

MISSOURI CHAPTER, AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY
23rd ANNUAL MEETING
February 7, 1985
(Minutes of Business Meeting)

Location: Agenda/Gavel Room, Ramada Inn, Columbia, Missouri.

Pres. John Belshe: Called the meeting to order at 3:30pm with a quorum of 20 members present. Approximately 60 people were in attendance. The minutes of the February 9, 1984 business meeting and the 1984 treasurer's report, distributed prior to the meeting, were approved as published.

Thanked all committee members who set up this year's conference. He introduced North Central Division President Joe Dillard to report on NCD matters.

NCD Pres. Dillard: Reported on a good AFS meeting in Indianapolis in December, 1984.

Stated that we will have an opportunity to vote on officers for NCD. The ballot will be included in the NCD newsletter.

Stated that most Divisions are flush with money which could be used as an incentive to get more members, i.e. give \$1.00 back to the chapter for each member inducted into the Division.

With the expansion of D.J. funds in 1984, he urged all members to contact congressmen to use the money for much needed projects.

The International Symposium on the Role of Fish Culture in Fishery Management will be held March 31-April 3rd at Lake Ozark, Missouri. The AFS Executive Committee will meet March 30-31.

President Belshe: Reported that he signed letters to Missouri congressmen stating the Chapter's opposition to the proposed diversion of Missouri Conservation Dept. funds to the Division of Tourism. He will be attending a hearing on Monday, February 11, 1985.

FFA ad-hoc Comm.: Chairman Phil Jeffries reported that the career show went well. Our exhibit emphasized aquaculture. An exhibit more appropriate to the future farmers theme is needed, however, and could be coordinated with wildlife professionals. Suggestions are needed.

EIS Review Comm.: Chairman Norm Stucky has routinely sent comments to D.C. legislators on various bills (Clean Water Act, etc.). Members should contact Norm if they think an issue should get comments from the chapter.

Resolutions Comm.: Chairman Tom Coon introduced four resolutions for chapter consideration (attached):

- 1) A resolution voicing our opposition to the OMB's attempt to impound WB funds. The resolution passed as amended.
- 2) In recognition of Fred Lafser as the outgoing Director of the Missouri Dept. of Natural Resources, a letter will be sent thanking him for his contributions to the field of conservation. The provision to present him with an honorary membership to the Missouri Chapter AFS was deleted. The resolution was passed as amended.
- 3) A resolution calling for the development of stream and riparian management programs. The resolution was passed as amended.
- 4) A resolution to encourage agencies to use the AFS certification procedures to advertise for jobs was read. Objections were made, one being that it is illegal for the USFWS to encourage this type of activity. After some discussion, the resolution was tabled by President Belshe.

Alignment ad-hoc: Chairman Gary Novinger reported that the 1984 opinion survey brought 49 responses as follows:

- 53% favored new terms
- 37% favored present terms
- 10% no opinion

Charlie Rabeni stated that to alter the terms of chapter officers, the by-laws must be changed accompanied by a 30 days "notice of intent" to change the constitution. This must be followed by a poll or a meeting to vote on the issue. It can be done by a mail ballot resolution to align chapter officers' terms with those of the national. The mail ballot requires a 2/3 majority of those voting.

NCD President Dillard reported that eight of the 12 chapters in North Central Division have aligned their officers' terms with those of the national.

A motion was passed to proceed with a mail ballot on the issue. It will probably be incorporated into the next newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS

Awards Committee: Chairman Joe Dillard reported that the following awards are to be presented at the banquet this evening:

- Citizens Award
- Letters of Recognition (2)
- Award of Excellence

Nominating Comm.: The committee met on January 16, 1985 to nominate the following chapter officers:

- Treasurer: Larry Martien
- Secretary: Kristine Strodthoff
- Pres.-Elect: William Dieffenbach

No additional nominations were made from the floor and the officers were approved as presented.

President Belshe then passed the "gavel" to the incoming president, James Whitley, who officially adjourned the meeting at 4:30pm.

Before the meeting broke, Rich Wehnes reported his satisfaction with Ramada Inn services and facilities. The 1986 annual meeting was set for February 20-21.

Banquet

Dr. Richard Murphy, Director of Science and Education for the Cousteau Society presented slides of Cousteau Society research on the Amazon and Mississippi Rivers.

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The following awards were presented:

Award of Excellence - Charles Purkett, Assistant Director, Missouri Department of Conservation - for career accomplishments having statewide and national fisheries significance.

Citizens Award - Merle Doughty, Citizens Committee for Soil, Water and State Parks - for his role in passage of the 1/10 cent sales tax for soil conservation and state parks.

Letter of Recognition - Bill Dieffenbach, John McPherson, Kevin Richards and Ron Dent, Missouri Department of Conservation - for their work as part of the Truman Lake Environmental Assessment Team by which they documented fish kills associated with pumpback at Truman Dam. The US Army Corps of Engineers halted plans for pumpback as a result of this work.

Letter of Recognition - Missouri Conservation Commissioners - for their strong stand against pumpback based on the aforementioned documentation and their promotion of corrective action by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.