



AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY
ARIZONA–NEW MEXICO CHAPTER

President
 Yvette Paroz
President-Elect
 Bill Stewart
Secretary-Treasurer
 Sharon Lashway

Business Meeting Agenda
 5:00 PM February 6, 2014
 Hon Dah Resort, Pinetop, Arizona

- 1) Welcome/Call to Order Yvette Paroz
- 2) Quorum Establishment Yvette
- 3) Introduction of Excom, special guests Yvette
- 4) 2012 minutes approval Yvette *
- 5) President's Message Yvette
- 6) Western Division Report *Pam Sponholtz*
 - a. Gus Rassam retired in September and was replaced by Doug Austin
 - i. Doug held an call with all presidents to find out how National AFS could help chapters
 - 1. Bylaws
 - 2. Grants
 - 3. Personnel
 - b. WD will be implementing a cap on national meeting prices
 - c. Working with Bob Hughes (AFS National President) to see how AFS can play an advocacy role
 - d. Mexico was approved to be an independent chapter and won approval to host 2014 WD meeting
 - i. 1st time a divisional meeting has been held there
 - ii. There were 3 funding opportunities
 - 1. National
 - 2. WD
 - 3. Student
 - iii. 61 people received various funding to attend
 - iv. Money was approved for travel through endowment fund and took interest funds
 - v. AZ/NM is sending Doug Duncan and 2 students
 - 1. Jack Ruggirello (UofA)
 - 2. Morgan Brizendine (UofA)
- 7) Treasurer's Report *Sharon Lashway **

2013-2014 AZ/NM Chapter Annual Budget

Category and Description	Proposed Budget	Actual Income & Expenses as of 12/31/2013
INCOME		

2013 JAMeeting (includes all dues)	\$0.00	
Registration		
Dues Collected (AFS & TWS)		\$395 (2012 chapter dues) \$745 (2013 chapter dues) \$30 (piscicide check) \$50 (cash chapter dues)
Raffle		
Logo Merchandise Income		\$116.00 (shirts purchased)
Dues from Parent	\$650.00	\$1,305.00
Chapter Rebate	\$200.00	\$180.00
Interest Income	\$0.00	
Sub-total		
Checking account as of 01-01-2014		
TOTAL INCOME		\$2,821
EXPENSES		
<i>2013 JAM awards (NM) plaques</i>		\$100.00
Best Student Poster	\$50.00	\$50.00
Best Student Paper	\$50.00	\$50.00
Plaque for Conservationist of the Year	\$45.00	\$45.00
Plaque for Professional of the Year	\$45.00	\$45.00
Fish Head Award	\$45.00	\$45.00
Conservationist Banquet Tickets (x2)		\$70.00
Past President Award (2012-2013)	\$50.00	\$50.00
President JAM Plane Ticket	\$0.00	\$99.80
Total 2013 JAM expenses		\$554.48
<i>2014 JAMeeting (Pinetop)</i>		
meeting room reservation		\$200
Total 2014 JAM expenses		\$200; update at 2015 meeting
Mid-Term ExCom Meeting and Cont. Ed (2013)		
Retreat Travel	\$400	\$0.00
Retreat Lodging	\$300	\$0.00
Retreat Reimbursed Meals	\$100	\$0.00

<i>Total Retreat Expenses</i>	<i>\$800.00</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>
Other Excom Travel Expenses:		
Student Colloquim Travel Award	\$0.00	\$0.00
Parent Society Meeting 2013	\$1,000	\$0.00
WDAFS Meeting 2013 (Boise)	\$1,000	\$0.00
<i>Total Excom Travel Expenses</i>	<i>\$2,000.00</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>
Environmental Activities		
Arizona Activity	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Mexico Activity	\$0.00	\$0.00
<i>Total Environmental Expenses</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>
Newsletter Expenses:		
Publication/Mailing	\$0.00	\$0.00
<i>Total Newsletter Expenses</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>
Awards:		
Miles McInnis Student Scholarships	\$2,000.00	
<i>Total Awards</i>	<i>\$2,000.00</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>
Miscellaneous Expenses:		
Checking Fee	\$200.00	
Web Site	\$400.00	\$130.87
Donation to WDAFS for 2013(Boise) Mtg	\$750.00	\$750.00
Logo merchandise		\$231.82
<i>Total Miscellaneous</i>		<i>\$1,112.69</i>
Investments		
Endowment contribution 2013	\$500.00	on hold until MOA is finalized
<i>Total Investment Contribution</i>	<i>\$500.00</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>
TOTAL EXPENSES		1,867.49
NET BALANCE		\$22,831.91

- 8) Meeting Overview *Bill Stewart*
- a. Discussed the importance of filling out the provided survey in order to improve Chapter operations
 - b. We would like to tap into the small schools for participation
 - i. A great example this year was the participation of the Bosque School (NM) and Scottsdale Community College (AZ)
- 9) Chapter Survey *Bill Stewart*
- a. Discussed the importance of filling out the provided survey in order to improve Chapter operations
- 10) Committee Reports
- a. Newsletter *Anne/Bill*
 - i. Anne is happy to hand off the committee to Sally Petre
 - b. Webmaster *Tim Frey*
 - i. Tim will continue to be the chair
 - ii. Would like to track down the binder of historic info
 - c. Membership *Jeremy Voeltz*
 - i. Jeremy described that Pam had created this position when technology made communications difficult
 - ii. With new technology, it is easier to get information out
 - iii. We don't receive national membership info
 - iv. National has a list serve for WD and is making it available to chapters.
 - 1. We will look into setting up a list serve
 - v. Sharon Lashway will be the new "Spammer"
 - 1. Work on getting list serve set up
 - 2. Get contacts from
 - a. Jeremy
 - b. Regonline
 - d. Environmental Affairs *VACANT*
 - i. This committee is responsible for looking at environmental issues on a National level
 - ii. Possibly come out with letters on behalf of the Chapter supporting or opposing environmental issues
 - iii. This would be great information to put on the website
 - iv. Jess Gwinn will take over this position
 - e. Continuing Education *James Dominguez*
 - i. Had piscicide training for CE at this year's meeting
 - 1. Many people take this course for CE credits as well as basic information about the topic
 - 2. We can host continue education any time outside of our JAM
 - f. Nomination for Awards *Yvette Paroz*
 - i. Please take a couple of minutes to nominate a deserving colleague
 - ii. Had a very difficult time receiving nominations this year
 - g. Student Affairs *Amberle Jones*

- i. 21 paid student volunteers for this JAM
 - ii. Chapter provided WD funding for 2 students
 - iii. A successful student luncheon was held at this meeting
 - iv. Amberle would like feedback from student chapters on how she can help them
 - h. Student Judging *Tim Frey*
 - i. Hutton Program *Chuck Benedict*
 - i. We will get the program application out earlier this year
 - ii. Program is geared toward high school juniors and seniors
 - 1. They are matched with a mentor
 - 2. Have to meet certain GPA requirements
 - 3. Scholarship is usually focused towards underrepresented groups
 - 4. Graduate students can be mentors
 - j. Student sub-units *Sub-Unit Presidents*
 - i. ASU
 - 1. Kent Moser represented Trevor (president)
 - a. Chapter is mostly focused on wildlife and plants
 - b. Didn't have any new info to share
 - ii. NMS
 - 1. Hunter Falco-President
 - a. Chapter worked with local fly fishing group in Las Cruces
 - i. Conducted a fishing clinic for kids
 - 1. Booth for macroinvertebrates and fly IDs
 - b. Bass surveys with NMDGF on lakes
 - c. Trying to engage in communication and promote conservation in Las Cruces
 - iii. UofA
 - 1. Hanna Moore
 - a. Joint wildlife and fisheries chapter
 - b. Membership has doubled in size
 - c. Assisted Tucson AGFD in gill net surveys at Parker Canyon Lake
 - d. Assisting Tucson AGFD in Rose Canyon Lake creel surveys
 - e. Will be volunteering with the AGFD Outdoor Expo fishing booth
 - f. Aravaipa trips with the UofA
 - g. Looking for fisheries speakers for their meetings
 - h. Current budget is \$4,600

Old Business

11) Facebook page

Sharon Lashway

- a. Sharon is taking over for Amberle

12) Grants

- Miles McGuinnes Yvette
 - Yvette volunteered to set up a call with the committee established last year
 - They will be reviewing the student application process and the application criteria

New Business

13) Potential Chapter Projects *Bill Stewart*

- a. Paying registration for retired members at JAM
- b. CE free
- c. Reducing the annual meeting rates
- d. Increase travel opportunity for students
- e. Weekend outreach on our own time

14) Call for items *Bill Stewart*

- a. No new items

15) Officer Election *Bill Stewart*

- a. James Dominguez- President Elect
- b. Sharon Lashway- Secretary Treasurer

16) Adjourn