

THE SECOND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ALASKA ENTOMOLOGICAL
SOCIETY

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Minutes of the 2nd Annual Meeting of the Alaska Entomological Society

25 January 2008 - Vice President Matthew Bowser called the meeting to order at 6pm .

Nine **members** and eleven guests attended some portion of the meeting.

John Lundquist

Roger Burnside

Dominique Collet

Matthew Bowser

Kenelm Philip

Mady Hammond

John Harp

Sayde Ridling

Mark Ridling

Alberto Pantoja

Matt Carlson

Ken Zogas

Leonard Revet

Corlene Rose

Michael Rasy

Derek Sikes

Dan Bogen

Luise Woelflein

Alison Triebenbach

Karsten Hueffer

26 January 2008

Business meeting. 8AM-12 noon

seven **members** and two guests attended.

Matthew Bowser

Roger Burnside

Derek Sikes

Ken Philip

John Lundquist

Alberto Pantoja

Dominique Collet

Maddy Hammond

John Hurd

Business Minutes read by Derek Sikes, formally approved by email. No motion for changes.

Reports:

A. Treasurer / Membership: Presented by Roger Burnside, treasurer.

The plan to transfer information on deposits from Fairbanks to Anchorage didn't work out.

Not many deposits.

Current Balance \$843.60

No outstanding obligations.

Reimbursed Matthew Bowser for website costs (\$ 59.82)

\$365 specified for C. Thompson endowment. \$150 unspecified extra money. Some people paid extra but didn't specify what the extra was for. Roger needs information on 5 or 6 transactions.

\$178.60 available for spending.

Prior to this meeting

15 sustaining members

10 active members

1 junior member

5 unknown members

By laws indicate membership is annual

Question – what is the difference between an active member and a sustaining member?

Our by laws define a sustaining member but not an active member.

John Lundquist proposed making sustaining much higher than active and making active \$25.

John Lundquist asked what are the expenses? Matthew Bowser explained minimal cost for website of \$3/month.

Alberto asked that discussion be held until reports are done.

Roger Burnside suggested we should remind people at the meeting about getting their membership current. We should pursue a more consistent way to deal with membership.

B. Secretary Report – Read by Derek Sikes, secretary

Primary activities for 2007 consisted of the following:

1. Assisted Treasurer Roger Burnside with assembly of membership list from forms left to me by President James Kruse.
2. I prepared the agenda for the 2008 meeting.
3. Announcements were sent out on AKEntonet-L for members to renew their membership. (The by-laws indicate this duty belongs to the Treasurer).
4. I responded to several non-members seeking information about Alaskan insects using the web email form of the AKES website.
5. The minutes from the 2007 meeting were prepared and sent to webmaster Matthew Bowser for posting on the website.
6. Talks from the 2007 meeting in powerpoint format were converted to pdf files in grayscale with 6 slides per page to post on the website IF approval is obtained from the speakers.

C. Website Report – delivered by Matthew Bowser, webmaster

Not much has changed. Minutes were posted. Approval of minutes was slow. Counter was added to site. It is a conservative (more likely to undercount than overcount) counter & simple counter so one ip address visiting for a fixed duration counts as one visit. Links were requested, John Hudson replied & his were added. Derek Sikes suggested some other links & these were added. I took the liberty of adding some other links. Website is now \$4/month. Paypal option was not pursued. Treasurer would need to set up paypal account. Paypal was discussed. [Old Business].

D. Directors Reports

Derek Sikes suggested we need to move the question of what or if directors report on to the discussion. Ken Philip is the only director present. He reported on the Compton's Tortoiseshell (*Nymphalis vaualbum*) outbreak in Fairbanks. Outbreaks usually short in duration, but remaining high. Roger Burnside asked how Ken Philip monitors outbreak/sampling. Ken Philip described method used at Bonanza creek – noting how many butterflies he sees at Bonanza Creek at a fixed site & time each year. Fort Yukon report that this species is present there; 2002 Wiseman report, Nenana & Delta Junction. Larval foodplants – birch, aspen, willow. Roger Burnside commented on Aspen leaf miner outbreak – 8th year. Stands with both aspen tortrix & aspen leafminer. Ken Philip reported that he hasn't found the Compton Tortoiseshell larvae yet. John Lundquist & Roger Burnside asked whether the Compton's does any damage to trees? Roger Burnside noted that they can't tell damage to landscape from plane unless it's large & obvious. John Lundquist asked when was it first noted here? Ken Philip replied 2002. Haines specimens in 1984, no interior AK records before 2002. John Lundquist asked if it causes

trouble elsewhere. Ken Philip said it is “not a pest species”. *Noctua pronuba* not in interior yet – SE, Haines, has been found in Churchill – can survive in tundra.

E. President Report – delivered by vice president Matthew Bowser

Will be short. We have a lot of business items remaining from last year. Haven't accomplished very much at all over the interim. No report from Jim Kruse currently serving in Iraq. Some email communications. Ken Philip commented Jim will be in Iraq for 1 year or 15 months, but is uncertain.

Business Items.

A. Ratification of the By Laws. MB expressed thanks to Jim Kruse for putting the by laws together.

Motion for ratification by Sikes. Alberto 2nd, passed unanimously.

B. Newsletter. Jim had started it & put it together. Issue 2006. No newsletter in 2007. Do we want to do it? Newsletter could be duty of President. John Lundquist asked if newsletter was needed now that we have the website? Matthew Bowser said website is dynamic, content is deleted, whereas the Newsletter is an archival document. Roger Burnside said putting newsletters together is a skill & interest of some. Need content and someone, even outside of the society. Derek Sikes said it doesn't have to be big, but should look good & be consistent. Matthew Bowser said set a time of year – soon after the first meeting. Date will be one month after the meeting – Matthew Bowser volunteered to put together. Due Feb 26th. Will include information on the annual meeting. Derek Sikes asked if we want 2 newsletters one for 2007 and one for 2008.

Motion to keep newsletter, publication date one month after the meeting, at least one issue per year, Matthew Bowser willing to be editor for 2008. Alberto first, John Lundquist second. Passed unanimously.

C. AKEnt-L listserv – archiving of old emails? Matthew Bowser feels this is a problem. Software can be configured to archive but we don't know if the university will allow this archiving. See if we can do this. Other way is to set bulletin board on website. Or set up google group. Some listserv archives are open to the general public. Simplest would be google group, free. Even easier to deal with than current system. Derek Sikes – would this require we replace our listserv? Matthew Bowser said maybe not – google group could just 'listen' and archive the emails. Matthew Bowser thinks this can be done and will look into details.

Motion – we will archive our listserv messages. First – MB; Alberto Second – passed unanimously.

D. Set date for 2009 annual meeting. Issue that weather in December is bad for travel. We lost two people who couldn't travel from Juneau. Date – September? If so then 2009 meeting would be a long ways off from this one. Ken Philip reiterated the need for good

travel weather. Roger Burnside said March & April are bad for foresters – conflict with other meetings; added that Oct maybe Feb. Sept not as good, field projects winding up. Oct good with Dominique Collet (joined meeting 9:43). October?? Discussion ensued on whether we should do it in Oct 2008 or 2009. Two meetings in 2008? Or wait a long time before the next meeting? Discussion about number of speakers declining – comments that this year’s meeting announcement went out late & this probably reduced the number of speakers. Discussion on hold for 10 minute break.

John Hurd, retired research entomologist working with USDA forestry Anchorage arrived. 10:15

Motion to have 2009 meeting held on October 2, 3 and to keep the meeting in October thereon. First M. Bowser, RB, second. passed unanimously.

Discussion of 2008 Oct meeting ensued. Alberto suggested a 1 day interim meeting, with field trip & no business meeting to keep momentum going. Dominique suggested Seward, true coastal forest habitat. Friday evening talks – just a few, then Saturday field trip all day?

Motion to have 2008 October “foray” as evening talk & next day field trip in South Central location to be determined. First – Dominique Collet. Alberto 2nd. Passed unanimously.

E. Review of annual dues schedule. Discussion moved to membership categories. Derek Sikes mentioned we have no student membership category.

Roger Burnside pointed out that the form should have explanation of what the categories are. Derek Sikes pointed out the CT Ent Soc has 2 categories: student \$5 and regular \$10. Should we simplify? 5\$ student and \$25 regular?

Any changes here will require a by-law special resolution. Derek Sikes volunteered to write up by-law amendment so entire society has opportunity to vote.

Matthew Bowser proposed we decide on categories & prefers them to be simple.

Change to add student with junior. Discussion to keep simple – sustaining membership is unneeded.

Motion to have two membership categories (1) student/junior and (2) regular, Matthew Bowser first (to start for 2009- amendment Roger Burnside) - Alberto second. pass unanimously. BUT NOT IN EFFECT UNTIL SPECIAL RESOLUTION IS VOTED ON WITH MEMBERS GIVEN ONE MONTH TO VOTE.

Discussion of dues rates. No need for students to prove their status. Matthew Bowser & others felt \$5 was appropriate, some debate if this was enough. No need to change current junior \$5 dues rate, no one opposed.

What about regular membership? \$25 is current, Dominique Collet thinks \$15 is fine.

Motion for regular membership to be \$25 (to start for 2009) - First by Roger Burnside, 2nd Alberto, passed unanimously. BUT NOT IN EFFECT UNTIL SPECIAL RESOLUTION IS VOTED ON WITH MEMBERS GIVEN ONE MONTH TO VOTE.

Discussion of dues date / schedule. Assumption has been made that dues paid early in year are for current year and dues paid late in year are for next year. Board agreed this sounded reasonable and simple.

F. Propositions for formal collaboration with other entomological organizations, eg Canada, B. C., U.S. This has not been pursued from business last year. Open question. Should we pursue this? Alberto – joint meeting with pacific branch ESA and Hawaii, Alberto on board. We would have to commit to host the pacific branch. Matthew Bowser – at the very least we can let them know we exist. A joint meeting is typically in March / April – which is a little early for collecting in Alaska. 300-500 people, probably Fairbanks. Derek Sikes announced his invitation to sit on the Biological Survey of Canada Scientific Committee. Alberto mentioned another, international group – the Circum Polar Agricultural Association, a small group that he can alert to our existence. Derek Sikes agreed to tell the British Columbia Ent Soc & the Alberta Ent Soc about our society. Getting our information out – could be done by posting our directory on the website.

Motion - to put our membership directory online with name, specialty, city, email (spam blocked), if members approve to have their email posted online – first Derek Sikes, 2nd – Dominique Collet, passed unanimously.

Comment that the membership form needs to be updated with checkbox to allow members to decide how much information is online – three options:

1. none
2. name & other fields but not email
3. all fields

Matthew Bowser, seeing we are almost out of time, asked that we address the most important issues before proceeding to Agenda item G. Alberto reminded that Treasurer Roger Burnside had indicated that to permit an audit of our books we'll need to account for \$75 so we would need to pay \$30 to the bank to get the details. Key bank will charge \$5 per check investigated.

Motion – society will pay up to \$40 to Roger Burnside to allow him to reconcile bank transactions for some deposits - 1st by Matthew Bowser, 2nd Alberto, passed unanimously.

Derek Sikes recommend to skip to simple agenda item K. Posting talks as PDFs on website. Derek Sikes explained that we have last year's talks ready to go. Members will be asked if they approve of having their talk posted online but given option to post an abstract instead.

Motion – to make a regular action of the society to post talks online after the annual meeting with permission of the speakers. First by Derek Sikes, Matt Bowser 2nd, passed unanimously.

Item I – Endowment. Christian Thompson gave checks asking they be put in an endowment. Others have given contributions that are unspecified. What to use this money for, and how to manage it? This was discussed in the 2007 meeting & needs to be resolved. Roger Burnside will find the best way to manage the money – an account with interest.

Use of the \$ - student incentive award? Award for a talk is best – it can be done during the meeting. We will need to establish rules & details. We need a committee for student award to prepare for 2009 meeting. Will need to recruit students to give talks.

Motion to form a committee to plan the student award for the 2009 meeting; Members will be Alberto Pantoja, Dominique Collet and Derek Sikes. First – Matthew Bowser, Ken Philip -2nd, passed unanimously.

Item M. Nomination and election of officers. Matthew Bowser proposed we nominate the existing slate of officers. Dominique Collet proposed John Lundquist be nominated as an additional director at large.

Motion to retain current board and add new director at large to be filled by John Lundquist. –First by Alberto, 2nd DC, passed unanimously.

some agenda items were not address, eg. Bioblitz

AKES Business Meeting Adjourned 12:06 PM.