8-11-14 EXCOM Meeting Minutes

Bill Stewart, Sharon Lashway, Sally Petre

* Bill wants to send an email out for FB about meeting at Hotel for national
  + FB
  + Email
* Website
  + Bill can send Tim an email to allow others to access in order to complete the updates
  + Bill will create a tracking spreadsheet for update completion
  + Bill will send Sharon the email with list-serve instructions
    - We will try to input some addresses and test it
* Welcoming committee
  + Identify some people that would do the work of operating this committee
    - AZ and NM personnel (3+ people from each state)
      * ID people from survey that were interested in being more active with Chapter activities/planning
        + Scott Bonar, Jim Renyolds, Ryan Fulmoth, Matt Zigler (NM), Jack R. (NM), Amberle, Jess Gwinn, Lorraine, Jennifer Johnson, Scott Rogers, Ken Cunningham (NM), Hunter Falco (NM)
        + Bill will send out an email to solicit input from identified people
        + Sally will Chair committee
  + Would like input from EXCOMM on charter
* JAM 2015
  + See if CE have been identified
  + Bill talked to Ester to bring up to WMD for AGFD
    - If there is an exemption for travel more than 100 miles for these “close” meetings (i.e. carpool, share rooms, etc.)
    - Cantrell is wanting to become more active and push WMFS to participate
    - If we travel to this meeting, it should be required to participate
  + Once we know when the first call for abstracts come out, we can let it be known that while travel restrictions may not exist, they need to justify going
* Excess Funding
  + EXCOMM brainstorm a list of opportunities for spending (outside of training)
  + Develop a survey to send out to the chapter based on the list that we come up with
  + Present the results of the survey at the JAM
    - We will have to figure out how to make this happen (committee, EXCOMM, etc)
      * Needs to be a clear chair person
      * Clearly identified goals for committee
  + Sharon send Bill Business meeting notes from Miles McInnis scholarship committee discussion
* Facebook Page
  + Promote the use of the FB page- send on listserv, and FB. Pass this along to your student members. Link to the FB page
    - Photo contest with a theme
    - Photo contest with a caption
  + First theme
    - “A day in the life of a fisheries biologist”
    - Prizes could be: “10+ entries= 1 prize (shirt); 20+ entries= 20+ entries= 2 prizes
      * Chapter T-shirt
      * Gift cards ($5-10)
    - Posting photos until Sept. 12. Voting ends Sept 30th. Limit 10 pictures
      * Winning picture will be the cover of the FB until the next contest
      * Group members can submit
      * Voting will be based on the pictures with the most “Likes”
    - Send out reminders to vote
    - If I create a photo contest album, make sure the location is clear
* EXCOMM retreat
  + Hold a retreat at Sipe Wildlife Area
  + Bill, Sharon, Sally, James, Tim, Yvette, Student Chapter Presidents?
  + Fri-Sun
    - Choose date from doodle poll
    - RSVP to let Sipe know #s
* Past Action Items
  + Marianne wasn’t able to do resume training at JAM
    - Contact Shelly Shepherd
  + Sally emailed J. Reynolds about e fishing
  + Chapter won’t fund the cutthroat trout symposium
  + Bill send out welcome committee and EXCOM will follow up
  + Newsletter submitted with some JAM info sometime in Oct.
* New Action Items
  + Sharon- spending excess funds (see above notes)
  + Sharon and Bill will do a test run of list serve
  + Sharon will send Bill Miles McInnis notes
  + Sharon will send EXCOMM photo contest language (send comments by tomorrow night)
  + Bill will look at Excomm Retreat venue and send out doodle pool
  + NEXT CALL IS SEPT. 8TH AT 9AM AZ TIME