

MISSOURI CHAPTER, AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY

20th ANNUAL MEETING

February 11, 1982

(Minutes of Business Meeting)

- Location: Room 309, Hearnes Multipurpose Building, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri
- President Dave Foster: Called the meeting to order. Approximately 40 people were in attendance, and a quorum of 20 members was present.
- President Foster: Stated that copies of the minutes had been passed out to all previously, and everyone had an opportunity to read them. George Fleener moved to accept the minutes as written, Jim Czarnezki seconded, and the minutes were approved.
- President Foster: Stated that copies of the Treasurer's report had been passed out to all previously and everyone had an opportunity to read them. Jim Whitley moved to accept the Treasurer's report as written, Gary Novinger seconded, and the report was approved.
- President Foster: Reported for the Membership Committee, in the absence of chairman Fred Vasey. The chapter had 119 paid members in 1981, and currently has 92 paid members for 1982; about the same number as this time last year.
- President Foster: Reported for Awards Committee chairman Chuck Purkett. Recipients for all three awards - Letter of Recognition, AFS Citizen's Award, and AFS Award of Excellence - had been chosen and the winners would be announced at tonight's banquet. President Foster also stated that the Awards Committee had drawn up criteria and guidelines for choosing award recipients, and asked for any discussion. There was none. Joe Dillard moved to accept the criteria as written, Stan Michaelson seconded, and the motion carried.
- President Foster: Called on Tom Russell, Chairman of the Nominations Committee.
- Mr. Russell: Reported that the Nominating Committee had met on February 1, 1982, and selected Charles Rabeni, Ron Crunkilton and Robert Legler as nominees for the offices of President-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer, respectively.

President Foster: Called for nominations from the floor. There were none. Spence Turner moved to accept the slate as proposed. Norm Stucky seconded, and the motion carried.

President Foster: Stated that, in the absence of Resolutions Committee Chairman Joe Bachant, he would introduce nine resolutions, which had been printed and distributed beforehand, and call for additions or corrections prior to a written ballot for each. Resolution 1 supported the transfer of some lands originally purchased for the Meramec Park Lake project to the Missouri Department of Conservation and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, and further supported the establishment of an easement corridor. A minor change was suggested, integrated, and the resolution was approved by written ballot. Resolution 2 supported timely passage of HR2250, the D-J Expansion bill. No changes were suggested, and the resolution was approved by written ballot. Resolution 3 supported the passage of federal legislation requiring consultation, and negotiation among Missouri River Basin states and regulation of Missouri River Basin waters for varied water uses, including fish, wildlife and recreation. Two additions to the distribution list were made, and the resolution was approved by written ballot. Resolution 4 objected to the exemption of case by case reviews by state and federal fish and wildlife agencies in small hydroelectric power projects. One change was suggested, integrated, and the resolution was approved by written ballot. Resolution 5 commended Senators Eagleton and Danforth for their roles in the Meramec Park Lake deauthorization and land disposal. No changes were proposed, and the resolution was approved by written ballot. Resolution 6 recommended that more aggressive means be taken to arrest the soil and related water quality problems identified during the Resources Conservation Act analysis. Minor changes were suggested, integrated and approved by written ballot. Resolution 7 asked that the 404 permit program currently providing resource protection to the nation's waters and adjacent wetlands be left unmodified. Several questions of an informational nature were asked, and the resolution was approved by written ballot with no changes. Resolution 8 supported passage of S.B. 709, the National Deposit bill requiring states to enact consistent container deposit laws. No changes were made, and the resolution was approved by written ballot. Resolution 9 supported passage of port bills S. 809 and H.R. 2959 and waterway bills S. 810 and H.R. 2962 requiring user fees to be leveed against those who benefit from port and inland waterway development. No changes were made, and the resolution was approved by written ballot.

- President Foster: Asked if there were any other resolutions from the floor.
- Mr. Belshe: Introduced a resolution objecting to bills currently in the Missouri legislature calling for the transfer of the Division of Parks and Historical Preservation to the Missouri Department of Conservation.
- Mr. Stegner: Stated that, although he was not a voting member of the Missouri Chapter AFS, we should also consider a resolution that objected to the diversion of 25% of the conservation tax to soil and water conservation and 25% of the tax to state parks.
- Mr. Wehnes: Stated that the chapter had approved a resolution in 1978 objecting to any repeal or modification of the amendment permitting the 1/8 cent conservation tax, and wondered whether Mr. Stegner's suggestion was covered by the '78 resolution.
- ? : Suggested that the chapter send a copy of the 1978 resolution along with the one currently being considered.
- President Foster: Directed that the 1978 resolution be sent if the current proposal was approved. After some discussion, the resolution was reread, minor changes integrated and approved by written ballot.
- President Foster: Called on Norm Stucky, Chairman of the EIS Review Committee for a report.
- Mr. Stucky: Stated that the society had received hundreds of pieces of mail, but deemed that only 6 issues were important enough to comment. Two letters were written supporting user fees for port and inland waterway development, one letter each supporting Missouri River mitigation, and the National Deposit Legislation, one letter objecting to the use of public funds for private mooring facilities and one letter requesting stronger implementation of the Resource Conservation Act.
- President Foster: Asked Joe Dillard to report to the chapter on progress of the Aquatic Workers Directory.
- Mr. Dillard: Stated that the directory was completed and ready to be sent to the printer. The directory, containing 163 names, is divided into alphabetical listings, by city, and by area of expertise. Joe continued that this was the first draft, encompassing an estimated 65-70% of the workers in this state, and charged succeeding administrations to update it every year or two. The data are computerized and easily updated.

President Foster: Introduced North Central Division President Jim Triplett and asked him to report to the chapter on NCD matters.

Dr. Triplett: Stated that the North Central Division is third largest with 1,203 members. At its annual meeting in Wichita, members passed resolutions expressing concern over the commercial exploitation of paddlefish, supporting research in the Upper Mississippi River, supporting continued funding for the Land and Water Conservation Funds and the Fisheries Cooperative Research Units, thanking Don Duerre's past efforts as Secretary-Treasurer, and expressing appreciation to the host state. Dr. Triplett stated that OMB had again cut funding for the Coop Units and the Reservoir Research Programs, so more resolutions will no doubt be needed in the future. He continued by stating that Joe Dillard had suggested archiving NCD records, which has been implemented. Records are now being archived in Iowa. Committee chairmen for this year are as follows: Nominating Committee - Bruce Menzel; Membership Committee - Cal Groen; Resolutions Committee - George Libey; Publications Committee - Dave Johnson. Dr. Triplett finished his presentation by stating that he was pleased with our conference and the activity of the Missouri Chapter.

President Foster: Called on Steve Eder, Chairman of the Ad-Hoc FFA Convention Committee for a report of this year's National FFA Career Show.

Mr. Eder: Stated that this year we shared a larger booth with the Missouri Chapter of The Wildlife Society and the Missouri Department of Conservation. The booth was again a success, with new photos and other items integrated into the exhibit. Steve called for more volunteers to work the booth, and pleaded especially for fish culturists. A bronze plate, commemorating 15 consecutive years of participation in the show, was presented to the chapter. Steve and all of this year's booth participants received an appreciative round of applause.

President Foster: Stated that he had received a letter from Mr. Tom Glueck asking for chapter support for the spring conclave, and called on Mr. Glueck to explain further.

Mr. Glueck: Stated that the Wildlife Club at the University of Missouri was hosting this year's North Central Wildlife Conclave at Lake of the Ozarks, and wanted the Missouri Chapter AFS to support the conclave with a \$100 donation. Following a short discussion, Terry Finger moved that we donate \$100, Jim Whitley seconded, and the motion passed by voice vote.

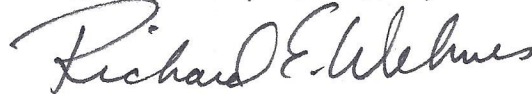
President Foster:

Stated that this finished most of the regular business, and there were a few odds and ends to be completed. He stated that past president certificates had not been received from the parent chapter, and charged the incoming president to follow up on this, since there were several individuals who had not received theirs. Mr. Foster continued by stating that the members had voted to hold a second meeting, and charged the incoming president to schedule it. Other charges to the incoming president included finishing the aquatic workers directory and assign an AFS member to the Wildlife Society's brochure development committee. This year's officers were thanked, and Mr. Foster asked that the new officers be escorted to the front, at which time the presidency was passed to Jim Fry.

President Fry:

Thanked Dave for all his efforts, stated that his would be a hard act to follow, and called for a motion to adjourn. Lee Redmond so moved, Larry Belusz seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,



Richard E. Wehnes
Secretary