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MISSOURI CHAPTER, AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY
12th ANNUAL MEETING

FEBRUARY 7-8, 1974

1975
45 present

(Minutes of Business Meeting)

Location:

Student Union Auditorium, University of Missouri,
Columbia, Missouri

Order President:

Richard Schoettger called the meeting to order and estimated a quorum being present. He called for reading the minutes of the 11th annual business meeting.

read minutes 4:03 - 4:15

Treas. rept, Secretary-Treasurer:

Blake Grant read the minutes; Richard Schoettger moved acceptance, several seconded the motion and the minutes were approved for the record. Grant stated that all correspondence relating to Chapter affairs in 1973 was available for anyone to read after the business meeting.

old business

EIS revision Cont. rept.

Resolution Cont. rept.

Nominations Cont. rept.

President Schoettger:

Asked for a treasury report.

Secretary-Treasurer:

The balance of the account after all expenses during 1973 as of February 8, 1974 was \$285.49. We began the year as of February 1, 1973 with \$177.34; expenses incurred (through February 8, 1974) were \$197.85; and dues receipts were \$141.00.

Chuck Purkett:

Moved acceptance; the motion was seconded and approved by vote.

President Schoettger:

Introduced three items of old business for consideration.

The first item of business was a report on the status of the annual newsletter that the Executive Committee was charged with reviewing possibilities of establishing. President Schoettger with assistance from the Secretary-Treasurer sent out two newsletters at an approximate cost of \$30 each. This included printing and postage. His opinion was that the newsletter was useful and desirable. He made the motion to keep two annual newsletters, but opened the floor for comment.

John Belshe:

Seconded; and the motion carried.

Discussion:

After the vote, some discussion was forthcoming. Schoettger asked for opinions on changes in content and remarked that the membership should have input. Jim Reynolds asked if the Vice President would "ramrod" the newsletter and if there should be deadlines for contributed material. Schoettger stated that the author of newsletter (himself last year) fits it into his work schedule but he wanted to have one in the spring and one in the fall. He said that it served to get the names of various committee chairmen to the membership for any correspondence and it served as conveying reminders of yearly activities involving fishery interests, etc. Jim Reynolds asked for a time frame. Schoettger stated that the time frame depended on the President's work schedule. Slim Funk asked if it was helpful to the President as a means of communication, was it a burden, and should perhaps it not be the responsibility of the President. Schoettger stated that it took effort but not so much that he thought the President shouldn't be the one to initiate it. John suggested that the President might delegate the responsibility if it became too troublesome. Joe Dillard asked how many were sent. Grant stated that about 150 were mailed out. Slim asked about the cost of mailing more. Schoettger stated that printing more would cost very little and the postage is 10¢ per copy. At least, the Missouri membership of AFS was covered.

Richard Schoettger:

The second item of old business was that the Executive Committee was charged with deciding what to do with the Schwartz prints in light of the suggestions made at the previous meeting. (One suggestion was that the Chapter have an annual award to one or more members making an outstanding accomplishment and use the Schwartz prints for the first award. President Schoettger appointed an Award Committee chaired by Jim Fry). President Schoettger asked for a report from the Awards Committee.

Jim Fry:

Stated that his committee had two charges to review and on which to make recommendations:

- (1) Should the Chapter make an annual award and, if so, what should the award criteria be; and
- (2) Who were they to nominate for the first award, the Schwartz print.

Jim stated that the committee concluded unanimously without a formal meeting that Slim Funk, for his contributions in reviewing and commenting on environmental impact statements, be the recipient of the colored print and that the four black and white prints be held for the next award. (Slim was presented the award

at the joint Fish and Wildlife Banquet on the preceding evening. The print was framed and a name plate, entitled "Missouri Chapter of the American Fisheries Society, Award of Excellence, To: John L. Funk, 1974", was to be ordered to attach to the frame.)

The Awards Committee recommended, and Jim made it a formal motion, that an Annual Award of Excellence be made by the Chapter and that the Chapter have a standing committee for annual award selection and criteria for selection.

- Robert Campbell:** Seconded the motion and before a vote was taken, asked should there be a "parent" plaque that listed each annual recipient. This was not resolved by further discussion.
- Jim Reynolds:** Questioned whether the award criteria should vary from year to year and moved to amend the motion on the floor to state, in effect, that the Award Committee have general criteria to follow in selecting a recipient.
- Jim Fry:** Seconded the motion to amend the original motion, but stated that some criteria might vary from year to year. That is, why recognize someone each year, if the committee felt it inappropriate.
- Joe Dillard:** Stated that there is some advantage that we not be locked in to giving an award each year.
- President Schoettger:** Stated that this is implicit in the original motion.
- Jim Reynolds:** The amendment states that there be general criteria for excellence.
- John Belshe:** Raised the question of legality in having a standing committee rather shouldn't the committee be ad hoc.
- John Funk:** Said that "Standing Committee" can be stated in our by-laws or be called whatever we want, but there is no reason to re-write our by-laws for this.
- President Schoettger:** Asked for a vote on accepting the committee's motion as amended by Reynold's motion; the motions carried.
- Secretary-Treasurer Note:** The incumbent President should have a document provided by Jim Fry in collaboration with Jim Reynolds that gives the exact wording of these statements for an incumbent Award Committee. The original recommendation's title should have "Standing" deleted.

President Schoettger: Introduced the third item of old business. That was the issue of the Chapter having affiliate membership and of splitting the office of Secretary-Treasurer. He asked that Arvil Ming report on his review of these questions.

Arvil Ming: Determined that splitting the Secretary-Treasurer office does not conform to AFS structure and not advisable. Also, affiliate membership is not provided for by the Parent Society (AFS) and is, therefore, illegal under its present constitution. He also stated that the Chapter had never amended its by-laws, had never had a standing committee that dealt with by-laws changes, and that it was left up to the President to decide issues involving by-laws. He stated that since charter of the Chapter matters adopted in the past by membership vote had never been drafted in the form of updated by-laws. He, as chairman of an ad hoc by-laws committee in 1973, recommended that a standing by-laws committee amend and up-date the Chapter by-laws.

Discussion: John Belshe reviewed Section 2--on membership that states, Chapter membership shall be composed of those AFS members in good standing that reside within Missouri, and Section 9--on voting and decisions. Slim stated that two-thirds approval of membership is required for by-laws amendment. John Belshe reviewed Section 5 that gives the President authority to "make such appointments and perform other duties and functions as are authorized and necessary." Arvil Ming stated that we have no provision in the by-laws for dues. Funk said that we aren't permitted to collect dues but we can collect "fees". John Belshe encouraged the Chapter to bring the by-laws and conducting of business into line with respect to recognized parliamentary procedure and cited a reference authority. He stated that our by-laws need overhauling to bring them into line with that of the AFS Parent Society. He questioned constitutionality of a committee. Slim Funk said we could have such a committee. Joe Dillard asked whether we would have affiliate membership or not and stated that past issues had been decided or affected by "affiliate" members being present and voting. He said that if we could not have affiliate membership, our meeting attendance could be expected to drop way off. Belshe pointed out that, dues or not, any AFS member can congregate and vote. Affiliate membership, we recognize, is desirable, but we must get it by petitioning the Parent Society. He stated that the Executive Committee is undergoing a change of membership and that with Bailey's incumbence, the time to approach the Executive Committee with the affiliate membership issue may be presently fruitful. Also, he stated that

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if our by-laws don't represent the membership, we should change them. No motion regarding the above was made and the issues were tabled.

President Schoettger: Asked for any more old business, and none was introduced. He then asked that, in the way of new business, the Chairman of the Environmental Impact Review Committee, John Funk, report on last year's activities. He credited Bill Dieffenbach and James Schaddy for their assistance. The committee reviewed two EIS's, Meramec Park Reservoir and Maline Creek improvement. The EIS Review Committee pointed out significant deficiencies and discrepancies and commented on 3 alternatives. An additional review was requested on the operation and maintenance work at Stockton Reservoir. Slim Funk didn't think there was much to comment on and thought the committee might better save their clout for more significant matters.

Richard Lenning: Representing the Kansas City Corps of Engineers Office stated that they would also appreciate the review, that they were having downstream problems, but also needed input from wildlife specialists.

John Belshe: Asked if the EIS's came from EPA or directly from the Corps.

President Schoettger: They come direct from the Corps. In concluding, Dick asked that this committee be given a note of appreciation. And the group responded with applause.

President Schoettger: Asked for a report from the Resolutions Committee chaired by Joe Dillard.

Joe Dillard: Joe prefaced his report with remarks that the committee did not have a resolutions-generating function, but that they were to screen those submitted. And, since no resolutions were submitted, none were brought before the business session for adoption. He recommended that a standing committee be formed for this function if it were consistent with the AFS constitution.

President Schoettger: Stated that we can have an ad hoc committee for this function. He also stated that if our resolutions were to be original and not simply an endorsement of something developing within the region, and if we were to carry a resolution through regional channels, we would need to initiate our resolutions two years in advance. This is so because our annual meeting follows the regional and national meetings and their annual Executive Committee business meetings.

- President Schoettger: Asked for any further new business. None was brought up. And, he thanked the chairmen and members of the various committees, stating that these members were a tremendous asset to the Chapter and that it has been rewarding to have worked with them.
- President Schoettger: Then asked for a report from Chuck Purkett, Chairman of the Nominations Committee.
- Chuck Purkett: Made the nominations, assisted by Gil Radonski and Jim Reynolds, of
- Secretary-Treasurer - Lee Redmond
 - Vice President - Joe Dillard
 - President - Dean Rosebery
- President Schoettger: Asked for other nominations from the floor.
- Anonymous: Moved that the nominations be closed, it was seconded and moved that the slate be accepted as read. The motion carried.
- President Schoettger: Asked that Bill Dieffenbach and Sonny Mayer escort Joe Dillard to the podium; that John Belshe and Arvil Ming escort Lee Redmond to the podium; and that Paul Osborn and Jim Whitley escort Dean Rosebery to the podium.
- Incumbent President Rosebery: Assumed the chair and stated that it had been quite an honor to have worked with the old officers and had learned a lot from them. He hoped for good communication with the new staff to present any suggestions freely.
- Jim Reynolds: Asked for a show of appreciation for the outgoing officers and the group responded with applause.
- President Rosebery: Asked for any further statements and there were none. He moved that the meeting be adjourned; it was seconded and approved by vote.

Respectfully submitted by,

Blake F. Grant
Past Secretary-Treasurer