

MISSOURI CHAPTER, AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY
24rth Annual Meeting
February 20, 1986
--Minutes of the Business Meeting--

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

Opening: President William Dieffenbach called the meeting to order at 3:30pm with approximately 60 people in attendance. The minutes of the February 7, 1985 business meeting and treasurer's report as of January 29, 1986 were approved as written.

North Central Division: NCD Representative Joe Dillard reported on North Central Division happenings. Dillard is facing Steve Rideout (MA) for the AFS National 2nd Vice-President slot. He is soliciting ideas on what should be changed or continued in AFS.

NCD has a \$15,000 reserve of which part will be used to publish the Proceedings from the Paddlefish Symposium (December, 1983).

At the 1986 NCD annual meeting (Omaha, NE), Chapter members George Fleener and A. Steve Weithman (MDC) will participate in the Missouri River Symposium. This session is the result of a Corps of Engineers' presentation at a past Upper Missouri River Chapter meeting.

Progress has been made on forming a Fisheries Genetics Committee and a Wildlife Subcommittee within NCD.

Spence Turner handed over his editor role of the NCD newsletter to Mike Vanderford (MN).

Full funding for Wallop-Breaux has been provided for in the FY '87 budget. Administrative budget cutters didn't want to take on the fishing groups again and furthermore, the feeling is that funds won't be affected by Gramm-Rudman cuts. Funds expected for FY '86 are \$122 million with an increase to \$161 million in FY '87. Not all states will be able to match funds but by involving university systems, it may be possible.

Recognitions: President Dieffenbach recognized John L. (Slim) Funk and Charles Purkett, Assistant Director for MDC. Purkett went on to recognize Funk for starting the joint meetings with Wildlife back in 1959. 1969 OMS

FFA Ad-hoc Committee: Chairman Phil Jeffries reported that the November career show in Kansas City again emphasized aquaculture and cage culture. They plan to use the same exhibit next year. Jeffries thanked committee members Steve Eder and Harold Kerns for their work.

Membership Committee: Chairman Charlie Rabeni had no news to report.

Environmental Review (EIS) Committee: Chairman Norm Stucky reported that the committee has been active throughout the year on a variety of issues. A special push was made for the passage of the Farm Bill.

President Dieffenbach presented a statement on behalf of the Missouri Chapter at the February 10th legislative committee hearing in support of the Missouri Water Use Law (HB 1470).

Upon his request, a motion was made that as Chapter President, Dieffenbach should respond to HB 1470 when it comes out of committee. Due to two other pending bills (Wetland Protection, ORV Use in Streams), the motion was amended for him to handle Chapter responses on the three legislative bills with the concurrence of the Executive Committee. The motion was passed as amended.

Resolutions Committee: Chairman Dave Neuswanger thanked his committee members, Gary Novinger, Ron Crunkilton and Joe Bachant for their work on this year's resolutions. Neuswanger raised the issue of timing resolutions to coincide with ongoing legislation which is oftentimes settled prior to the annual meeting. Responses are sent by the EIS Committee and the Chapter President without comment from the membership as a whole. Neuswanger questioned whether we should continue this practice or draw up resolutions year 'round with members providing their comments and voting on passage.

A discussion followed during which the following points were made:

- 1- Since the major issues are addressed by the resolutions, and the ongoing issues by the EIS Committee, the newsletter could announce ongoing issues and our official response to them with a request for members to respond individually and directly to legislators.
- 2- As EIS Chairman, Norm Stucky does respond to issues on a routine basis. He will continue to solicit appropriate input from AFS members and the Executive Board.
- 3- It was suggested that a new legislative oversight committee be formed to deal with ongoing issues.
- 4- It was suggested that the Chapter expend the \$10 cost of acquiring the Conservation Federation's publication on tracking of various bills.

Chairman Neuswanger then presented three resolutions. Alterations as follows are shown below: ~~xxx~~ (word lined out) means deletion; xxx (word underlined) means addition.

1- Chlordane Use. A resolution calling for a ban on present use of chlordane and related compounds as termiticides in Missouri. The term termiticides (line 21) was left in; the compounds stated are also used in dipping roots at nurseries which is a minor usage. Altered line 16: "WHEREAS alternative ~~chemical and biological....~~" The resolution was passed as amended.

2- Four Creeks Proposal. A resolution calling for the designation of four central Missouri streams as Protected Streams. Ron Crunkilton, the author, explained that the resolution was drawn up to promote legislation to protect streams before being destroyed by pollutants. The expansion of the city of Columbia toward Rock Bridge State Park and Three Creeks Wildlife Area prompted the resolution.

Altered lines 13-14: "WHEREAS the Missouri Department of ~~Natural Resources and~~ Conservation and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service....." The resolution passed as amended.

3- Dr. Richard O. Anderson. A resolution of appreciation to Dr. Anderson. Now located in Texas, he was a moving force in AFS and held many leadership positions including President of the Missouri Chapter and of NCD. The resolution, passed as written, will be framed and sent to the Texas Chapter of AFS for presentation.

Ad-hoc Alignment Committee: President Dieffenbach reported on the realignment of officers' terms which took place in September, 1985. Current officers: Dieffenbach, President; James Whitley, Past-President; Kristine Strodthoff, Secretary; and Larry Martien, Treasurer. New officers, to be elected by ballot vote, will be installed in September, 1986.

Recognitions: Lee Redmond called for recognition of previous Chapter Presidents in attendance at the meeting. Nine were applauded for past services.

Awards Committee: Chairman LeRoy Heman passed letters of recognition onto the President who awarded them to the recipients: Ron Crunkilton, Jim Czarneski, Tim Grace, Phil Jeffries, A. Stephen Weithman and Mark Haas (Missouri Department of Conservation). They were recognized for their accomplishments in the development of a sampling plan for chlordane in fish and for their coordination of efforts with the Department of Health and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. Two additional awards were to be presented at the evening's banquet (see addendum to business meeting).

Skinner Fund: President Dieffenbach announced the sale of raffle tickets for two of three prints donated by south Missouri artist Eileen Melton. Proceeds will be used to frame the third Melton print plus one donated by local artist Al Agnew. Cash left over will be directly donated to the fund. The prints will be raffled at the September Annual AFS meeting in Providence (RI). The fund, sponsored by the National's Education Section, will provide assistance to students attending the national meetings.

Joint Meeting Proposal: Richard Wehnes reported on the proposal for a joint meeting of Wildlife and Fisheries agencies with the Missouri Chapter of the Society for American Foresters (approximately 100 members). Plans for a joint 1986 conference were dropped until the proposal could be brought before the membership of each society. The concensus was that the AFS-Missouri Chapter supports a three-party conference with three concurrent sessions and one joint banquet.

The present conference is already straining the capacity of the Ramada Inn and it was suggested that we look into another facility. One member called for name tags for attendees and better timing of the sessions to coincide with the commencement of presentations. (A 1988 joint meeting will be pursued).

Response to Legislation: Charles Rabeni made a motion for the Chapter President to take action to institute a system whereby the membership is informed in a timely manner concerning important pending state or federal legislation affecting the aquatic resources of Missouri. The motion passed unanimously. Dieffenbach will form an ad-hoc committee to serve in this capacity.

Membership Push: Ron Crunkilton raised the point that supervisors should encourage new employees, whose jobs resulted from W-B funds, to become AFS members.

Nominations Committee: Chairman Kevin Richards thanked committee members Pam Haverland, Tom Coon, Tom Nash and Mark Haas. There are two contestants per slot (except for Treasurer) and voting will be by mail ballot to be included in the next newsletter. Nominees are:

President - Richard Wehnes (MDC)
 Kristine Strodthoff (MDC)

President-Elect - Joe Hunn (USFWS)
 Steve Eder (MDC)

Secretary - Joe Tieger (USFWS)
 Al Buchanan (MDC)

Treasurer - Larry Martien (MDC)

A motion made to accept the above candidates was approved.

Thank-yous: President Dieffenbach thanked Richard Wehnes and Kristine Strodthoff for helping with the conference.

Announcement: John Belshe announced that the Missouri Academy of Sciences will hold a Symposium at Central Missouri State University, Warrensburg (MO) on April 25-26. The session will include a symposium on Channelization (John Emerson, Moderator) and on Caves (Jerry Vineyard, Moderator).

Commendation: Charles Purkett commended Dr. Charles Rabeni on his selection as joint Fish and Wildlife Coordinator at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Adjournment: With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5 pm.

Addendum to the Business Meeting

A joint banquet was held the evening of February 20th. Speaker for the evening was Mr. Richard J. Lohr (Marathon City, WI) of the International Crane Foundation. He presented an illustrated talk entitled "Siberian Cranes in a Living Museum of China".

The AFS-Missouri Chapter's 1986 Award of Excellence was presented to Dr. Richard A. Schoettger, Director of The Columbia National Fisheries Laboratory (Columbia, MO) for his contributions to the field of aquatic science and the Missouri Chapter.

The 1986 Citizen's Award was presented to Mr. Ron Coleman, coordinator of "Operation Clean Stream", for his efforts over the years in the annual cleanup of the Meramec River.

Approximately 260 people were in attendance at the banquet which was moderated by AFS-Missouri Chapter President William Dieffenbach.