

Minutes of the  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE and COMMITTEE CHAIR MEETING  
of May 11, 1993

The meeting was held in the large conference room of the Missouri Department of Conservation Fish and Wildlife Research Center. Those present at the start of the meeting (2:00 p.m.) were David Galat, Mark Wildhaber, Kathy McGrath, Ron Dent, Mike LaValley, Lynn Schrader, Lee Redmond, Norm Stucky, Phil Pitts, Donna Menown, and Pam Haverland.

Treasurer's Report (Donna Menown):

General Account Balance -- \$ 6547.07

Within the general account the disabled angler committee has a fund of \$ 2597.00

Student Support Committee Account Balance -- \$ 412.01

Donna Menown requested that those collecting funds for the chapter make a note on all checks received indicating why the money is being paid to the chapter.

For the general account, the executive committee and the committee chairs agreed that any earned interest will be evenly divided between general chapter funds, river and stream committee funds, and disabled angler committee funds. This will be done on a date determined to be convenient by the treasurer. If any of the three funds have a negative balance on the date determined to be convenient by the treasurer, those funds with a negative balance will not share in the interest earned, and the interest will be evenly divided among the funds with a positive balance.

Fund Raising Report (Pam Haverland):

Spence Turner will donate his labor and make three fly rods to be raffled at the Midwest Conference if the chapter will purchase the materials (about \$ 60.00). It was unanimously agreed that we should do this.

It was unanimously agreed to proceed with developing a smallmouth bass t-shirt with the chapter logo. The shirts will be made by Stranger Creek (Tom Fliger). The shirts will be sold at the Midwest Conference. The plan is to buy the shirts and have them there for sale and immediate delivery. A Tomilleri "drawing" will be

used for the smallmouth reproduction. Stranger Creek will be selling other t-shirts with "Tomilleri's" at the Midwest but will not be selling the same one we are selling.

Pam Haverland will look into getting some hats for sale at the Midwest and will also look into having some Missouri Chapter AFS t-shirts made (or perhaps taking orders to make) for the Missouri FFW conference. Lee Redmond suggested she also look into selling belt-buckles for fund raising.

There was general support for a Multivariate Analysis of Variance workshop as a fund-raising and educational event. David Bowden of Colorado State would be interested in teaching such a workshop in the summer of 1994 if the scope of the course is limited to what can be covered in a week. It is anticipated an instructor would be paid about \$4000.00 for a course with 20 to 25 students.

Norm Stucky reported that Jerry Carroll, President of the Missouri Bass Club Association, has health problems but remains committed to raising \$ 10,000.00 for the Student Support Fund through the Bass Club Association. Norm Stucky will send a card to Jerry Carroll on behalf of the chapter.

We also discussed as fund-raisers: 1) getting the country music shows in Branson to sell the AFS cookbook, 2) having country music stars donate entertainment at a banquet/concert/dance, or 3) a raffle of a fishing trip with a country music star.

#### Newsletter Report:

Pam Haverland suggested distributing extra chapter newsletters at the Midwest Conference as a way of promoting our chapter. Hopefully the December newsletter could be ready in time.

#### Rivers and Streams Committee Report (Lynn Schrader):

This years meeting is scheduled for July 20, 1993, at Bennett Springs State Park.

Lynn Schrader asked for opinions and suggestions as to how Missouri Chapter AFS can provide information and coordination to develop/support stream conservation legislation. Kathy McGrath reported that National AFS

has created a national level committee on legislation and she is interested in what the local chapter is going to do along those lines. David Galat assigned Kathy McGrath the job of developing policy/procedure alternatives for the next executive committee and committee chair meeting. The tentative plan is to consider/refine these alternatives at the next executive committee and committee chair meeting, then publish these alternatives in the December newsletter and vote on them at the membership meeting at the Missouri FFW Conference. The Rivers and Streams Committee will proceed on interacting with legislators as advocates and experts on rivers and streams issues but will not be inviting legislators or legislative staffers to the July 1993 meeting. There was a discussion as to whether the Missouri Chapter should be proponents of legislation or advisors/experts on legislation others propose during this committee report. This question was left unresolved.

Membership Committee Report (Phil Pitts):

We have 172 paid chapter members, 133 national AFS members, and 87 former members who have not paid their 1993 dues.

It was unanimously decided not to send our mailing list to Lewis Publishers. Lewis Publishers and National AFS are publishing a new journal "Reviews in Fisheries Science." Lewis Publishing wanted the mailing list so they could mail promotions directly to members. There was a consensus that the chapter members had other opportunities to learn about the journal through National AFS mailings or our chapter newsletter. It was agreed that the membership list is considered private and should only be used for chapter business. David Galat assigned Phil Pitts the task of contacting local chapter members who are not national AFS members and encouraging them to join National AFS.

FFW Conference Steering, Arrangements, Program Committee Report (Ron Dent, David Galat, Kathy McGrath):

The Steering Committee is considering whether the conference name should now be changed from the Missouri Forest, Fish and Wildlife Conference to something that reflects that the Soil and Water Conservation Society is now a fourth co-sponsor.

The 1994 meeting is scheduled for February 2-4, 1994, at Tan-Tar-A. The theme will be changing values in natural resources.

The meetings are scheduled at Tan-Tar-A through 1996. A Missouri Department of Conservation Division meeting is not expected before the 1994 conference. The "start-up money" amount was raised from \$5000.00 to \$9000.00. The pre-registration fee was raised to \$16.00, and the at-conference registration fee was raised to \$26.00.

The committee members will serve four year terms on the Steering, Program, Arrangements, and Workshop committees. The conference manual will be redone. These changes are required due to the conference now having a fourth co-sponsor.

Kathy McGrath (Arrangements Committee) gave a preliminary report of the FFW Conference Questionnaire. A copy is attached.

David Galat (Program Committee) reported he is seeking speakers for the conference that could speak to traditional values in natural resources, intrinsic values in natural resources, the role of gender and/or culture in changing values, etc.

#### Disabled Angler Committee Report:

Donna Menown reported that the balance in the disabled angler fund was \$2597.00.

#### Student Support Fund Committee Report:

David Galat reported on Doug Noltie's behalf that fund-raising was continuing. Also, that the committee was trying to contact students and faculty at other colleges and universities in Missouri that have aquatic courses. Finally, a poll of students indicated that a high priority should be given to establishing awards and recognition for student work.

#### Environmental Concern Committee Report (Mike LaValley):

Mike LaValley proposed two letters to be sent by David Galat. The first was a letter to Representative Harold Volkmer concerning the Master Water Control Manual for

the Missouri River. The second was a letter to Colonel James D. Craig, St. Louis District Engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, regarding a "River Navigation Congestion Study." Copies of these letters are attached. Executive Committee members and committee chairs are to indicate to David Galat whether they favor sending the letters or not, and any suggested changes, within a week.

Mike LaValley reported that the Clean Water Act will probably be reauthorized this year. The Environmental Concern Committee is considering whether AFS should favor separate legislation regulating dissolved oxygen levels of discharge from Corps of Engineer dams as point-source pollution, or whether this regulation should occur as part of the Clean Water Act reauthorization.

Continuing Education Committee Report (Mike Wildhaber):

There will be a Statistical Software Workshop the Sunday before the Midwest Conference. Pam Haverland will be the instructor. The registration fee will be \$25 - \$30 per person.

The committee is also hopeful of having a Stream Geomorphology workshop the Sunday before the Midwest Conference. The instructor will be Dave Rosgen. Because of the cost of putting on this workshop (about \$2000.00) there would have to be 50 - 100 registrants. The anticipated registration fee will be about \$75.00.

Items for Action:

- 1) The Midwest Conference Coordinating Committee asked for a \$200.00 contribution from the chapter. David Galat will request justification if the committee requests the donation a second time. At this point, the donation will not be made.
- 2) The North Central Division (NCD) is coordinating a student travel grant program. Each Chapter in the NCD nominates a student to receive a \$200.00 award for travelling to and attending the Midwest Conference. NCD will pay \$100.00 and the chapter will pay \$100.00. The executive committee and committee chairs supported this program. The Student Support Committee Chair was appointed to select several persons to evaluate and select a student member of our chapter as our nominee.

- 3) Kathy McGrath requested \$ 102.93 as reimbursement for her trip to the National AFS First Annual Legislative Conference, March 16-18, 1993 in Washington, D.C. A copy of her request is attached. It was approved.
- 4) David Galat appointed Phil Pitts to contact Ken Perry to ask him to operate a Missouri Chapter AFS booth at the Rottmann Memorial Kid's Fishing Clinic, (Twin Lakes Recreation Area, Columbia, Missouri, June 12, 1993). This event is held on free-fishing day during National Fishing Week.
- 5) David Galat asked for suggestions as to who might be able to judge papers at the Midwest Conference.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.