

**Alabama Chapter of the American Fisheries Society  
2022 EXCOM Meeting**

Swamp Whitetails Preserve  
Brent, Alabama  
12 July 2022  
(submitted by Keith Henderson)

Present: Cal Johnson (President), Colin Dinkin (Treasurer), Jason Throneberry (President-Elect, Program Committee Chair), Keith Henderson (Immediate Past President), Kyle Bolton (Sponsorship Committee Chair), Anthony Overton

Meeting Minutes:

- The meeting was called to order at 11:20am.
- A quorum was determined to be present.
- President's report:
  - Discussed plan to try and make transition between officers on ALAFS bank account easier. Also suggested debit cards to assist with procurement. Recommended having three officers on account at all times with only President and Treasurer being the only required officers. Officers on the account should be the officers with debit cards. Having three people on the account and monthly account statement distributions to the EXCOM should prevent issues.
  - Gulf State Park venue has been booked for the 2023 annual chapter meeting.
- President-Elect's report:
  - First call for papers will go out by September 1.
- Immediate Past President's report:
  - Nothing to report.
- Secretary's report:
  - Nothing to report (other than distribution of minutes from the 2020 Annual meeting, 2021 EXCOM meeting, and 2021 Annual meeting).
- Treasurer's report:
  - ALAFS contributed \$500 to AFS Southern Division meeting in April 2022.
  - \$1,000 deposit to Gulf State Park for 2023 ALAFS Chapter meeting.
  - \$70.50 Chapter rebate from AFS/parent society in April 2022.
  - Investment update – will provide later. Suggested to let money sit and build for future EXCOMs to decide what to do with it.
  - Meeting cost estimated around \$9,000.00
  - \$240 charge paid to AFS/parent society for website hosting fee.
  - EXCOM meeting lunch cost approximately \$91.
- Committee reports:
  - Audit Committee (Larry Lawson)
    - All expenses related to Kick Back Ranch annual meeting and time prior to meeting looked good.
  - Nominations Committee (Keith Henderson)
    - Will send out notification to Chapter seeking a new Secretary, Treasurer, and President-Elect.

- Dennis and Colin are potentially willing to continue in current roles if nobody volunteers their respective positions.
  - Membership Committee (Greg Whitis)
    - Greg Whitis is planning to moderate an aquaculture session.
    - Will make a big push for coastal participation given the venue.
  - Scholarship Committee (Katie Lawson)
    - Will announce scholarship after the first call for papers has been announced.
  - Program Committee (Jason Throneberry)
    - Possibility of a marine session if enough participation.
  - Student Affairs Committee (Henry Hershey)
    - No report.
  - Sponsorship Committee (Kyle Bolton)
    - Will reach out to historic donors and continue to find new donors.
    - Several possible donors were discussed (State Parks, coastal organizations, etc.).
    - Discussed changing the sponsorship structure and ultimately decided to leave unchanged.
  - Website Committee (Chad Fitch)
    - Ready to update website once information is sent to the Committee Chair.
- Other Old Business
  - No official decision was made on an officer's retreat and no further conversations were had.
  - No other old business.
- New Business
  - EXCOM discussed meeting cost structure and decided to increase professional meeting attendance (all professional categories) costs by \$20 to account for expensive meeting location and inflation costs. Student costs will remain the same.
  - A discussion was held about the need to roll the funds from the ALAFS paypal account to the ALAFS banking account soon due to the more protection the bank account provides for those funds. There is currently over \$8,000 in the paypal account. A small balance will remain in the account in the event of needed refunds.
  - An SDAFS committee has been created and includes Cal Johnson, Jason Throneberry, Anthony Overton, Steve Sammons, Keith Henderson, and Jeff Baker. Potential locations were briefly discussed. Alabama will host the SDAFS annual meeting in 2027 and meeting planning will begin 2023-2024.
- The meeting adjourned at 12:45pm.