



VIRGINIA CHAPTER *of the* AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY

Annual Business Meeting

4:45 PM – 5:30 PM, Wednesday, February 5, 2020
Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Virginia
Elrod Commons – Stackhouse Theatre

Minutes

Determination of a Quorum (Quorum – 10 voting members)

Kirk Smith

Call to Order

Brad Fink

Secretary's Report

Kirk Smith

The Secretary announced minutes from the previous annual meeting had been posted for review on the chapter website for nearly a year. The Secretary asked if there were any comments or questions. There were no questions.

Treasurer's Report

Karen Horodysky

The Treasurer presented details of expenditures, revenue and other financing. The treasurer reported 60 chapter dues paying members within VCAFS.

Sponsors

Brad Fink

The President read out and thanked each of the sponsors of the annual meeting.

Parent Society Update

Brian Murphy and Dan Cassidy

Committee Reports and Committee Signup

Arrangements: *John Odenkirk / Robert Humston*—No update

Program (President-Elect): *Vic DiCenzo*—Held a separate meeting for the 2021 SDAFS

Fund Raising: *Robbie Willis*—No update

Environmental Affairs and Advocacy: *Vacant*

Nominating: *Brad Fink*—Announced Jeff Williams as the new “President Elect” of VCAFS.

Continued Education: *Jeff Williams*

Communications (Secretary): *Kirk Smith*—Announced newsletter will have a rolling submission for articles and that editions will be published when enough material is submitted. All members were encouraged to submit something.

Membership (Treasurer): *Karen Horodysky*—Had previously announced the 60 dues paying members.

Outreach: *Don Orth*—There had been a panel discussion with the field guide authors and illustrator earlier in the day.

Awards (Past-President): *Johnathan Harris*

Presentation of Awards

Johnathan Harris

Robert E. Jenkins Undergraduate Scholarship Award--**Christa Madison, George Mason University**

Robert D. Ross Graduate Scholarship Award--**Alissa Ganser, Virginia Tech University**

2nd Place (a tie)-- Christine Verdream, James Madison University; Casey Pehrson, George Mason University

Eugene W. Surber Professional Fisheries Scientist Award--**Fred D. Leckie, VDGIF**

Natural Resource Conservationist Award--**Tom Sadler, Verona, VA**

Best Student Papers; Graduate-- **Alissa Ganser, Virginia Tech University**
2nd Place: **Hae Kim, Missouri State University**
Undergraduate/High School-- **Caroline Golightly, Randolph Macon University**
Poster Award-- **Jeremy Jenrette, Virginia Tech University**

Other Old Business

By-laws and Procedural Manual Updates

Johnathan Harris

Recognition of Presidents Service

Johnathan Harris

Brad Fink was thanked for his service as chapter president.

Recognition of Outgoing Officers

Brad Fink

Johnathan Harris is thanked for his three years of service on the EXCOM.

Installation of New Officers

Brad Fink and Vic DiCenzo

The chapter president recognizes the President-Elect, Jeff Williams, and invites him to join the EXCOM at the table.

New Business

Vic DiCenzo

VCAFS Google Account and Listserv

Brad Fink and Karen Horodysky

The Treasurer explained how chapter members will have easier access to the chapter website via a Google Account. It should be easier to share and edit documents within a folder on a shared Google drive. It should also be easier to request posting of material on the website. The listserv email list is based on the paid chapter dues.

This the process we are envisioning moving forward:

1. Members are instructed to send announcements to virginia.chapter.afs@gmail.com and should Cc at least one EXCOM member.
2. Secretary will check the inbox at least one time a week and forward these announcements to the 2020 Membership list
3. Any of the ExCom officers can send messages out to the Chapter at any time from this account

Next Year's SDAFS Meeting

Vic DiCenzo

There was a separate discussion on the meeting prior to the chapter annual meeting.

Bill Kittrell mentioned this year (2020) was the 30th anniversary of the VCAFS.

Adjourn