

MISSOURI CHAPTER, AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY
14th ANNUAL MEETING

FEBRUARY 18, 1976

(Minutes of Business Meeting)

- Location: Room 208, Brady Commons, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri.
- President: Joe G. Dillard called the meeting to order. Approximately eighty-five persons were present including forty-five to fifty paid-up members. A quorum of twenty was definitely present. He called for a reading of the minutes of the 13th annual business meeting.
- Secretary-Treasurer: Lee C. Redmond read the minutes; Spencer Turner moved acceptance and Jim Reynolds seconded the motion and the minutes were approved for the record.
- President Dillard: Asked for a treasurer's report.
- Secretary-Treasurer: Lee C. Redmond reported the cash balance on February 14, 1975, as \$352.61. An additional \$7.50 was received from three members immediately after the business meeting, bringing the balance up to \$360.11. Expenses during the year amounted to \$113.13. These expenses were primarily for postage and envelopes for mailing the one newsletter and the announcement of this meeting and for a portion of last year's banquet expenses (\$64.68). The balance on deposit at Farmers Bank of Lohman, Lohman, Missouri 65053 prior to this meeting amounted to \$246.98 plus a portion of the banquet ticket income. Two hundred sixty-eight banquet tickets have been sold until noon today, amounting to \$1,474.
- President Dillard: Called for a motion that the treasurer's report be accepted. Ralph Steppe moved acceptance and Don Kangas seconded this motion and it was approved.
- President Dillard: Commented that he was not conducting the usual business meeting as several members needed to leave immediately. He then called on Dr. Robert Campbell for a report from the Awards Committee.

Dr. Robert Campbell: Reported that the Committee had met and selected a recipient for the Award of Excellence which would be presented by Dr. Campbell at the banquet later in the evening. (The award was presented to student John Karel in the form of a framed Schwartz quail print). John was recognized as the leading force in a drive to set aside 7 wilderness areas in Missouri each unique in representing a different aspect of the ecology of the Missouri Ozarks -- Paddy Creek, Mingo, Bell Mountain, Hercules Glade, Rockpile Mountain, Piney Creek and the Irish Wilderness. John sought congressional action on these areas by appearing in Washington to speak with legislators. John Karel has also been active in studying the Current River Management Plan, in preserving the Meramec River, Huzzah Creek, and Courtois Creek in their free-flowing state, and in supporting the drive to fund the Design for Conservation of the Missouri Department of Conservation.

President Dillard: Called upon John Funk to report on the activities of the Environmental Impact Review Committee.

Mr. John Funk: Reported that the committee had been relatively active during 1975 reviewing numerous Corps of Engineer and Highway Department environmental impact statements. They prepared three detailed comments on Corps of Engineer projects and two detailed comments on Highway Department projects are now in preparation. They did not comment on the Pomme de Terre Lakeshore Management Plan since it dealt primarily with regulating recreational use. Neither did they comment on the statement concerning dock and barge facilities in St. Louis harbor. They commented on the Iatan Power Plant draft statement since fish impingement on the intake screens was not given adequate consideration. They recommended access be provided to the probable concentration of fish in the warmwater plume. The Middle Mississippi River Regulating Works project was commented upon. Maintenance projects would reduce the average width from 15,000 feet to 12,000 feet. Much surface acreage (about 1/3) and island habitat (1/2) has already been lost. The Mississippi River Pools 24, 25, and 26 project was commented upon (nearly 100 miles of river), asking that the alternatives section be rewritten. They suggested enumeration of past spills in the river and suggested preventative steps be recommended to eliminate them. The two Highway Department statements in preparation are the relocation of Route 60 near VanBuren and Highway 185 in Franklin and Jefferson Counties. They will suggest care in erosion prevention.

- President Dillard: Expressed appreciation to the committee for their efforts. A large volume of material went to them through the year and a great deal of work was involved.
- President Dillard: Called upon Dr. Ken Minter, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee for a report.
- Dr. Ken Minter: Reported no resolutions were submitted to the committee.
- President Dillard: Called upon Arvil Ming, Chairman of the By-Laws Committee for a report.
- Mr. Arvil Ming: Read correspondence with Dr. Kendall of the parent society regarding by-laws of other state chapters and the legality of charging dues. Recommended by-laws sent to the committee by the parent society were the same ones that were used originally to set up our chapter by-laws. Since the parent society is still revising its by-laws it is premature to revise the chapter by-laws. It is illegal to charge dues but special fees may be charged with permission from the parent society.
- President Dillard: I think much of this will be discussed at the mid-term executive session of the AFS in March and next year we will be in a much better position to make a move. Thank you Arvil.
- Is there any discussion on this? I don't want you to get the feeling that we are intentionally putting this off. I think you can tell from the correspondence, it's we make a move; they make a move. We have no choice but to come into line with them. If there are no comments, I'd like to make some myself. We did invite Cameron Stevenson, the current president; we also invited Carl Sullivan, the executive director; we also invited Dale Henegar, president of the North Central Division. I think you are aware that none of them are here. Mr. Stevenson called two nights ago to point out he could not make it. He has made several chapter meetings and is convinced the local chapters are the strength of the society. He desires that the membership be more active, especially students. Many people do not agree with the new fee structure. He is hopeful that that will work itself out. He asked that members interested in seeing affiliate membership write Dale Henegar, president of the North Central Division, and tell him so and why, so that he could represent these views at the national level. Many chapters desire this.

President Dillard:
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Carl Sullivan wrote and expressed concern that he could not be here but hopes to attend the Fisheries Administrators meeting in Missouri in May. Mr. Sullivan has made many changes and opened lines of communications with the chapters through the diary and bulletin.

Dale Henegar hoped to attend this meeting but at the last minute became involved in the Garrison Diversion Unit Project and could not make it.

Joe announced an approaching bioassay conference at University of Missouri Columbia on April 13.

Copies of the minutes of the last annual business meeting are available here if you care to see them. Highlights were covered in our Newsletter.

President Dillard: Called for items of old business and there were none.

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President Dillard: Commented further and expressed disappointment in his lack of contact with the members this past year and that he did not get out a spring Newsletter. He was also disappointed that he heard no complaints about it. Possible affiliate membership might stimulate more activity from the members. He challenged Foster Mayer to be more active as the new president and to encourage more activity from the members.

Secretary-Treasurer: Lee Redmond added that in 1964, the chapter consisted of 53 members made up of 15 students, 13 commercial hatchery personnel, and from the Missouri Department of Conservation there were 3 administrators, 12 biologists, 7 hatchery men, and 3 not categorized. This year, until meeting time, we have 51 members and do not have the diversity we had in earlier years. He would like to see suggestions made as to how we might encourage growth with more diversity.

President Dillard: Expressed appreciation to those that worked the Fisheries Career Booth at the annual FFA Convention in Kansas City the past 10 years and displayed the plaque presented to the American Fisheries Society in appreciation for annual participation since the career show began 10 years ago.

President Dillard: Called for a report from the nominating committee, the chairman of which is Dr. James Whitley.

- Dr. Whitley: Presented two names, Dr. Don Kangas for Vice-President and Stanley Michaelson for Secretary-Treasurer.
- President Dillard: Called for any additional nominations from the floor. There were none.
- Mr. Spencer Turner: Moved that the nominations be accepted and this was seconded. The membership approved these nominations.
- President Dillard: Called for the new officers to come forward. While they were doing so, he thanked Foster Mayer for putting this year's conference program together and to Lee Redmond for serving as Secretary-Treasurer this past year.
- Incumbent President Mayer: Thanked the executive committee for the nomination when Charles Phenicie resigned this past year. He also thanked the outgoing officers for serving the past year and then asked for any other business to be taken care of.
- He asked for a motion for adjournment. This motion was made by Dr. Ken Minter, seconded by Spencer Turner and approved by the members.

Lee C. Redmond
Secretary-Treasurer