

MISSOURI CHAPTER, AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY

21st ANNUAL MEETING

February 24, 1983

(Minutes of Business Meeting)

- Location: Room 309, Hearnese Multipurpose Building, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri
- President Jim Fry: Called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m. Sixty-three people were in attendance, and a quorum of 20 members was present. It was also noted that 10 people in attendance were present at the first meeting 21 years ago.
- Mr. Redmond: Presented a gavel to the Chapter on its 21st birthday on behalf of the Fisheries Management Section.
- North Central Division  
President Jim Mayhew: Announced decision to cosponsor paddlefish symposium at Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference in 1983 in St. Louis and a muskie symposium to be held in 1984. Indicated the Missouri Chapter has taken an active role in the Society in the past year.
- President Fry: Acknowledged Joe Dillard as North Central Division President-Elect and Lee Redmond as President of the Fish Management Section. Some 35 invitations to the state meeting had been sent to fish tackle manufacturers in Missouri but none attended. Announced 1983 Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference call for papers.
- President Fry: Minutes from the 1982 meeting were approved as written. Treasurer's report was submitted by Bob Legler and is attached. Awards Committee announced recipients of the Award of Excellence, the AFS Citizens Award and the AFS Letter of Recognition. The Membership Committee report was received.
- Mr. Eder: Reported on annual FFA convention. The display continues to be well received. A new careers booklet will be available for next year's meeting for prospective conservation students.
- President Fry: Acknowledged contributions made by Larry Belusz on Ad Hoc Publications Committee and Norm Stucky on the EIS Committee and Chuck Hicks on the Advisory Council for Aquaculture.

Mr. Dillard:

Completion of the Aquatic Workers Directory was acknowledged. A new careers bulletin is being readied for printing. There has already been a strong interest expressed from high school guidance counselors.

Mr. Stucky:

The EIS committee has been active this year and effective. Numerous congressional responses are on file from our EIS Committee position statements.

President Fry:

In conjunction with Chris Strodoff, Resolutions Chairman, President Fry introduced seven resolutions for discussion. Resolution 1 called for commitment of monies to address the dioxin contamination problem in Missouri. One minor change in syntax was made. Resolution 2 called for continued federal operation of the Neosho National Fish Hatchery which has been the victim of recent cutbacks. A minor change was suggested and approved. Resolution 3 called for timely passage of a Missouri Superfund Bill to finance hazardous waste cleanup in the state. No significant changes were made. Resolution 4 asked for additional incentives under the "payment in kind" program for soil conservation practices through the Soil Conservation Service. No significant changes in content were made. Resolution 5 called for Missouri legislative leaders to enact a Missouri Water Law which would require recording of water-use by major water users. No significant changes were suggested. Resolution 6 urged compatible operation of the Harry S. Truman hydropower facility with equal regard to other public uses such as recreation. A major reduction in length of the resolution was suggested and discussed. Resolution 7 urged continued support of the Cooperative Wildlife and Fishery Research Units. No significant revisions were suggested. All of the resolutions presented and discussed with revisions made were unanimously approved by the members.

President Fry:

With the resolutions approved other business was called for. A representative of the Wildlife Club was asked to report on the use of a Chapter donation of \$75 for the 1982 Wildlife Conclave held at Lake of the Ozarks. No Wildlife Club members were present. A Charles Schwartz print was donated to the parent chapter which was given away at the 1982 meeting. Our Chapter was asked to contribute another print for next year's annual meeting. The proceeds are being used for the permanent home fund. The Chapter also donated \$150 to the Conservation Federation for a lawsuit protesting amendment No. 2 on the 1982 ballot. Provisions in this law would have allowed the state legislature to rescind any Commission regulations.

Dr. Whitley:

As Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Dr. Whitley moved that John Belshe be nominated as President-Elect, Ron Crunkilton as Secretary and Bob Legler as Treasurer. The motion was seconded and approved by the members.

President Fry:

Committee Chairmen were thanked for their efforts over the past year and the business meeting was turned over to the new president.

President Rabeni:

Jim Fry was thanked for his commitment to the office and assistance during 1982 and a discussion on new business was requested. There was none and the meeting was adjourned.