approval, which could be completed electronically via a funding request application. The Continuing Education Committee will need to request annual funding of the workshop by working with the Chapter President at the time of approval of the annual budget.

3. Chapter's Role in Advocacy Efforts (Lori Martin): The chapter has received two advocacy requests for support. One request is from the Wyoming Range Sportsmen dealing with oil and gas issues, and the other request is from Bob Elderkin of the Colorado Mule Deer Association asking the Chapter to support the Colorado Wildlife Management Guidelines for Oil and Gas Development. We have specific rules in our bylaws on how these issues should be carried forward. We had no time for discussion regarding these advocacy requests as we were short on meeting time.

4. Western Division Riparian Challenge Award (Hilda Sexauer): Hilda encouraged everyone to

participate in this prestigious award application process. The application deadline is in April.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:17 pm.



2007 Annual Meeting Committees

Standing Committees:

Arrangements Committee: Lori Martin
Program Committee: Lori Martin, Jim Tilmant, Dana Winkelman, Anita Martinez, and Pat Martinez
Continuing Education Committee: Brett Johnson, Gordon Edwards, and Andy Dux
Chapter Archivist: Venice Beske and Greg Anderson
Environmental Policy Committee: Matt Kondratieff
Membership Committee: Steve Gale and Ann Widmer
Nominating Committee: Hilda Sexauer
Newsletter Committee: Beth Bear and Paul Gerrity
Registration Committee: Kathy Foster, Matt Kondratieff, and Hilda Sexauer
Webmaster: Kevin Gelwicks

Ad Hoc Committees:

Audio-Visual/Volunteers Committee: Dan Gibson-Reinemer, Adam Thompson, and Carl Saunders
Presentation Downloads Committee: Dave Winters
Raffle Committee: Tracy Stephens and Dan Brauch
Best Paper Committee: Paul Gerrity
Awards Committee: Rodney Scarpella, Melissa Schnier, and Zach Shattuck
Annual Meeting Fund Raising Committee: Lori Martin and Laura Thel
Trade Show, Vendors, Sponsors Committee: Steve Gale and Ann Widmer
Endowment Funding Scholarship Committee: Hilda Sexauer
Grants Fund Raising Committee: Bill Bradshaw and Dave Zafft

Annual Meeting Awards Recipients



MAX Award: John Alves
Leaky Boot Award: Paul Gerrity
Past-President Award: Hilda Sexauer
Best Professional Paper: Wayne Hubert
Best Student Paper: Diana Sweet
American Fisheries Society Ron Remmick Memorial
Scholarship from UW: Bobby Compton
American Fisheries Society Scholarship from CSU:
Lucas Young

Annual Meeting Student Volunteers

CSU

Kale Bentley
Phil Brinkley
Nate Cathcart
Becky Dritz
Eric Gardunio
Adam Hansen
Dave Herasimtschuk
Jordan Marsh
Ed May
Dan Gibson-Reinemer
Kendall Ross
Lucas Young

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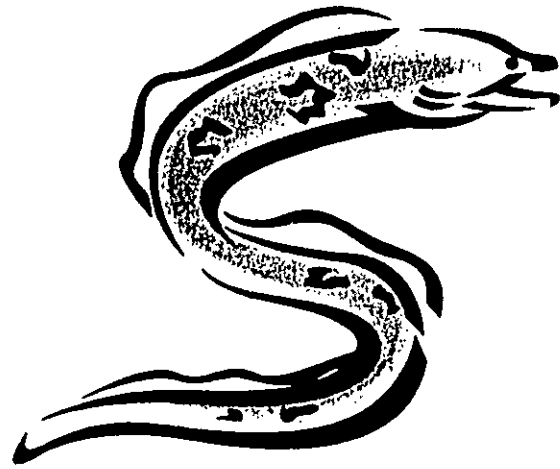
Matt Abrahamse
Dave Banks
Pat Bigelow
Tony Burrows
Bobby Compton
Scott Carlton
Nathan Cook
Dan Dauwalter
Sarah Legates
Diana Sweet
Jerry Wilhite

Continuing Education Workshop Instructors



CO/WY AFS would especially like to thank the following members for instructing the continuing education workshop entitled "Ecology and Management of Western Great Plains Stream Fishes: Thinking and Working at the Riverscape Scale:"

Dr. Kurt D. Fausch, Colorado State University
Dr. Kevin R. Bestgen, Colorado State University
Jeff Falke, Colorado State University
Patrick J. Martinez, Colorado Division of Wildlife



**Secretary/Treasurer Report for Annual Business Meeting
February 28, 2007**

Colorado-Wyoming AFS Fiscal Year 2007 Budget
October 20, 2006

Known Current
Amts

BEGINNING CHAPTER ACCOUNT BALANCE - Checking Account and Savings Account	\$33,242.72
Coca-Cola Stock (value fluctuates and is not included in beginning balance)	\$4,535.00 ²

\$42,501.05¹

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Continuing education workshop registration fees		\$1,000.00	\$1,890.00
Meeting donations		\$1,750.00	\$3,100.00
Account Interest	\$35.00		TBD
Chapter Rebates From Parent Society	\$650.00		TBD
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Printing (abstract/program)		\$350.00	Donation ⁴
Speaker gifts (mugs); complimentary rooms and gifts		\$1,100.00	TBD
Continuing education workshop expenses		\$1,000.00	TBD
Angler Newsletter/Ballots	\$200.00		\$0.00
Excom Meetings - Aug/Dec/Feb	\$200.00		\$121.86
Excom Operations	\$1,800.00		TBD
FY06 tax preparations		\$300.00	\$300.00
Donations		\$500.00	\$100.00
Other Excom committee operations, including all other committees		\$1,000.00	TBD
AFS Gift/Student Memberships (6 @ \$19 each)	\$114.00		TBD
Award Certificates and Plaques	\$125.00		\$0.00
FY06 Contributions to Student Subunits (\$200 each)	\$400.00		\$400.00
Pres. travel to WD retreat - Portland	\$850.00		\$669.00
VP ('08) travel to WD meeting - San Francisco (partial gas and registration)	\$646.00		TBD
Wyoming Hunting and Fishing Wildlife Heritage Expo - Casper	\$300.00		\$300.00
Website	\$0.00		
TOTAL PROJECTED EXPENSES	\$16,835.00		\$18,390.86

¹ This amount includes \$26,116.05 in savings.

² Coca Cola stock will be discussed later in the meeting.

³ This amount was estimated when we thought we were going to have a breakfast meeting instead of a lunch meeting.

⁴ Printing costs were covered by donations.

CO-WY AFS Chapter ExCom Meeting Conference Call

May 9, 2007

Prepared by Kathy Foster

Editor's note: Due to limited space, the ExCom meeting minutes are only highlighted here. The full minutes can be found on the Chapter website.

Attendees:

Lori Martin (President), Matt Kondratieff (Vice President), Kathy Foster (Secretary/Treasurer), and David Banks (UW Subunit President)

The conference call started at approximately 4:05 PM.

We started off talking about a joint meeting with Nebraska Chapter in 2008. Lori received an email from Mark Peg, Nebraska Chapter President. Lori forwarded the email to Matt. Matt responded to Mark but hasn't heard back. The Bonneville Chapter also wanted to do something with us but we feel that eliminates WY folks and the Bonneville Chapter understands that. A theme for a joint meeting could be illicit introductions.

Decision: Matt will follow up with Mark Peg, Nebraska Chapter.

Approval of Business Meeting Minutes: Kathy has received edits from those interested. Lori is working on her edits. Matt asked Lori to briefly explain the issue with Continuing Education funding. The confusion is that Lori and Brett were working off the old Chapter Bylaws, which are on the website. The new Chapter Bylaws actually streamlined the process. Thus, the CE committee needs to work with the President during budget formulation to determine the CE committee's budget. This process will save the CE committee from going through the funding request process. The old Chapter Bylaws needed a separate approval process. Lori will send out her edits via email.

Decision: Once Lori's edits are reviewed, ExCom will approve via email.

Transfer of dollars to WDAFS Investment Fund.

Kathy stated that we currently have about \$13,500 in checking. Savings account balance is about \$26,000. Lori made the motion to move \$14,000 from savings to checking, and then invest the \$14,000 into the

Western Division Investment fund. David seconded the motion.

Decision: Kathy will transfer the money from savings to checking, and then move forward with the investment.

Fort Collins City Sales Tax: Ft. Collins has a city sales tax and we have to go through an application for exemption process to not pay the city taxes associated with the Annual Meeting. The Chapter owes the Marriott \$458.80 in city sales tax. Lori hopes that the Chapter will receive the money back from the city of Fort Collins once the application process is completed.

Decision: Kathy will send a check to the Marriott for \$458.80, and Lori will send Fort Collins the Chapter's tax exempt application packet.

Membership Rebates: The Chapter has received a substantially lower amount for Chapter rebates as compared with the last several years. Kathy gathered that there is a new person at the Parent Society handling this process. The Parent Society's database has been upgraded, and possibly the formula for determining Chapter rebates has changed. Therefore, the Chapter may have been overpaid for quite some time. Chapter rebates are based on those Regular Parent Society Members residing in CO and WY. Thus, we do not get credit for Students, Young Professionals, Retirees, etc. Lori would like to bring this issue to the next Western Division (WD) conference call, which is June 12. Lori cannot make the call, so Matt will participate in the call. Questions that Matt will ask the WD include: 1) Is this pattern happening to other Chapters, 2) Do other Chapters realize what membership categories the rebates apply to, and 3) Should this be discussed with the AFS governing board?

Decision: Matt will attend the WD Conference Call and bring these issues forward.

Request for Donations: The Chapter has had several requests for donations. The first was from the Western Division, which is looking for support for the joint Parent Society and WD Annual Meeting in September, in San Francisco, CA. We have given \$500 the past couple of years to the Bozeman and Alaska Annual Meetings. Lori motioned giving a \$500 donation to WD for support of the 2007 Annual Meeting. Matt seconded the motion.

The second request was from the North Central Division, Walleye Technical Committee for support in publishing a Walleye/Sauger book. Hilda sent a response to ExCom asking such questions as how much are they asking for, will they reimburse us and how will the Chapter be recognized? As Hilda understands, the Parent Society will not put money up front for printing. However, once the Chapter/Organization/Committee has the money for printing, the parent society will jump on board and make sure it gets printed. The Parent Society will then get 50% of the profits, and the Chapter/Organization/Committee will receive the remaining profit.

Decision: Lori will send a letter to the Technical Committee of the North Central Division addressing the ExCom's concerns and questions. The ExCom will further handle the request once we receive feedback from the North Central Division.

Advocacy Requests: The Chapter has received several requests related to advocacy actions:

1. Wyoming Range Sportsmen informally asked the Chapter to support their efforts for no more drilling in the Wyoming Range.
2. The Colorado Mule Deer Association formally asked the Chapter at the Annual Meeting to support the Oil and Gas Guidelines the Association has developed.
3. The North Dakota Chapter of the Wildlife Society has requested our support regarding the need to modernize management of the Missouri River by amending the 1944 Flood Control Act.

The Oil and Gas guidelines have already gone through the Colorado legislative process. Thus, at this point, the Chapter would just be considered a supporter of the guidelines. The North Dakota Chapter of the Wildlife Society request came in February and we are not sure where they are in the process by now. It may be too late to offer support. All of the above requests appear to be asking for support rather than asking for technical guidance/comments. By default, the Chapter has delayed on these requests because our Environmental Policy Committee consists of only one person, Matt. We have a rule in the Chapter Bylaws on advocacy, which is rather formal. Will supporting these groups cause problems with members? We are a science-based society, not political. We need to meet our mission as a Chapter and not be afraid of advocacy. A recommendation was made to revise the Chapter

Bylaws to address these support-type requests by polling the membership.

Decision: 1) Matt will put a letter together for the ND Chapter of the Wildlife Society explaining that our Chapter does not currently have a committee to handle this request. 2) Lori and Matt will work on an email to poll the membership about the Oil and Gas guidelines and submit an article in the summer newsletter. 3) The Chapter will not respond to the Wyoming Range Sportsmen.

Annual Meeting Follow-up: People have requested copies of the Annual Meeting Plenary Session DVD. Matt gave Harry Vermillion the task of converting the videotapes into a DVD. Matt will follow up with Harry and get the cost of making 12 copies. Pat Martinez and Brett Johnson, Nonnative Fish Committee, are in the process of drafting a proposal to WD about illicit introductions. The Chapter is waiting to receive the Cutthroat Trout DVD from the Western Division.

Outstanding Chapter Application: Nomination was due May 1. Lori will try to put something together for submission.

Fisheries Article: Lori wanted to get an Annual Meeting Review article into Fisheries and missed the deadline so she will try for the next issue.

Annual Report: Due to Parent Society August 1.

Committee Nominations: Ryan Fitzpatrick has expressed interest about serving on the Continuing Education Committee as the Colorado representative. Tom Fresques has expressed interest in participating on the Environmental Policy Committee to address oil and gas issues. Student members can also serve on Chapter Committees. Please forward names of people interested in serving on any Chapter Committees to Matt.

Dollars OK'd without ExCom Approval: Lori received a request from Bill Bradshaw about being reimbursed for mailing costs for Elk Tags in support of the endowments. It was for about \$160.00. Steve Gale asked for \$100.00 for booth rental for the Wyoming EXPO. Lori agreed to these requests and Kathy has already sent checks.

The conference call adjourned at 5:45 PM.

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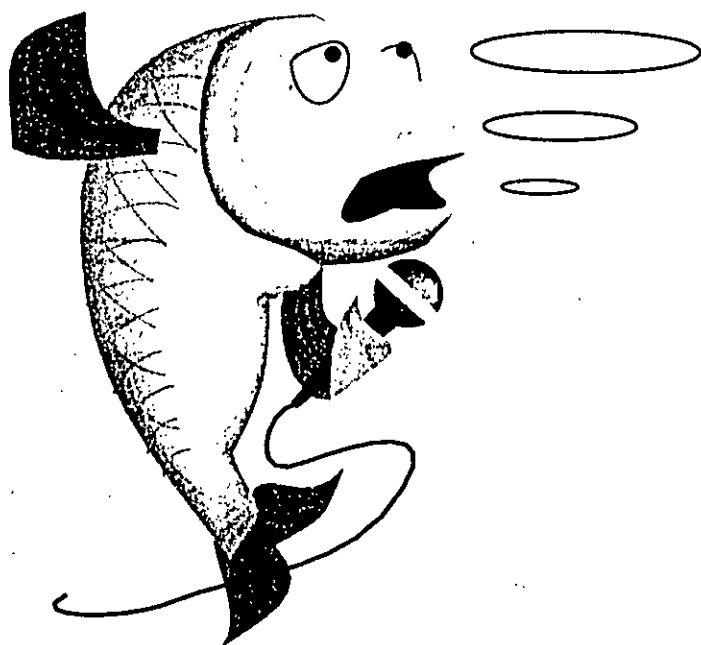
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