

Chapter had \$18,000 in funds, more than 10 times our balance. I'm certain they don't have ten times the members. What could we do with that kind of money available? What are our plans for increasing our chapter's funds?:

1. Raise our dues in accordance with AFS bylaws.
2. Continue our T-shirt and cap sales. An order form will be prepared and attached to our fall newsletter. At our last annual meeting we sold 65 shirts and 36 caps for a profit of \$127.60.
3. Following a suggestion from Lee Redmond, and with Steve Weithman acting as an intermediary, Al Agnew has graciously agreed to draw several fish scenes which we can reproduce on thankyou type cards. We plan to sell the cards with envelopes at 10 to a package for \$4.00. One scene will be ready for our next annual meeting and three additional scenes will be prepared so we can sell them at the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies Conference in St. Louis in October, 1989.

What can we do to become more active and provide more input in the management of our state's aquatic resources? We need to develop a brochure to inform Missouri residents about the beauty and value of Missouri's aquatic resources and the part MO AFS professionals play in protecting and enhancing those resources. We could develop stronger communication channels with the Conservation Federation. We should have Chapter representation at the Federation's annual meetings to increase our visibility and provide an opportunity for professional input. We need to provide travel funds for Chapter officers to attend important out-of-state meetings. With our present inadequate system, Chapter officers must rely either on the good graces of their employer to provide funds or pay for the trip out of their own pocket. We could do a better job of encouraging fishery, wildlife, outdoor recreation, and biology majors to join our ranks. I know many of you serve as guest speakers at several of the universities and colleges throughout the state. The next time you give a talk you might make a pitch for MO AFS.

In closing this lengthy address, I encourage you to do three things: 1. enlist a new AFS member under the new PRO program (hey, you could win a fishing trip to Alaska for your efforts!), 2. wear your chapter T-shirt or cap where appropriate, and 3. vote in the upcoming Chapter election.

Steve Eder

## THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Alan C. Buchanan  
Secretary, AFS-MO Chapter

Location: Windsor III, Holiday Inn Executive Center, Columbia, Missouri.

Opening: President Steve Eder called the 26th Annual Meeting to order at 3:30pm on January 21, 1988. Approximately 85 members were in attendance. The minutes of the February 19, 1987 meeting and the Treasurer's Report as of December 15, 1987 were approved as written.

Recognitions: President Eder recognized Lee Redmond, President-Elect North Central Division-AFS. Lee had reported that the Walleye Committee finished a synopsis of walleye research and research priorities in the United States; copies are available from Lee. Steve also recognized Jeff Koppleman for his contributions to the Genetics Committee and Bill Turner for initiation of the formation of the Stream Committee and his selection as first chair of that committee. President Eder then recognized Joe Dillard, First Vice President, and Stan Moberly, President, of the Parent Society. Joe recognized Kevin Richards for his contributions to the Tournament Committee of the Management Section and thanked Pam Haverland, Dick Frie and other members of the Missouri Department of Conservation for their support.

Message from Stan Moberly: Stan complimented the Missouri Chapter on our attendance--the largest chapter business meeting he has attended to date. Stan's goals for the parent society include an emphasis on professionalism, internationalism, visibility, education and involvement. Fisheries professionals need to play a broader role in the national decision making process. He thinks we have lost the most due to our lack of understanding of social and economic issues which affect fisheries. Fish management decisions should be based on what is biologically doable, socially acceptable, and economically feasible. We need to increase our knowledge in social and economic issues. AFS will have to become more knowledgeable of how the process works. Education of the public and legislators is essential. More cohesion of various fisheries/aquatic specialities and agencies is needed to provide a united front on national issues. Chapters may hold the secret; by being an active and proactive tool they may facilitate more cooperative and cohesive action. Each member needs to work through both his/her chapter and the national organization. Chapters can organize continuing education workshops to train their members in computer and other skills. The first national AFS meeting hosted by a chapter will be in Alaska in 1989. It may be appropriate



that other future meetings be hosted by chapters. Unlike forestry people, fisheries people are invisible, which may account for us ending up with nonprofessionals as some national fisheries agency leaders. We need to design projects which meet public wants and interests. We don't get enough money, or have our funding cut, because we don't "pay enough rent"--we aren't active or vocal enough. There is a need to convince the people in positions of power that fisheries is an important industry and fisheries resources are large and valuable. Information and issues must be broken into meaningful units with which the public and legislators can identify. While our society (AFS) has an increasing income, the resources in the federal system are poorly used and organized. With education of our legislators, we may be able to facilitate a more efficient and effective system. The Missouri Chapter and other chapters need to become more involved in the national society.

President Eder recognized past-president Rich Wehnes who was selected MDC Fisheries Division Employee of the Year for 1987. Steve also thanked past Treasurer Larry Martien, Secretary Al Buchanan, and present Treasurer Mahalia Boyd.

Membership Committee: Chairman Bill Dieffenbach reported that a year-end membership drive was successful, bringing in additional members. He recognized fellow committee members Tom Russell and Tom Nash. As of the Business Meeting, 155 members had been signed up for 1988; 156 had been signed up by the same time in 1987.

Nominations Committee: Chairman Kevin Richards reported that the committee, including Steve Eder, Dave Foster, and Mike Kruse, are recruiting nominees for the next election.

Environmental Review (EIS) Committee: Chairman Norm Stucky reported that an ATV bill has passed the House, but allows landowners to decide if ATV's will have access to streams on their property. He urged we send letters to Senators Bond or Danforth protesting the weakening of the swampbuster provision in the 1985 Farm Bill.

Resolutions Committee: Chairman Joe Tieger reported that no resolutions had been brought forward to date. A motion was passed to remand the ATV issue to the EIS Committee to handle when appropriate. Kathy McGrath reported on results of a pilot study on the effects of ATV's on fish, benthos, and water quality. Short-term effects were drastic and negative; long-term effects have yet to be studied.

Arrangements Committee: Chairman Jim Czarnezki was ill and unable to attend; no report at this time.

Program Committee: Chairman Tom Coon reported that a lot of work needs to be done before next year. One problem is that the President-Elect doesn't take office until September, leaving him/her little time to prepare for a January or February meeting. An executive committee meeting the following day would decide next years' program. A vote of the membership at the business meeting was in favor of continuing a three society (Forestry, Fisheries, and Wildlife) meeting as was done this year for the first time. The future location of the conference was also discussed. It was decided to keep it in the central Missouri area for convenience of access to UMC students and because MDC personnel, the bulk of Wildlife and Fisheries members, are housed in Columbia and Jefferson City.

FYA Ad-hoc Committee: Chairman Phil Jeffries reported that the 1987 convention in Kansas City was a success, with approximately 22,000 kids attending. Dan Freeze, Kevin Sullivan, Linda Erickson-Eastwood, and Mike Boone helped with setting up the booth and setting up a channel catfish cage to demonstrate pond culture.

Awards Committee: Chairman Charlie Rabeni reported that the membership made few nominations. Recipients of the "Award of Excellence" and "Citizens Award" were selected and were to be presented at the banquet. No nominations were received for "Letters of Recognition".

Greer Spring: Dave Foster reported that Leo Drey is still negotiating the purchase of Greer Spring. Although quite a number of offers and counter offers have been made without an agreement, Leo is optimistic they will come to a final agreement.

Tax Free: President Eder reports that the chapter is now tax exempt, which will save us money in the future. He also reports that the T-Shirt idea was a success and thanked Dawn and Jake Allman, John Pittenger, and Lynn Schrader for their assistance.

Wallop-Breaux: Steve Eder reported that W/B may be a target for 1988 cuts and /or diversion. Stan Moberly stressed the need to write letters and make phone calls to your legislators in support of continued funding for Wallop-Breaux.

Contribution: The membership voted to contribute \$150.00 towards formation of a national coalition of fishing organizations to lobby for fish at the national level.

J. Francis Allen Scholarship Fund: A drawing was conducted for "Cougar" and "Trout Stamp" prints donated by Al Agnew and a "Pintail" print donated by Joe Tieger.



Raffle of the prints during the conference brought in \$206.00 to cover the cost of a Ken Perry-guided Spring, 1988 turkey hunt which was donated for the 1987 national meeting raffle. John Hoffman won the Pintail print, Kathy McGrath won the Cougar print, and Kenny Neubrand won the Trout Stamp print.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:45pm.

Addendum to the Business Meeting.

A joint banquet was held the evening of February 21st. The speaker for the evening was Dr. David Lendt, Director of Information, Iowa State University. He presented a talk entitled "J. Norwood 'Ding' Darling".

The AFS-Missouri Chapter's Award of Excellence was presented to Mr. Larry Gale, ex-Director of the Missouri Department of Conservation, for long-term contributions to the field of fisheries.

The 1988 Citizen's Award was presented to Mr. Leo Drey, University City, for his life-long contributions to Missouri Natural Areas and support for the conservation effort.

Approximately 335 people attended the banquet which was moderated by Steve Eder.

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**NEWS AND NOTES**

**PRO**

Recruit a new member to the national American Fisheries Society and win a chance for a fishing trip to Alaska. The AFS PRO Club - Professionals Recruiting Others - has been established in an attempt to recruit some of the 50% of fisheries professionals who are not members of AFS. Here's how PRO works: Once you have recruited a new member for AFS, you are a member of the current year's PRO Club. When you recruit 10 members, you become a life member of the PRO Club and will receive a gold AFS PRO Club pin. In September, 1988, at the Toronto annual meeting, a drawing will be held for a fishing trip to Alaska in conjunction with the 1989 AFS annual meeting (you do not have to be present to win). For every member you recruit between now and August 15 you get another chance to win. Your name will be entered once if you recruit a regular member, five times if you recruit a library member, twice if you recruit a \$100 affiliate Sustaining member, and ten times if you recruit a \$1,000 affiliate Official or Associate member. Membership

applications are available from Ruth Ploff, Secretary, AFS, 5410 Grosvenor Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814, or from any MO Chapter officer. Make sure your name and AFS PRO are printed on the application of your recruit. Become a PRO and maybe win a trip to Alaska.

**IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA - GREATER OZARKS CHAPTER**

The Greater Ozarks Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America is looking for members. The recently formed chapter's goals include the development and implementation of projects in outdoor ethics, including the development of a Missouri Conference on Outdoor Ethics, and the establishment of an Outdoor Ethics Resource Center to support coordination between conservation and environmental agencies and organizations in Missouri. Chapter membership includes a subscription to the national magazine Outdoor American, notice of chapter meetings, programs and activities, and IWLA pin and decal. Membership dues, \$25 Regular, \$10 Student, and \$35 Family, should be sent to: Secretary-Treasurer, Greater Ozarks Chapter-IWLA, Eastgate Plaza-Suite 310, Columbia, MO 65201-6082.

**CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM - UPDATE**

By the end of 1987, 23 million acres of erodible land had been removed from production and signed up in the reserve program. The ultimate goal of the 1985 Farm Bill is to put 40 to 45 million acres in reserve by 1990. When targeted acreage has been set aside, soil erosion should drop by 466 million tons annually.

**1989 FFW CONFERENCE**

Natural Resource Management on the Family Farm is the theme for the 1989 Forestry, Fisheries and Wildlife Conference to be held January 19-20, 1989 at Lodge of the Four Seasons, Lake of the Ozarks. Five papers, "Conservation on Missouri's Private Land - A National Perspective", "Land Use and Ownership Patterns in Missouri", "Incorporating Natural Resource Management into Farming", "Conservation on Private Lands: A Challenge to Professionals", and one undetermined paper, are planned for the Plenary Session. There will also be invited paper sessions and workshops similar to last year. One possible workshop is a discussion on the pros and cons of fee hunting and fishing in Missouri. A banquet, without speaker, is planned, as is the entertainment - Bob Walsh's Stone Country Bluegrass Band. (This information was "borrowed" from the MO Chapter-Wildlife Society Newsletter. My gracious compliments to the Editor).