

MISSOURI CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY  
MINUTES OF THE 29TH ANNUAL MEETING  
TAN-TAR-A RESORT, LAKE OF THE OZARKS, JANUARY 24, 1991

**OPENING:** President Steve Weithman called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. after making several fund-raising announcements. Secretary Dave Neuswanger confirmed the presence of a quorum. (The sign-up sheet later revealed an attendance of 78.)

**RECOGNITIONS:** President Weithman recognized the presence of Immediate Past President of the American Fisheries Society, Joe Dillard, and the Immediate Past President of the North Central Division, Lee Redmond. Steve also recognized, as a group, all the Past Presidents of the Missouri Chapter. At this point, Lee Redmond took the floor and recognized Phil Jeffries for recently receiving a Distinguished Conservation Citation from the National Institute for Urban Wildlife. Lee also recognized Ron Dent for recently receiving a Lifetime Achievement Award from Muskies Incorporated. Lee then presented Rich Wehnes with an Award of Merit from the Fisheries Management Section in recognition of Outstanding Editorial Leadership as Newsletter Editor of the Section from 1984 to 1988. At this point, Phil Jeffries took the floor and informed us of an award presented to the Missouri Chapter in Kansas City, MO on November 7, 1990 in recognition of 25 years of participation in the National Agricultural Career Show and the National FFA Convention. Mr. John Turner from the Showme Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society then took the floor briefly in order to express his appreciation for being invited to participate for the first time in our annual Forest, Fish, and Wildlife Conference.

**REPORTS:** Treasurer Jane Bush was ill and could not attend the meeting, but Membership Committee Chair Ron Dent informed us that fund-raising activities during the past two days had earned the Chapter \$1,691. Our balance had been near zero prior to the meeting. President Weithman then asked for approval of the Minutes of the 28th Annual Business Meeting held in January 1990. Spence Turner moved that we approve the Minutes and Rich Wehnes seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

**JOE DILLARD:** As Immediate Past President of AFS, Joe updated us on Society activities. He informed us that Paul Brouha would soon replace Carl Sullivan as Executive Director of AFS. Joe discussed development of the "Sully" Award in honor of retiring Executive Director, Carl Sullivan. Joe informed us that AFS was strongly supporting the National Container Deposit Law; he has a GAO report on this legislation that is available upon request. Joe discussed status of the Permanent Home Fund, Fisheries News, the AFS salary survey and other items of joint concern with The Wildlife Society, and delay of the World Fisheries Congress due to war in the Persian Gulf. As a member of the AFS Nominating Committee, Joe announced that Lee Redmond was currently one of 8 nominees for Second Vice-President of AFS for 1992.

LEE REDMOND: Lee presented Chapter Newsletter Editor Dave Neuswanger with a plaque from the North Central Division recognizing Dave and his team for producing the Best Chapter Newsletter in 1990--the first year of this competition. Lee also announced that Walt Duffy of South Dakota State University had been selected as new Editor of the North Central Division Newsletter. NCD accomplishments during the past year should appear in the February 1991 issue of The Mainstream. Lee then read a letter from current NCD President, Bill Taylor, who was unable to attend our meeting due to NCD fund limitations. A copy of Bill's address, as read by Lee, is attached to these Minutes.

ELECTION RESULTS: President Weithman announced the results of our early January 1991 Newsletter Ballot Election. Both races were very close. Our new President-Elect will be Norm Stucky, and our new Secretary will be Mike Kruse. President Weithman thanked all the candidates for their willingness to serve. Steve also announced that an opinion poll showed members to be narrowly opposed to a newsletter exchange with The Wildlife Society; given our financial situation, the EXCOM decided there would be no such exchange in the near future.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership (Ron Dent) - Ron encouraged interaction with members of The Wildlife Society and the Missouri Society of American Foresters. He announced that we currently had record of 103 members who had paid Missouri Chapter dues for 1991. Among these were 19 new members. We did not yet have a report from AFS of members who paid Chapter dues through their Society dues statement after December 31, 1990; but this source is expected to increase 1991 membership to the 1990 level of 185. Ron also announced the completion of a Missouri Chapter AFS display which should prove useful in creating appropriate recognition of the Chapter at our annual meetings and other conferences. President Weithman thanked Ron for his outstanding service to the Chapter during his tenure as Membership Committee Chair.

Nominating (Tim Grace) - Tim thanked committee members Tom Russell and Al Buchanan for helping select candidates for the recent Newsletter Ballot Election. President Weithman announced that he, as Immediate Past President, would automatically serve as Chair of the Nominating Committee during 1991, according to recently drafted guidelines for Chapter Procedures.

Resolutions (Kathy McGrath) - Kathy thanked Norm Stucky, Bill Turner, Kevin Richards, Steve Gough, Spence Turner, and Bill Dieffenbach for assisting with preparation of the four resolutions she had to bring before the Chapter. All resolutions were amended and approved unanimously, as amended:

- #1) Legal Protection of Missouri Streams - moved by Spence Turner, seconded by Bill Dieffenbach
- #2) Regulation of Gravel Dredging in Missouri Streams - moved by Kevin Richards, seconded by David Galat
- #3) Missouri River Master Water Control Manual - moved by Rich Wehnes, seconded by Steve Gough
- #4) Funding Support for Missouri State Water Plan - moved by David Galat, seconded by Charlie Suppes

Discussion followed among Kathy McGrath, Joe Dillard, Lee Redmond, and Dave Neuswanger regarding the effectiveness of Chapter resolutions, and steps which could be taken to ensure maximum effect. Amended and approved copies of 1991 resolutions and their recipients are attached to these Minutes.

Joe Hunn (Steering) - Joe thanked the members of his committee, and he acknowledged the efforts of Past President Tom Coon, who was instrumental in preparing the Conference Manual. President Weithman thanked Joe for his three-year service as Steering Committee Chair.

Pam Haverland (Arrangements) - Pam announced that registration had numbered 786, the highest in the history of the Forest, Fish, and Wildlife Conference. She also asked how many members would prefer to hold the Conference at Tan-Tar-A again next year versus the Columbia Executive Center. A show of hands showed approximately a 2:1 preference for Tan-Tar-A.

Phil Jeffries (FFA) - Phil described the basic function of the committee for the benefit of new members at the meeting--that is, providing AFS information at the annual Career Show of the Future Farmers of America. Phil expressed concern that past displays and payment for exhibit space involved the Missouri Department of Conservation more than it did the Missouri Chapter of AFS. Now that Ron Dent's Membership Committee has prepared a Chapter display, Phil wondered if we should divorce ourselves from MDC in order to achieve maximum recognition as a professional society. However, he was concerned about the cost of exhibit space. Joe Dillard commented that since our efforts were directed at a national audience of 25,000 young people plus their advisors, we should try to secure special funding from the Society. Phil stated his appreciation to AFS for providing 500 copies of "Fisheries As A Profession" for the 1990 meeting (\$.40/copy). He thanked Stan Michaelson, Kyle Reno, and Kevin Sullivan for helping to "man the booth" in 1990. President Weithman said that future funding would be discussed at an upcoming EXCOM meeting.

Rivers and Streams (Gordon Farabee) - Gordon announced that he had assumed the role of Committee Chair in July, 1990; and he acknowledged the outstanding job done by Founding Committee Chair, Bill Turner. Gordon announced that the Committee would be meeting at 7:00 a.m. on January 25, 1991.

Awards Committee - President Weithman announced that Committee Chair, Charlie Rabeni, could not attend this meeting because he had been called to Washington, D.C. Steve announced that Charlie's Committee had selected a recipient for the Missouri Chapter AFS Award of Excellence, and also for a Citizen Letter of Recognition. Recipients would be announced at the banquet after the Business Meeting. The Committee also sent a special Letter of Recognition to Serge Doroshov of California for sharing with Missouri his techniques for streamlining procedures for taking eggs from paddlefish.

Disabled Angler Committee (Steve Eder) - Steve thanked Committee members Tim Banek, Skip Doak, and Harold Kerns for helping to secure funds from various fishing organizations. They had obtained approximately \$300 in donations from the Cameron Sertoma Club, The Cameron Knights of Columbus, Zebco, and two Springfield MO bass clubs. Steve also thanked Ron Dent and others who sold tickets to raffle off some donated items; they made approximately \$80 for the Committee. Steve then read a letter from the first recipient of special equipment from the Missouri Chapter in 1990. Steve shared plans regarding the next recipient, then asked for member input in seeking future recipients and the funds to help them.

OLD BUSINESS: None was raised.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Weithman described a fund-raising initiative by the North Central Division called the "Outdoor Adventure" raffle. He asked anyone interested in participating to contact our new fund-raising coordinator, President-Elect Norm Stucky.

President Weithman announced a job opening for the position of Executive Secretary of the Great Lakes Fishery Commission.

At the request of Society President Larry Nielsen, Chapter President Steve Weithman asked the membership to give the issue of a Society name change their most serious consideration, the goal being to find a way to reverse the symbolic alienation of our Canadian colleagues.

President Weithman announced the formation of an AFS Fisheries History Section. Petitions and section membership applications were made available throughout our meeting.

President Weithman conveyed Carl Sullivan's request for additional funds for Permanent Home Expansion. Steve mentioned that our Chapter donated \$250 to this cause in 1990.

President-Elect Gary Novinger then took the floor to inform members of new FFW Conference committee appointments, and to thank past committee representatives for their three-year effort:

Steering - Ron Dent (replacing Joe Hunn)  
Arrangements - Cindy Borgwordt (replacing Pam Haverland)  
Exhibits & Sponsors - Bob DiStefano (replacing Kim Graham)  
Visual Aids & Equip. - Chris Vitello (replacing Mike Colvin)  
Social - Bill Anderson (replacing Kevin Richards)  
Program - David Galat (replacing Al Buchanan)  
Publicity - Cindy Morris (replacing Mike Kruse)  
Workshop - Bill Turner (replacing Jim Fairchild)  
Conference Treasurer - John McPherson (replacing Devona Lam)

President-Elect Novinger then asked for volunteers to serve in three new Missouri Chapter positions. Joe Dillard volunteered to serve as Chapter Historian, and was immediately appointed to that position. Gary also shared his thoughts on formation of a Continuing Education Committee, particularly from the standpoint that Chapter-sponsored workshops could provide credits and generate funds. Joe Dillard mentioned that the Minnesota Chapter had made considerable money by sponsoring workshops. There were no volunteers immediately. Last, Gary asked if anyone was interested in chairing a Student Support Committee that would generate funds and allocate them to students wishing to attend our annual meetings. There were no volunteers immediately.

Gary then presented President A. Stephen Weithman with a framed Past-President's Certificate, and he thanked both President Weithman and Secretary Dave Neuswanger for their efforts in serving extended terms, and for moving the Chapter forward in award-winning fashion.

President Weithman then regained the floor long enough to thank his officers and committee chairs for all their efforts during the past 18 months. As his last official act, he handed over the gavel to our new President, Gary Novinger.

ADJOURNMENT: As his first official act, President Novinger asked if there was a motion for adjournment. Several members so moved and seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED FEBRUARY 4, 1991, BY DAVE NEUSWANGER

RECIPIENTS OF MINUTES: Carl Sullivan, Paul Brouha, Larry Nielsen, Bill Taylor, Walt Duffy, Joe Dillard, Lee Redmond, Steve Weithman, Gary Novinger, Norm Stucky, Mike Kruse, Jane Bush, Mike Roell, and selected Missouri Chapter Committee Chairs