

2011 Mid-Year Tidewater Chapter EXCOM Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order around 10:00 am on 8/25/2011.

Attendance

Mike Luisi, Sara Mirabilio, Len Machut, Jacob Boyd, Stephanie McNerny, Amanda Colton, Nichole Mehaffie, and Annie Dowling

Welcome

Len welcomed everyone to the conference call and prompted Stephanie for the Treasurer's Report.

Treasurer's Report

Stephanie reported that the current checking account balance for the Tidewater Chapter was \$12,479.98 as of 7/28/2011. Future deposits to the checking account include rebate checks from the AFS Parent Society in the amounts of \$334.00 and \$64.80. **Stephanie** also mentioned that the Mississippi Chapter of AFS sent out a request for donations for the 2012 Southern Division Meeting in Biloxi, MS from January 26-29, 2012. Since the Tidewater Chapter made money from our 2011 Annual Meeting in Virginia, **Stephanie** feels that the Chapter should be able to afford the donation but will double check the budget for the 2012 Annual Meeting and then let the EXCOM know via email about the potential donation. The Tidewater mutual fund was valued at \$1,142.27 as of 7/28/2012.

Stephanie also reported that the Chapter still had plenty of 25th Anniversary koozies and t-shirts from the 2011 Annual Meeting. T-shirts can be purchased on the website for \$10.00 which includes shipping.

Sara had a question about who the current student subunit presidents were for University of Delaware and UMES. Johnny Moore may still be the student representative for the UD.

2012 Annual Meeting News

Jacob gave a quick update on plans for the 2012 Annual Meeting in Beaufort, NC. He mentioned that he and Stephanie have put together a brochure outlining the purpose of the Tidewater Chapter to send out to potential sponsors for the meeting. He also discussed the budget and estimated the meeting to cost under \$7000. The 2012 meeting talks will be held at the Center for Coastal Fisheries and Habitat Research on Pivers Island in Beaufort. One of the socials will be held at the Beaufort Art Center and the other at the Maritime Museum.

Sara mentioned that Sharon Benjamin at Duke was on board for putting together the Student-Mentor Lunch and that NC Sea Grant will donate \$500 towards the meeting.

Jacob also mentioned that the Chapter will try to hold a continuing education course on the first day of the 2012 Annual Meeting (Thursday) to be taught by NCDMF's senior stock assessment scientist, Laura Lee. A list of options for the course subject will be put together by Laura and Jacob will send out the options to the EXCOM for a vote. **Len** expressed concerns that too many options may split the results out too much. **Mike** agreed. During registration this year, one option will be given and we will gauge interest in a workshop being held during annual meetings with regards to future continuing education classes.

Len mentioned that he knows someone who knows Guy Harvey and may be able to get something donated for the raffle.

Newsletter

Sara reminded the EXCOM that the newsletter needs to be sent out next week. This issue needs to have solicitation for President-Elect and nominations for other officers if needed. Dewayne Fox has agreed to host the annual meeting again in Delaware for 2013. We may not need formal solicitations if Dewayne is willing to do it. **Mike** said there would be a slim chance of Maryland DNR actually hosting a meeting but maybe someone from one of the universities would be willing. Maybe Ben Gahagan from the Chesapeake Biological Lab.

Stephanie suggested broadening our solicitation and **Len** recommended that the local subunits should take this on and help the members at large and the nominating committee find a President-Elect and should try and get more people involved.

Adjournment

Mike motioned to adjourn the meeting at ~ **10:45 am**.

Minutes submitted by: Stephanie McInerny