

**The Minutes of the Second Annual Meeting
of the Missouri Chapter of the American Fisheries Society**

The second annual meeting of the Missouri Chapter of the American Fisheries Society was called to order at 3:45 p.m. on February 28, 1964, by the Moderator, Mr. John L. Funk.

The principal proposal before the group was that a Missouri Chapter of the American Fisheries Society be formed. Mr. Funk observed that there is a trend toward state chapter organization, and Illinois, our neighboring state, has a successful chapter, as well as several other states. Some of the advantages Mr. Funk pointed out were that small groups could get together as desired, everyone within the state could probably attend, everyone could participate, and it would present an opportunity to meet with other members and discuss mutual problems. He further stated that we have a good basis for a chapter in Missouri, since we have a current membership of 53 persons. These were represented by colleges, commercial hatcheries, and the Conservation Commission. Discussion on the proposal followed. Mr. Paul Osborn asked if state organization tended to increase membership in the national Society. Mr. George Fleener said there was no positive evidence, but membership was generally on the increase. Dr. Witt expressed a desire to bring more people into the Society -- particularly individuals from private enterprise. He favored all chapter officers being drawn from the various represented fields and ranks of fisheries workers in the state. Mr. Charles Purkett proposed that we be careful to induce people who do not belong to the American Fisheries Society to join. Mr. Barnickol proposed that we have our Conference in conjunction with the Wildlife Society's annual meeting. Mr. Paul Osborn moved officially to form a Missouri Chapter. Dr. Anderson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

Mr. Funk appointed a Nominating Committee (Chaired by Dr. Witt, and including Mr. Purkett and Mr. Osborn to draw up a slate of officers.) This slate of officers would include a President, a Vice-President, and a Secretary-Treasurer. The Vice-Presidency would lead automatically to the Presidency in the succeeding year; however, the Secretary-Treasurership would be open for nomination each year.

Proposed Nominations by the Committee:

Secretary-Treasurer:

Dave Foster
Willis Hanson (elected)

Moved by Dr. Witt, second by John Goddard. Closed by Dr. Campbell, second by Herb Fisher.

Vice-President:

Jim Kahrs (elected)
Stan Hudson

Moved by Dr. Witt, second by Larry Gale. Closed by George Fleener, second by P. G. Barnickol

President:

After some discussion and enumeration of reasons, John L. Funk was the sole nominee. Moved and seconded by Dr. Witt that Mr. Funk be elected by acclamation. This was done unanimously.

President John L. Funk appointed a By-Laws Committee to report at the 1965 meeting. The committee included:

Otto Fajen, Chairman
Dr. Richard Anderson
Mr. Stan Hudson
Mr. Ralph Steppe

Dr. Anderson suggested breaking up a portion of the meeting into subject discussion groups; however, the group did not act upon this.

Mr. George Morris suggested that the time of the meeting be changed so that more trout hatchery personnel could attend; however, no action was taken on this because it was generally felt that our meeting should coincide with the Wildlife Society meeting.

Mr. Purkett suggested that we retain the one-day meeting.

Mr. Barnickol suggested that we contact well-known out-of-state speakers to discuss pertinent subjects.

President Funk entertained a motion to adjourn. Mr. Purkett so moved, and Ron Goede seconded the motion.

Missouri Chapter, American Fisheries Society

Second Annual Meeting, February 28, 1964

3:45 PM

Place: Student Union, University of Missouri, Columbia

Moderator: Mr. John L. Funk

Proposal: That a Missouri Chapter of the American Fisheries Society be formed.

Funk: There has been a trend toward a state organization. Dr. Bennett reports that Illinois has a successful chapter. Several other states, California, Washington, Oregon, to name some, have chapters.

Advantages are:

1. Small group gets together as desired.
2. Everyone can attend state meeting as opposed to regional or national meeting.
3. Everyone could participate as desired.
4. Gives opportunity to meet other members and fishery workers and to discuss problems.

We have a good basis for a chapter in Missouri. We now have a membership of 53, whereas a year ago there were only 35. A breakdown of the membership is:

College	15
Commercial hatcheries	13
Conservation Commission	
Adm.	3
Biologist	12
Hatchery	7
Not categorized	3
Total	53

Discussion on Proposal:

Paul Osborn: Has Chapter organization increased membership in other states?

George Fleener: There is no positive evidence, but membership has been on the increase.

Stan Hudson: I favor the proposal.

Dr. Witt: We are a rather loose organization at present; we would like to bring more people into the organization.

particularly private individuals. They would then get a better chance for a voice in things because officers will be drawn from all fields and ranks.

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Charles Purkett: Asked how we could do this. We should be careful not to repel people who do not belong to the American Fisheries Society. All people interested in and working with fisheries should feel welcome to attend conference.

P. G. Barnickol: It would be well to have our conference in conjunction with the Wildlife Society annual meeting. This would be an effective way to draw people.

✓ Motion: Paul Osborn made a motion to form a Missouri chapter.

✓ Second: Dr. Anderson

Vote: Passed by unanimous vote.

Proposal: Election of officers. (Funk had earlier requested Purkett, Witt, and Osborn to draw up a slate of officers to be voted upon). *char.*

President
Vice-president (this should lead to presidency)
Secretary-treasurer (would be open each year unless holder accepted second term)

The office of vice-president would alternate each year between private and commercial people and University and Conservation Commission personnel.

Proposed Nominations by Committee: X

Secretary-Treasurer

Dave Foster
Willis Hanson (elected)

Moved by Dr. Witt, second by John Goddard
Closed by Dr. Campbell, second by Herb Fisher

Vice-President

Jim Kahrs (elected)
Stan Hudson

Moved by Dr. Witt, second by Larry Gale
Closed by George Fleener, second by P. G. Barnickol

President

After some discussion and enumeration of reasons, John Funk was sole nominee. Moved and seconded by Dr. Witt that Funk be elected

X

by acclamation. This was done unanimously.

President (John Funk) appointed a by-laws committee to report at next year's meeting.

Otto Fajen - Chairman
Dr. Richard Anderson
Stan Hudson
Ralph Steppe

Dr. Witt: Suggested that future business meetings be held immediately after lunch to increase attendance.

Dr. Anderson: Suggested breaking up meeting into ^{subject groups} channel catfish, hatchery, and management discussion groups. Feelings on this were mixed, and no further action was forthcoming.

George Morris: Suggested time of meeting be changed so more trout hatchery personnel could attend.

There was some discussion and it was generally felt that our meeting should coincide with Wildlife Society meeting. However, a change in date was deemed advisable.

Charles Purkett: Voiced the opinion that we retain the one-day meeting.

P. G. Barnickol: Suggested we contact well-known, out-of-state speakers on pertinent subjects attract conference attendees and to provide timely, useful information for members.

President Funk: Entertained motion to adjourn.

Charles Purkett: So moved.

Ron Goede: Seconded motion.