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# Alaska Herpetological Society

Meeting Minutes for First Annual Business Meeting  
October 27, 2012, 12:00pm

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## KEY HIGHLIGHTS AND ACTION ITEMS:

- Certifications State and Federal
  - Service Learning Project
  - Bylaw Revision Approved
  - Mission Statement Revision Approved
  - Officers Voted In
  - Recruitment
  - Activities
  - April 2013 Newsletter
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Joshua Ream called the Board of Directors Meeting to order at 12:30pm on October 27, 2012 from UAA, Anchorage, Alaska. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

### **Officers Present:**

Joshua Ream, President

Allyssa Gabriel, Vice President

Gregory Cazemier, Secretary

Joseph Morris, Treasurer

**Officers Absent:**

All members present

**No. Of Full Members Present:** 6 (six)

**Old Business:**

1. Certifications
  - a. AHS is certified as a non-profit with the AK Dept of Commerce.
  - b. AHS is seeking certification with IRS once funding permits.
    - i. At this time we are near funding, however want to ensure more stable funds are available before submitting certification with the IRS.
2. Events
  - a. Amphibian Service Learning project
  - b. Herpetofauna Exhibit at Alaska Museum of Natural History

**New Business:**

1. President's Report:
  - a. Educational campaign partnering with MSHS and ADF&G for herp pet owners and pet stores.
  - b. Pet store pledge and information available on website.
  - c. AHS will have a list of sponsored pet stores who have accepted the pledge available on the website.
  - d. AHS is looking for events that we can be involved in to get our name out there and to help in education regarding herps in Alaska. Ask that people submit information regarding upcoming events to AHS officers.
2. Vice President's Report:
  - a. Dragonfly Day will be starting again around mid-June 2013. The last dragonfly day was 2010. This would be a great event for AHS to get involved in.
3. Secretary's Report:
  - a. Current membership is 23 members as of 8:00am on October 27, 2012.
  - b. Third Edition of the AHS Newsletter is already starting. The newsletter will be published April 2013.

- i. Newsletter to be published April 2013
    - ii. Have received one article as of October 27<sup>th</sup>.
    - iii. Please consider submitting an article for the upcoming newsletter.
    - iv. Members please submit photos and information on photos to AHS with media release and information on the photo for use on our website and within our newsletter.
  - c. Non-native species pamphlets are in the works
    - i. Goal is to have non-native species pamphlets done and available to the public by January 1, 2013.
  - d. AHS items available for order:
    - i. Currently we have hoodies (zippered and non), t-shirts, beanies and baseball caps available for order.
    - ii. Orders are being taken on our website: <http://www.akherpsociety.org/apps/webstore/>
    - iii. Pricing:
      - 1. Regular Hoodies \$25.00
      - 2. Zippered Hoodie \$34.00
      - 3. T-Shirt \$15.00
      - 4. Beanie \$15.00
      - 5. Baseball Cap \$20.00
    - iv. Last day for orders is November 10, 2012.
    - v. Orders can be submitted online or via order form provided.
    - vi. All orders received will be submitted on November 12, 2012.
- 4. Treasurer's Report:
  - a. Current Balance as of 8:00am on October 27<sup>th</sup> is \$464.00.
- 5. Bylaw Revision Article II Section 2
  - a. ADD: Clause F: To encourage responsible and informed herpetoculture.
    - i. Motion carried by Joshua Ream
    - ii. Seconded by Joseph Morris
    - iii. Discussion: None
    - iv. Vote by member: All Ayes, No Opposition heard, motion carried
  - b. ADD: Clause G: To foster a community of individuals interested in amphibians and reptiles, both in the wild and as pets.
    - i. Motion carried by Joshua Ream
    - ii. Seconded by Gregory Cazemier
    - iii. Discussion: None
    - iv. Vote by members: All Ayes, No Opposition heard, motion carried
- 6. Revision of Mission Statement
  - a. Motion to change mission statement to add bolded portion:  
 "The Alaska Herpetological Society is a nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing the field of Herpetology in the State of Alaska. Our mission is to promote

sound research and management of amphibians and reptiles in the North, **to foster responsible pet ownership and** to provide opportunities in outreach, education, and citizen science for individuals who are interested in these species.”

- b. Motion carried by Gregory Cazemier
  - c. Seconded by Joshua Ream
  - d. Discussion: None
  - e. Vote by members: All Ayes, No opposition heard, motion carried.
7. Recruitment:
- a. Recommend contacting both national and international herp organizations that we can partner with.
  - b. Questions for us as an organization: How can we be most effective? What do we have to offer conservation? Do we have a plan to deal with other organizations and what is the most effective way to deal with them?
  - c. One large organization is Society of Conservation and Biology
8. Officer Election (Ballots would have been presented if multiple candidates were nominated, however since there was only one nominee per each office, installation for each was by a vote for unanimous consent and acceptance by each officer.)
- a. President Nominee(s)
    - i. Nomination Joshua Ream, motion by Gregory Cazemier
    - ii. Second by Patrick Barry
    - iii. Discussion: None
    - iv. Vote by members: All ayes, no opposition heard, Joshua Ream is elected and accepts position as President.
  - b. Vice President Nominee(s)
    - i. Nomination Allyssa Gabriel, motion by Gregory Cazemier
    - ii. Second by Joseph Morris
    - iii. Discussion: None
    - iv. Vote by members: All ayes, no opposition heard, Allyssa Gabriel is elected and accepts position as Vice President.
  - c. Secretary and Treasurer Nominee(s)
    - i. Nomination Gregory Cazemier as Secretary and Joseph Morris as Treasurer, motion by Joshua Ream
    - ii. Second by Patrick Barry
    - iii. Discussion: None
    - iv. Vote by members: All ayes, no opposition heard, Gregory Cazemier is elected as secretary and accepts position; Joseph Morris is elected as treasurer and accepts position.

- ADJOURN

- Meeting Officially adjourned at 1:04pm

Minutes Submitted by Gregory Cazemier, Secretary.