

Minutes from February 22, 2018 Business Meeting

- I. Call to order (K. Cunningham)
- II. Quorum was met with 55 members in attendance
- III. Review of 2017 minutes (K. Cunningham)
 - Motion to approve minutes (Jim Long, Dan Shoup 2nd), motion carried
- IV. SDAFS and Society update (Craig Bonds)
 - Excited about upcoming Puerto Rico SD meeting. Hopes an Oklahoma contingent can attend. Mangrove restoration effort planned
 - Encouraged Chapters to participate by investing in parent society meeting
 - Chapters should utilize Hay Kim for website support
- V. Committee Reports
 - a. Treasurer (J. West)
 - Discussed status of money market accounts and mutual funds since last meeting
 - Motion to approve Treasurer's report Dan Shoup, Matt Mauck (2nd), motion carried
 - b. Activities Committee: Clayton Porter
 - Presented 4 \$50 gift cards to registered members to show chapter appreciation and encourage future membership
 - Recipients: Donnie King, Chris Cantellay, Ethan Lovelace, Jeremy Duck
 - Solicited help for committee
 - c. Nominations and Awards Committee (J. Johnston)
 - Presented Ken Cunningham with plaque for serving as 2017 president
 - Presented lifetime achievement award to Bill Mathews (not present)
 - Scholarships are to be presented at the banquet
 - (Jimmie Pigg awarded to Dray Carl and Schooley awarded to Andrew Miller)
 - d. Continuing Education (D. Shoup)
 - Thanked AFS for sponsoring communication workshop
 - Thanked those that worked to help put it together: Jason, Cliff, Ashley
 - Solicited ideas for future trainings/seminars etc
 - e. Environmental Concerns (C. Tackett)
 - OKRMT hosted fish kill workshops and trained over 60 people from multiple Govt. agencies and tribes

- Appreciated OKAFS monetary assistance in securing the seminar room
 - Solicited for new committee members
- f. Student Concerns (Trevor Starks)
- Established a pipeline of communication with professors to convey OKAFS opportunities, currently no response from students
 - Solicited professor contact information to increase university contact
- g. OSU Student Subunit (Sierra)
- Listed activities in which the Subunit membership participated in 2017: multiple professional speakers, EXPO booth, hatchery tour, homecoming activities, cookout
- h. Website (Ken Cunningham)
- Ken read update email sent by Nathan Copeland our current webmaster
 - Website is up and running and if you have any content including old content that was on the previous website please email it to Nathan at copeland@gaiagps.com
 - New website address is as follows: <https://units.fisheries.org/okafs/>

VI. Other Business

- a. Parent Society membership of officers
- EXCOM members are required to be parent society members. In order to encourage participation in leadership roles OKAFS should pay for EXCOM dues
 - Mentioned that this issue was resolved at OK/AR joint meeting Jim Long will check and see
 - Gene G suggested that we continue with this motion so there's no question about it
 - Richard Standage clarified that you would be paying for the president for 3 years so each year it would be a total of 4 society dues. All were fine with this
 - Motion put forth that OKAFS pay for EXCOM parent society dues
Gene Gilliland, Jim Burroughs 2nd Approved
- b. Donation Solicitations

- Numerous requests for financial assistance are made throughout the year and Ken would like a motion to form an ad hoc committee to create guidelines to be consistent while still being generous
- Discussion about how many requests per year and how spread out are they. Around 6 or so and they are at various times of the year
- Comment made that an ad hoc committee could just be formed by the President without a motion
- Discussion about doodlepolling the membership as requests occur, setting a cap, etc.
- Craig Bonds said TxAFS had similar problems and have created the guidelines that we were discussing and he would be willing to share
- Ken will email Craig and distribute the Tx guidelines and the EXCOM will come back with a recommendations

c. OKAFS future participation in OKNRC

- Ken relayed that people had expressed sentiment that OKAFS should withdraw from OKNRC and resume OKAFS only meetings. The floor was opened for discussion
- Several members spoke in favor of continuing with OKNRC and cited increased interaction with a diversity of professionals, less planning burden on OKAFS EXCOM which could increase participation, profitable, more money spent on auction items, fulfilling contract obligations with cooperating societies,
- A few members spoke in favor of leaving the OKNRC for OKAFS only meetings. Positives of disassociation considered were: closer interaction with fisheries students/professionals, increased variety of venues across the state, ability to participate in joint meetings with neighboring states, opportunity to spend OKAFS accumulated wealth
- Ideas about participation were put forth by members such as: hold OKAFS meeting as well as OKNRC, setup social time specific to OKAFS within OKNRC meeting, activities committee setup activities for membership in the summer/fall, every 3rd or so year host our own OKAFS meeting, every 3rd or so year participate in the OKNRC
- There was concern expressed about how soon the withdrawal process would begin with the OKNRC signing 3 year contracts with Hotel venues etc..
- Ad hoc committee was formed for the exploration of future joint AFS meetings with bordering state chapters. Committee members include: Gene Gilliland, Jason Schooley, Josh Johnston

VII. Nominations

- f. President Elect – Josh Johnston nominated himself previous to the meeting and Ashley Nealis was nominated by Jeremy Duck. After some deliberation Josh withdrew from candidacy and Ken accepted the nomination of Ashley Nealis
- Motion to close nominations (Richard Standage, J. Johnston 2nd), motion carried

VIII. New Business

- Jim Long says that OKAFS lateral line was not delivered in 2017....but was it missed? Is it necessary anymore?
- Subunit leadership churn. Inexperience in roles can make it difficult to keep open lines of communication with OKAFS committee chairs
- Jim will send out a poll to membership to see if we still want the Lateral Line. If so Jim challenges committee chairs to respond with info in a timely manner
- Ken suggests that if it continues the website should host it lateral line

VI. Remarks from incoming President (M. Mauck)

- Thanks and gratitude was extended to Clayton Porter for serving as President, Craig Bonds for attending and updating us, Those who worked to put on the communications workshop and to those who serve in a committee
- Calls to action for this next year:
 - Emphasis on our chapter website. Adding new, relevant content and recovering lost content from old website. All members are welcome to send content to Nate.
 - Student engagement
 - Membership involvement in AFS: Do one thing for OKAFS this year.

VII. Motion to Adjourn - (Bill Wentroth, C. Whisenhunt 2nd), motion carried

