

Missouri Chapter, American Fisheries Society
Executive Committee Meeting
Jefferson City, Missouri
May 29, 1980

President Jack Jones called the meeting to order, and stated that the first item of business should be the appointment of committee chairmen. The membership committee was the first to be considered, and it was suggested that an appropriate chairman should be one who is aggressive and has contacts with a wide variety of fisheries-related organizations across the state. It was suggested that Ron Crunkilton be the committee chairman and Steve Gutreuter be co-chairman, and these two will appoint appropriate committee members necessary to complete their duties. The committee will be charged with an aggressive membership campaign, and will undertake a study to determine the reasons a number of professionals have not renewed their memberships, or haven't joined at all. President Jones emphasized the importance of this effort by stating that an aggressive membership drive is the best thing we could do for the Society.

At the annual business meeting in February, the awards committee was charged with setting up criteria and polling the membership on their feelings towards the three types of awards usually presented by the Chapter. To insure continuity, it was suggested that Joe Dillard be reappointed as awards committee chairman.

In the past, the nominations committee was comprised of members from major fisheries-related organizations in the state, and it was agreed that this year's committee should follow the same diverse pattern. It was suggested that LeRoy Heman be appointed chairman, with Paul Mehrle and Jim Kahrs as committee members.

The EIS Review committee will again be headed by Rich Wehnes, since he usually has to read most of the EIS's submitted, anyway. Charles Rabeni was suggested as a committee member, given his water quality expertise and environmental concerns interest.

It was suggested that Bill Dieffenbach would be an excellent resolutions committee chairman.

The Executive Committee decided that a by-laws committee was not needed at this time, nor was a program/arrangements committee, since the Executive Committee normally fulfills that function.

The question of a Chapter donation to the DJ Expansion committee came up, which prompted a call to Carl Sullivan's office to clarify some of the Chapter members' concerns on the need, purpose, and legality of such a donation. Funds are needed for postage, letter campaigns, coffees, etc. Several states have contributed, and the hope is that more will in the future. Contributing to the effort will not jeopardize our non-profit status. The Executive Committee voted to donate \$75.00 to the cause.

On the question of the FFA Convention, the Executive Committee thought it presented a good opportunity to talk to young future farmers about career opportunities, land management efforts, and environmental ethics issues, and thus voted that we would participate again this year. It was decided that the booth might be upgraded and the theme altered towards career, environmental, and land management topics. A committee was set up, with Gary Novinger as chairman, to consider booth changes. Gary Reese and Larry Belusz were suggested as committee members because of their previous experience with exhibits. The Executive Committee will allocate up to \$100 to the committee for booth revamping. We will attempt to recover this amount from the North Central Division, in addition to the \$100 rent and electricity bill.

No other items of business were presented, so the meeting adjourned.



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