

MISSOURI CHAPTER, AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY  
16th ANNUAL MEETING

February 10, 1978

(Minutes of Business Meeting)

- Location: Room 208, Brady Commons, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri
- President: Donald A. Kangas called the meeting to order. Approximately 60 people were in attendance and a quorum of 20 members was present. President Kangas called for a reading of the minutes of the 15th annual business meeting.
- Secretary-Treasurer: Stan Michaelson read the minutes. As recommended by Chuck Purkett, the minutes were amended to correct a reference to the IAFWA. Chuck Purkett moved acceptance of the minutes as amended and Ken Minter seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- President Kangas: Asked for a treasurer's report.
- Secretary-Treasurer: Stan Michaelson reported a check book balance on February 17, 1977 of \$171.38. Income from dues and petty cash (\$191.00) and the Chapter's share of the 1977 banquet (\$151.07) totaled \$342.07. Expenses for the year included \$80.25 for past-president's certificates, spring float refreshments \$9.00, carpet for our FFA booth \$31.88, postage and envelopes \$54.75, a deposit on the banquet room at Columbia College \$100.00, and electrical hook-up for the FFA booth \$15.50 (later refunded by the AFS) for a total of \$291.38. Check book balance on January 20, 1978 was \$222.07. As of the time of the business meeting, 84 members had paid Chapter dues adding \$210.00 to the treasury.
- President Kangas: Called for a motion that the treasurer's report be accepted. Spence Turner moved acceptance and Tom Nash seconded. Motion carried.
- President Kangas: Called on Joe G. Dillard, Chairman of the Awards Committee, for a report.
- Mr. Dillard: Acknowledged the other members of the committee, Dick Schoettger and Jack Jones, and announced that the Missouri Chapter's Award of Excellence had been presented

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President Kangas: Called on Mike Colvin, Chairman of the By-Laws Committee.

Mr. Colvin: Reported that nothing had changed on the national level the past year to permit our Chapter to have affiliate members. We have, however, received several pieces of correspondence the past year from the parent society clearly encouraging us to invite the participation of non-society members in our chapter. In a January 30, 1978 letter from Executive Director Carl Sullivan we were asked "when convenient, please advise us of the Missouri Chapter membership, whether AFS member or not, as of the end of 1977." Mr. Colvin felt that we should invite as many people as are interested in joining and participating in our Chapter.

Mr. Colvin also suggested that the Chapter consider changing our by-laws to split the office of secretary-treasurer into two separate offices and to change our term vice president to president-elect since the vice president does become president after a year in office.

Mr. Dillard: Made a motion to separate the duties and responsibilities of the secretary-treasurer and to change the office of vice-president to president-elect. Motion was seconded by Jack Jones.

In discussion of the motion, Stan Michaelson and Joe Dillard spoke in favor of the change. President Kangas and Mike Colvin explained after a question from Jim Reynolds, that this recommendation if passed would be sent to the parent society for their permission to change our by-laws and that the new office would not be possible until 1979. John Belshe called for the question; motion carried.

President Kangas: Called for a report of the Environmental Impact Review Committee chaired by Jack Jones.

Mr. Jones: Reported that 30 to 35 items for review had been received; only one had warranted comment. The committee was composed of Jones, Brian Borofka and Gary Novinger.

President Kangas: Called on Arvil Ming, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee.

Mr. Ming: Acknowledged committee members Jack Jones and Don Simpson and thanked them for a job done uncommonly well. The six resolutions have either been published in the Chapter News-letter or provided to members as they registered. Mr. Ming encouraged members who feel strongly about resolution

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topics to take additional action to let agencies and representatives know their feelings.

Resolution 1 commends Governor Teasdale for his stand and encourages him to oppose further channelization in the St. Francis River Basin unless it can be demonstrated that no alternatives exist. Mr. Ming called on Mr. Bill Dieffenbach who presented slides of the unaffected portion of the St. Francis below Lake Wappapello and slides of channelized ditches (Mingo) in the area. Mr. Dieffenbach noted a problem with snags in the river but pointed out the value of instream cover for fishes and riparian habitat for all wildlife. The resolution covers proposed channel work in the Castor River since the Castor is in the St. Francis Basin. Mr. Dieffenbach encouraged letters to the Governor and the Corps of Engineers voicing opposition.

George Fleener moved Resolution 1 be adopted; Art Witt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2 endorses and applauds the efforts of President Carter and Senators Eagleton and Danforth and encourages their continued concern for full protection of Missouri's few remaining free-flowing streams.

Bob Campbell moved the adoption of the resolution and Jim Reynolds seconded the motion. In discussion, Chuck Purkett questioned listing so many examples of stream resources by name. Mr. Purkett then offered an amendment so that the first paragraph of Resolution 2 read "Whereas: the Missouri Chapter of the AFS has voiced steadfast opposition to exploitative and often unsound development of Missouri's stream resources by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers;". This was seconded by George Fleener and approved by the membership. Resolution 2, as amended, was approved unanimously by the membership.

Resolution 3 opposes construction of any impoundment on the Meramec River or on any of its tributaries, but supports development of alternative plans such as that proposed by the Meramec Heritage Riverway Association.

Spence Turner moved adoption of Resolution 3 and Skip Doak seconded the motion. In discussion, Mr. Ming indicated the alternative was suggested in order to present a more positive resolution. Jim Fry questioned using the term "any and all lakes". John Belshe mentioned the Rivers and Harbor Act and pointed out the broad interpretation of "waters of the nation". On further discussion it was suggested that the resolution address specific streams. President Kangas called for a vote on the resolution. Nays carried and the resolution as written was defeated. Bill Dieffenbach amended the resolution so that the phrase "...or on any of its tributaries..." in the seventh paragraph read "...Bourbeuse River,

- Mr. Ming: Big River, Courtois Creek and Huzzah Creek..." and moved acceptance of the amended resolution. Skip Doak seconded the motion. The motion to adopt Resolution 3 carried unanimously.
- Resolution 4 compliments and commends the Kansas City District, Corps of Engineers, and Colonel Richard L. Curl for efforts to improve the Missouri River for fish and wildlife and for conducting meaningful studies to understand and further improve habitat diversity for fish and wildlife. Chuck Purkett moved adoption; Sonny Mayer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- Resolution 5 supports the efforts of the Missouri River Division, Corps of Engineers, to mitigate losses of fish and wildlife habitat and recreational values of the Missouri River. Bill Dieffenbach moved adoption of the resolution; Jack Jones seconded. Motion carried.
- Resolution 6 announced the opposition of the Chapter to the repeal or modification of the Constitutional amendment permitting the 1/8 cent conservation sales tax. Mike Colvin moved adoption; Don Simpson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- President Kangas: Called on Gary Novinger to discuss a Special Project.
- Mr. Novinger: Discussed an update of the Summary of Aquatic Research in Missouri which had been last done three years ago. A request for information was sent to 60 to 70 agencies, universities, colleges, etc. After two mailings, 25 to 26 responses were received. This information was put together and has been made available to those interested.
- President Kangas: Called for Old Business. There was none and he called for New Business.
- Joe Dillard: Reported for the four Chapter members who were able to attend the North Central Division meeting. The Newsletter cost only \$373.00 the last issue which is very inexpensive. Resolutions were on arrangements; request for more access in bridge replacement for boat and walk-way; opposed channelization of Roseau River in Minnesota; recommended coastal zone management for the Great Lakes. The president's gavel was passed to Dan Coble; president-elect is Weldon Larimore. The next two meetings will be held in Columbus, Ohio and Champaign, Illinois.
- President Kangas: Called on Art Witt Chairman of the Nominating Committee.
- Dr. Witt: Reported that the committee, composed of Witt, Joe Dillard and Sonny Mayer, met on January 23 and recommend Stan Michaelson as Vice President and Gary Novinger as Secretary-Treasurer. Larry Belusz moved nomination by acclamation; George Fleener seconded. Motion carried.

- President Kangas: Asked Sonny Mayer and Joe Dillard to escort Jim Reynolds to the podium and turned the meeting over to the new President.
- President Reynolds: Expressed appreciation to Past-President Kangas for his efforts and to Stan Michaelson. Reynolds also thanked committee members, particularly the Resolutions Committee, for their unprecedented activity the past year. President Reynolds asked if there was any other new business.
- Mr. Kangas: Expressed thanks to Sonny Mayer and Joe Dillard for their assistance in dealing with the president's position. Special thanks were given the committee chairmen, Spence Turner for suggesting the Indiana people, and to Jim Reynolds for his performance in putting together an excellent program.
- President Reynolds: Announced the tentative date for next year's meeting as February 8 and 9, 1979 and asked for comments regarding this year's change in the technical session and the banquet. He then entertained a motion to adjourn.
- Mr. Kangas: Moved to adjourn; Ken Minter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Stanley M. Michaelson  
Secretary-Treasurer