

## **2007 Tidewater Chapter Mid-Year EXCOM Meeting Minutes**

President **Dewayne Fox** called the meeting to order at around 2:00 pm on Tuesday, October 16, 2007 with a welcome and introductions. Attendees were Dewayne Fox, Anthony Overton, Stephanie McInerny, Jennifer Woodroffe, Bob Murphy, Ryan Woodland, Debra Parthree, Fred Scharf, Jack Musick, Brian Boutin, Kevin Neves, and James Morris.

### **2008 Annual Meeting Report:**

**Jack Musick** gave an update on the progress of the annual meeting organization to be held in Virginia in early March. The meeting will be held at VIMS from Thursday, March 6 to Saturday, March 8. A reception and poster session will be held on Thursday evening, Friday will consist of oral presentations followed by an evening social, and the meeting will be concluded on Saturday around noon after a morning wrap-up of oral presentations. A block of rooms for the meeting have been reserved at the Duke of York hotel in Yorktown, VA.

While the annual meeting was being discussed, there was open discussion among the group regarding staying above operating cost after the meeting and hidden costs that prior TWC presidents-elect encountered during their annual meeting preparations.

**Anthony Overton** also mentioned the idea of holding a Phantom Ball as a fundraiser at the meeting.

In addition, the issue of accepting credit cards for meeting registration for the 2008 meeting was questioned.

### **Secretary/Treasurer's Report:**

The Treasurer's report was delivered by **Stephanie McInerny**. Current account totals for the Tidewater Chapter were:

Checking:	\$ 4491.15
Mutual Fund:	\$ 1257.70
Total:	\$ 5748.85.

A progress report of the TWC mutual fund was provided showing an average 17% increase in the fund from inception. This increase percentage is much larger than our previous 2% interest we were earning while the money sat in a savings account.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Awards and Scholarship Committee:**

**Ron Klauda** (chair) was not present to comment on awards and scholarships.

### Membership Committee:

The collection of membership dues from subunits and students was discussed. Students should be encouraged to join the Parent Society as well as Tidewater. The issue of student dues will be discussed at the 2008 annual meeting EXCOM meeting and hopefully a decision will be announced at the business meeting.

### Nominating Committee:

**Dewayne** volunteered Lori Brown and himself to assist Jack with the annual meeting preparations.

It was confirmed that Fred Scharf will be the 2008 President-Elect for the Tidewater Chapter.

### Communications and Webpage:

The webpage has been pretty dormant and may need some work to make it up to date. **James** will be trying to get last year's annual meeting presentations on the website along with digital recordings.

**James** is looking to hand over the webpage to someone, if interested.

### Member at Large Reports:

**Bob Murphy** (MD), **Debra Parthree** (VA), and **Fred Scharf** (NC) all mentioned that they are working to recruit members from local federal and state organizations. **Bob** requested a copy of the current membership list to be sent to the at-large members so they had a good jumping off point in their endeavors.

**Brian Boutin** and **Kevin Neves** mentioned that University of Delaware, Delaware State University, and Delaware Environment and Natural Resources had lots of participation and that there was not much room for more recruitment in Northern Delaware.

### Subunit Reports:

#### University of Maryland:

**Ryan Woodland** reported that their current membership consists of 12 students. Several students presented at the Parent Society meeting in CA, as well as at the Diadromous Fish Symposium and at the ERF meeting. The Chesapeake Biological lab had an open house where students from the subunit came and gave presentations. Their subunit has been educating kids in fisheries and marine biology by taking some seining trips with local schools. In addition, **Ryan** mentioned that they are putting together more ideas about the student mentor lunch at the upcoming TWC annual meeting and hope to have representation of all types of job markets (private, state, federal). They are also trying to

recruit students from satellite schools in the area as well as faculty to become Tidewater members.

East Carolina University:

**Jennifer Woodroffe** reported their current subunit membership was around 22 members. Five students attended the Parent Society meeting in San Fran and 2 attended the ERF meeting. **Jennifer** also mentioned that the subunit participated in a creek clean up.

University of North Carolina Wilmington:

**Fred Scharf** reported for Cassie Martin about the UNCW subunit. He stated that their membership was around 25 people with 8 grad students and 7 undergrad students at the last meeting. UNCW had several students also attend the 07' Parent Society annual meeting. Their subunit has hosted a number of guest speakers, done outreach with local fishing clubs, and participated in other community service in the Wilmington area. Members of the subunit also volunteered to help at the Wrightsville Beach surf challenge.

University of Maryland Eastern Shore:

No student representative for UMES was present.

Duke University Subunit:

No student representative for Duke was present.

**EXCOM Officers Guide:**

This guide was put together by James Morris with help from Stephanie McNerny to provide a training guide to officers. It is organized as a time line of duties for officer's throughout the year and should assist new officers when starting a term.

It was decided unanimously that the officer's guide should be looked at in further detail and a vote to adopt this guide as a framework for future officers will take place at the 08' Tidewater Chapter annual meeting.

**New Business:**

**Stephanie** brought up the issue that there are several tax-exempt numbers floating around associated with the TWC and that Dewayne and Jack should be aware of the correct ones. **Stephanie** will email Dewayne and Jack the correct numbers.

**Adjourn:**

The meeting was motioned to be adjourned at around 4:00 pm. Meeting Adjourned.