

MISSOURI CHAPTER, AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY
17th ANNUAL MEETING

February 22, 1979

(Minutes of Business Meeting)

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

President Michaelson: Called the meeting to order. Approximately 50 people were in attendance and a quorum of 20 members was present. President Michaelson explained that he had been serving as President since President Jim Reynolds moved from Missouri earlier in the year. He then called for a reading of the minutes of the 16th annual business meeting.

Secretary-Treasurer: Gary Novinger read the minutes. Motion was made by Don Kangas and seconded by Mike Colvin that the minutes be approved as read. Motion carried.

President Michaelson: Asked for the Treasurer's report.

Secretary-Treasurer: Gary Novinger reported a check book balance on January 20, 1978 of \$222.07. Income included dues (\$215.00), banquet tickets (\$2021.50), Boise-Hilburn Electric Company refund from the Parent Society (\$15.50), profit from refreshments at the banquet (\$64.15) and the smoker (\$2.00), and petty cash (\$4.00) for a total of \$2322.15. Expenses for the year included \$1881.01 for the banquet (meals, \$1,575.00; band, \$250.00; centerpiece, \$20.83; picture framing for award of excellence, \$17.44; Wildlife Society's share of profits, \$17.74), \$66.00 lodging for the Indiana speakers, \$7.60 for purchase and processing of film, \$58.57 for postage and envelopes, for a total of \$2,031.18. Check book balance on February 20, 1979 was \$531.04. As of the time of the busimen meeting, 86 members had paid chapter dues adding \$215.00 to the treasury.

President Michaelson: Asked for additions or corrections; there were none. Spence Turner moved the minutes stand approved as read. Rick Wehnes seconded, and the motion carried.

President Michaelson: Called on Lee Redmond, Chairman of the Awards Committee for a report.

Mr. Redmond: Acknowledged support of other committee members, Tom Russell, and Ken Minter. Mr. Redmond said the Award for Excellence would be presented that night at the banquet (later presented to Mr. Jerry Sugarman for his efforts to halt construction of Meramec Dam).

President Michaelson: Called on Mike Colvin, Chairman of the Bylaws Committee to give his report.

Mr. Colvin: Pointed out that last year we voted to change Chapter bylaws by replacing the vice president with a president-elect, and splitting the office of secretary-treasurer into two separate offices. The desired changes were sent to AFS Executive Committee for approval but did not arrive in time. However, Mercer Patriarche, constitutional consultant for AFS, reviewed the bylaws changes and said it was certainly proper to do this. He also suggested some minor changes in wording and phrasing of the bylaws in order to bring them into conformance with the model bylaws which the Parent Society is giving to newly-formed chapters. Copies of the revised bylaws (distributed prior to the business meeting) contain proposed changes which were voted on last year, plus the changes suggested by Mr. Patriarche. The latter changes don't affect the content of the bylaws or the way we do our business.

There being no discussion, Mr. Colvin moved that we adopt the bylaws as revised. Ralph Steppe seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

President Michaelson: Asked Jack Jones, Chairman of EIS Review Committee for a report.

Dr. Jones: Said the committee received three reports and responded with comments on one.

President Michaelson: Called on the Chairman of Resolutions Committee, Kim Graham. President Michaelson pointed out that Mr. Graham has been serving as the Chapter's contact with the Parent Society in regard to the proposed expansion of Dingell-Johnson funds.

Mr. Graham: Reported that his committee received 3 resolutions this year, and was instrumental in working on one of them. Copies of the resolutions were distributed to all members present.

Resolution 1 urges the U.S. Congress to enact new Federal Aid to Fisheries legislation to require a 3% Federal manufacturer's excise tax on all new recreational boats (except sailboats), trailers, and outboard motors with the resulting funds to be administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service under the same terms as the present program. Mr. Graham reviewed the history of the present Federal Aid in Sport Fisheries Restoration Act (commonly known as the Dingell-Johnson, or D-J, Act). He pointed out that resolutions similar to Resolution 1 were adopted earlier by the AFS Parent Society, the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, and the Isaac Walton League of America.

Jim Fry moved to accept the motion; Lee Redmond seconded. In discussion, Joe Dillard recommended rewording the resolution to include specific amounts of money needed by the states, and to identify the agencies and individuals who should receive copies.

President Michaelson asked for a show of hands on the motion to adopt Resolution 1 as originally presented. The motion carried, 17 to 15. Copies of the resolution were sent to Governor Teasdale; U.S. Senators Eagleton and Danforth; and U.S. Representatives Clay, Coleman, Young, Taylor, Gephardt, Ichord, Skelton, Volkmer, Bolling, and Burlison.

Resolution 2 urges the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to submit recommendations to Congress at the earliest possible date regarding a plan to mitigate fish and wildlife losses on the Missouri River that have occurred as a result of the Corps of Engineers efforts to provide a 9-foot-deep, 300-foot-wide channel from the mouth to Sioux City, Iowa.

George Fleener moved that Resolution 2 be adopted; Skip Doak seconded. There was no discussion, and the motion carried unanimously. Copies were sent to Governor Teasdale; U.S. Senators Eagleton and Danforth; Mr. Tom Saunders, Area Manager for the Fish and Wildlife Service; and Corps of Engineer officers including district engineers with the Omaha and Kansas City districts, and the division engineer with the Missouri River Division.

Resolution 3 recommends deauthorization of Corps of Engineer plans to construct five reservoirs in the Meramec River basin.

George Fleener moved to adopt the resolution; Bill Taylor seconded. In discussion, Mike Colvin suggested that the phrase "original basin plan for large reservoirs" be replaced with "Meramec Basin plan". Joe Dillard recommended that the resolution be amended to name the persons receiving copies. These included Governor Teasdale, U.S. Senators Eagleton and Danforth, and U.S. Representatives Ichord and Burlison.

President Michaelson asked for a vote on Resolution 3 as originally presented; it was defeated. He then asked for a vote to amend the resolution as suggested by Mr. Colvin; it passed. A vote on Mr. Dillard's amendment also passed. President Michaelson then called for a vote to adopt the amended Resolution 3, and it passed unanimously.

Mr Graham:

Asked if there were any resolutions to be submitted from the floor.

Jim Kahrs:

Reported he had received information indicating that the

Fish Farming Experimental Station at Stuttgart, Arkansas would not receive \$157,000 in contract monies expected from the National Marine Fishery Service during the coming year. These funds represent about one-third of the Station's budget. Mr. Kahrs suggested the Chapter consider contacting Mr. Lynn Greenwalt, Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, about helping to get the funds restored.

President Michaelson: Asked if Mr. Kahrs had specific language for a resolution. He did not. The President asked for any discussion.

Charlie Suppes: Pointed out that the Stuttgart lab has provided valuable extension help, particularly in the area of fish parasites. He felt that the Missouri Department of Conservation and other agencies or persons concerned with fish culture would be adversely affected by such a large budget cut.

Joe Dillard: Suggested, instead of a resolution, that the Chapter's Executive Committee prepare a letter of concern.

Chuck Hicks: Commented that the letter should go to Missouri's Congressional delegation as well as Mr. Greenwalt.

President Michaelson: Asked if there were any objections to the Executive Committee preparing such a letter; there were none. He then charged the Executive Committee, with the help of Chuck Hicks, Charlie Suppes, and Jim Kahrs to prepare a letter for his signature. (The letter was subsequently sent to Director Greenwalt and each of Missouri's U.S. senators and congressmen).

President Michaelson: Asked if there were other items of old business. There were none. He then called for new business.

Joe Dillard: Reported for the members who were able to attend the 24th North Central Division annual meeting. Weldon Larimore of Illinois was installed as president for 1978-79. Don Duerre from North Dakota was elected as secretary-treasurer, and Arden Trandahl, from South Dakota was chosen president-elect. The 25th annual meeting will be in Champaign, Illinois. The Division agreed to

budget \$100 for the Missouri Chapter's expenses at the annual FFA convention. This was at the request of the Parent Society which provided the funds for the past several years, but is now working with a tighter budget. The Division approved \$1,000 for the D. J. Expansion effort, and \$250 to support a Bio-Engineering symposium sponsored by the Fish Culture Section. Division membership is 1600 people; an increase of 300 over last year. A resolution was passed to encourage reprinting of Dr. Trautman's book, "The Fishes of Ohio". After considerable discussion, the Division decided to continue its own special publication series instead of other options such as publication in the AFS Transactions.

- President Michaelson: Commented that Parent Society may request donations from the Chapters sometime in the future to support the D. J. Expansion effort. He asked for some feeling from the membership about a donation of \$50 or \$100 when and if it were needed.
- Ralph Steppe: Said he thought it would be a good idea.
- John Belshe: Suggested that in return for a donation the Chapter might ask the Parent Society to hold its annual meeting somewhere close to Missouri, as in St. Louis or Kansas City.
- Chuck Hicks: Pointed out that an invitation for a national meeting in Missouri would probably require the signature of the Director of the Department of Conservation; and it would mean a lot of work for Department employees.
- Joe Dillard: Moved that the Executive Committee be authorized to donate up to \$100 to the Parent Society for the D. J. Expansion effort, provided the funds are available when needed. Bill Taylor seconded the motion.
- President Michaelson: Called for discussion.
- Spence Turner: Asked what the money was being used for at the Parent Society level.

- President Michaelson: Commented that the money is being used primarily to prepare and send information to various organizations and individuals to gain their support for the expanded tax, particularly the support of people who will be paying the tax. The Parent Society has adopted this as a priority item, but would like to keep the expenses separate from AFS general funds.
- Larry Belusz: Mentioned that part of the funds were being used for a special newsletter to organizations concerned about aquatic resources.
- John Belshe: Asked if the Parent Society might be keeping the money separate for legal purposes, and he questioned how that might affect the Chapter legally if we contribute funds.
- President Michaelson: Responded that he could not address that at present, but would check into it if the members were concerned.
- Don Kangas: Asked why we couldn't go ahead and obligate the money today.
- President Michaelson: Responded that he had heard reports of increasing support from large organizations with much more money than our chapter, and our donations may not be needed.
- John Goddard: Called for the question.
- President Michaelson: Called for a vote on the motion that the Executive Committee be allowed to spend up to \$100 for the D. J. Expansion effort when and if a donation is requested. Motion carried unanimously.
- President Michaelson: Remarked that Glen Chambers had prepared a set of wildlife art prints for sale by the Missouri Chapter of The Wildlife Society. He asked if our Chapter would be interested in purchasing a set for future use as awards of excellence. Joe Dillard reported that there were four prints available from sets purchased previously. There was no further discussion. President Michaelson encouraged members to individually buy the prints as a show of support for the Missouri Chapter of The Wildlife Society.

- President Michaelson: Asked past presidents of the Chapter to come forward for presentation of past-president certificates. Certificates were presented to Jim Kahrs, George Fleener, Dick Schoettger, Joe Dillard, Foster Mayer, and Don Kangas. Past Presidents who were not present but were sent certificates later included John Funk, Richard Anderson, Charles Purkett, Bob Campbell, Art Witt, Will Hanson, Dean Roseberry, Paul Osborn, and Jim Reynolds.
- President Michaelson: Called on Foster Mayer, Chairman of the Nominating Committee.
- Dr. Mayer: Reported that the committee consisting of himself, Dick Schoettger, and Art Witt, met on February 16 and nominated Jack Jones for President-Elect, Gary Novinger for Secretary, and Bill Taylor for Treasurer. Spence Turner moved to accept the nominations by acclimation; Larry Belusz seconded.
- President Michaelson: Asked if there were additional nominations from the floor. There were none. However, a vote on the motion included one "nay" vote.
- John Belshe: Brought forth in a point of order that the failure to obtain unanimous approval of the motion required a separate vote for each office after an opportunity for additional nominations from the floor.
- Chuck Hicks: Nominated Lee Redmond for President-Elect; Mike Colvin seconded.
- President Michaelson: Asked for a show of hands on the nominations for president-elect. Jack Jones received 24 votes, Lee Redmond received 7 votes. Dr. Jones was elected. President Michaelson asked if there were additional nominations for Secretary or Treasurer; there were none. Gary Novinger and Bill Taylor were elected unanimously.
- President Michaelson: Asked Foster Mayer and Ken Minter to escort Jack Jones and Bill Taylor to the podium. He commented that he believed the people elected would serve in an admirable fashion, and that he was looking forward to the coming year. President Michaelson pointed out that President-Elect Jones would be responsible next year for the banquet and for arranging the joint session, including setting a date and reserving a room for the meeting.

President Michaelson: Asked if there were other items of new business; there were none. He expressed appreciation to Larry Belusz, Foster Mayer, and Don Kangas, for their assistance during the year, and to Kim Graham for his work on the resolutions. He then declared the meeting adjourned.

Gary D. Novinger
Secretary