21 February 2014

Video-phone conference call meeting

*To:* MTAFS ExCom

*From:* Bruce Roberts, MTAFS Secretary/Treasurer

*Re:* Minutes from MTAFS ExCom Meeting

*Date/Location:* 21 September 2014, Video and phone conference between Bozeman and Missoula

*Attendees:* Travis Horton, Robert Al-Chokhachy, Bruce Roberts, Pat Saffel and Adam Sepulveda

*Agenda*

1. Introductions

2. Additions-changes to agenda

3. Review and approval of last ExCom Meeting Minutes

4. Agenda for Business Meeting at Annual Meeting

I. U.M. Student Chapter

II. Intermountain Journal of Sciences

5. 2014 Annual Meeting Topics

I. Awards

II. Sponsorship

II. Other needs (e.g., computers, etc.)

6. Treasurer’s Report

7. Old Business

I. Website consideration

8. Open Floor/Discussion

9. Adjourn.

*Minutes*

1. Introductions: The meeting adjourned at 12:47 pm. No introductions were made.

2. Additions/changes to agenda:

1. Clarify MTAFS policy on whom can volunteer at the annual meeting in exchange for having their student meeting fees waived.
2. Need to discuss if changes in the membership fees are in order for Active and Affiliate members.
3. Need for a web-page master.

3. Review and approval of last ExCom Meeting Minutes: 5 December 2013 ExCom meeting notes were sent out for review via e-mail to ExCom members in December. Changes were made in early-January. These meeting notes were not approved at the 21 February 2014.

**A.I. ExCom – Needs to approve meeting notes from both our 5 December 2013 and 21 February 2014 meetings.**

4. Agenda for Business Meeting at Annual Meeting

I. U.M. Student Chapter – no discussion

II. Intermountain Journal of Sciences –Terry Lonner will give us an update on this issue at our upcoming Chico meeting.

**A.I. Robert will brief himself on this issue by reviewing the 2013 Business meeting notes before the business meeting.**

5. 2014 Annual Meeting Topics

I. Awards – Based on the number of nominations, the ExCom asked Adam Sepulveda that he go out one more time seeking addition nominations. The ExCom unanimously agreed to re-open the RAF nomination process to receive additional proposals.

**A.I. Adam agreed to look back through the award files and resurrect Matt Boyer’s nomination letter from a couple years ago for the outstanding Fisheries Professional award.**

II. Sponsorship – Bruce mentioned that only one sponsor has signed up to date (Montana Association of Fish and Wildlife Biologists). They promised to send $100.

II. Other needs (e.g., computers, etc.) – Pat Saffel gave a quick rundown on AV logistics for the upcoming meeting are being handled.

6. Treasurer’s Report – No official treasurer’s report was made. Bruce is in the process of preparing an official Treasure’s report for the upcoming business meeting. Based on tentative calculations, it appears that the MTAFS might lose upwards of $1,700 from our upcoming annual meeting. Both stock accounts did really well in 2013 and early-2014.

7. Old Business

I. Website consideration – There is a need to know who is in charge of approving our contract with Rebecca Krogman (web designer) and when/how much is the final payment.

8. Open Floor/Discussion

I. Clarify MTAFS policy on whom can volunteer at the annual meeting in exchange for having their student meeting fees waived. It was unanimous vote of the ExCom that only undergraduates or graduate students without a stipend can volunteer to help with the meeting and have their fees waived.

II. Need to discuss if changes in the membership fee are in order for Active and Affiliate memberships. Bruce informed to the ExCom that folks are getting confused between Active and Affiliate dues. Many Affiliate members are only paying $10 when paying on-line through PayPal. The ExCom decided to monitor for a year before any formal recommendation is made to the entire chapter prompting a vote on this issue.

**A.I. The ExCom will attempt to improve language to the on-line registration to avoid confusion between the two fees.**

1. Need for a web-page master. The ExCom unanimously agreed that we would seek someone to fill this role during the upcoming year once Rebecca finalizes her contract with MTAFS.

9. Adjourn. No formal request was made to official adjourn the meeting. The meeting was over when Robert went skiing with his daughters at 1:33 pm.