

MISSOURI CHAPTER, AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY
15th ANNUAL MEETING

February 17, 1977

(Minutes of Business Meeting)

Location: Student Union Auditorium, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri

President: Foster Mayer called the meeting to order. Approximately forty-five persons were in attendance and a quorum of twenty was present. He called for a reading of the minutes of the 14th annual business meeting.

Secretary-Treasurer: Stan Michaelson read the minutes; Charles Purkett moved acceptance and Mike Colvin seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as read.

President Mayer: Asked for a treasurers report.

Secretary-Treasurer: Stan Michaelson reported a check book balance of \$439.18 on March 1, 1976. Income for 1976 came from monies left over from the "Smoker" (\$51.00) and from reimbursement of the Parent Society for the FFA Career Booth (\$24.25). Expenses for the year totaled \$300.14. Major items included postage and envelopes (\$103.25) and a contribution to the Citizen's Committee for Conservation (\$150.00). The check book balance on February 16, 1977 was \$194.29. As of the time of the business meeting, 54 members had paid chapter dues adding \$135.00 to the treasury.

President Mayer: Called for a motion that the treasurer's report be accepted. Arvil Ming moved acceptance and Spence Turner seconded. Motion carried.

President Mayer: Noted that Richard Anderson, Chairman of the Awards Committee was not present but indicated a recipient had been chosen and that the Chapter's Award of Excellence would be presented by Dr. Anderson at the banquet later in the evening. (The award, in the form of a framed Schwartz print was presented to Dr. William Pflieger). One of Dr. Pflieger's more significant contributions is his recently released

- President Mayer:
(cont.) book The Fishes of Missouri which culminated 15 years of research. The book's 343 pages include illustrated keys for identifying the 25 various families of fishes found in our state and the 199 species that make up the families.
- President Mayer: Called on Arvil Ming, Chairman of the By-Laws Committee for a report.
- Mr. Ming: Reported that no changes had been made at the national level which would influence chapter by-laws -- in short no change in the position on affiliate membership.
- Mr. Charles Hicks: Indicated that some chapters in the Western Division are encouraging participation by affiliate-type persons because they are felt to be necessary to a viable organization.
- Mr. Joe Dillard: Stated that he had heard that The Wildlife Society was moving away from the affiliate member.
- President Mayer: Learned at the noon luncheon that The Wildlife Society will specifically define this type of member.
- Dr. John Belshe: Stated that there was always the possibility of an individual chapter initiating a resolution to change the by-laws of the national society.
- President Mayer: Michigan initiated such a petition which we did not sign because it was worded in a fashion which would exclude membership of some of those we are seeking.
- President Mayer: Called on Mr. Jim Fry, Chairman of EIS Review Committee for a report.
- Mr. Fry: The committee composed of Otto Fajen, Paul Mehrle and Jim Fry received approximately 100 plans, permit applications, etc. -- a stack about two feet high. The committee had commented on 12 plans -- the most significant involving a plan for downstream releases from Stockton Reservoir. Mr. Fry commented that the Corps of Engineer environmental statement was judged unsatisfactory.
- President Mayer and
Joe Dillard: Commented on the quality of the committee response and the uses that are made of them.
- President Mayer: Called on Charles Hicks, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee.

- Mr. Hicks: Reported that the committee had received no resolutions and that they had taken no action.
- Mr. Norman Benson: Noted that Mr. Robert Dunkeson, a speaker at the joint session, had suggested a resolution in support of research on the impact of impoundments on downstream flow.
- President Mayer: Stated that resolutions to have been acted on at this meeting would have had to have been introduced through the Resolutions Committee.
- Mr. George Fleener: Wondered if such an item could be handed to the Resolutions Committee and taken up sooner than the annual meeting time by the Executive Committee.
- Mr. Dillard: Moved that the new Executive Committee study the area of resolutions and present the various options in processing resolutions to the membership through the spring Newsletter. Dr. Ken Minter seconded. Motion carried with one nay.
- President Mayer: Asked for New Business.
- Mr. Ralph Steppe: Made a motion that our chapter send a note of thanks to the Citizens Committee of the Missouri Conservation Federation for their effort in the passage of Amendment #1. The motion was seconded by John Belshe and it carried.
- President Mayer: Called on Charles Purkett who is new chairman of Membership Concerns Committee of the American Fisheries Society.
- Mr. Purkett: Reported that the members of his committee had not provided him with any membership concerns and invited suggestions from the audience on special concerns.
- Mr. Frank Ryck: Expressed concern for a decrease in growth rate in society membership. Thought "off-shoot" societies were having an influence on membership.
- Mr. Dillard: Suggested changing structure of annual meetings so that they are the business meeting of the Society leaving most of the technical presentations to the division and chapter levels.
- Dr. Belshe: Money available for an annual meeting trip at some universities is nil. Suggested separation from IAGFCC and having meetings with someone else such as AAAS. Should examine the needs of the membership.

- Mr. Turner: The new biologist will come through the universities. It is important that the structuring is there for these people to contribute to the chapter and thus grow in our profession. We should use the initiative petition to accomplish this structuring.
- Mr. Otto Fajen: The AFS doesn't address itself to the pressing issues of the time. We are at the turning point in saving certain streams and fisheries.
- Mr. Hicks: Explained that future meetings would be held at West Yellowstone and a small university in Rhode Island.
- President Mayer: Called on Mr. Dillard for a report on activities of North Central Division.
- Mr. Dillard: Listed the officers of the North Central. He also discussed upcoming events, budgets, papers presented, awards, etc.
- President Mayer: Introduced Jim Cooper who discussed the status of concerned citizens' fight against the Meramec Dam and enlisted chapter members to write to those who represent them to stop this project.
- President Mayer: Called for a report of the Nominations Committee chaired by Dr. Robert Campbell.
- Dr. Campbell: Noted that Dr. Donald Kangas as President-Elect will become President for 1977. Dr. James Reynolds was nominated President-Elect; Stan Michaelson was nominated for a second term as Secretary-Treasurer.
- Mr. Turner: Moved that nominations cease and that those nominated be selected; Mr. Bill McDannold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- President Kangas: Thanked those present for the votes he had received as President-Elect. He thanked the Executive Committee for the work accomplished the past year and offered a special thanks to Sonny Mayer and Stan Michaelson for their efforts.
- Out-Going President Mayer: Thanked those who had worked with him the past year and gave a special thanks to Chuck Hicks, Stan Michaelson and Spence Turner for their work.
- Mr. Steppe: Moved the meeting be adjourned; Frank Ryck seconded the motion. Motion carried.


Stanley M. Michaelson
Secretary-Treasurer