

**MINUTES OF THE 31ST ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MISSOURI CHAPTER
OF THE AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY, January 28, 1993, Osage Beach, Missouri**

After several announcements, and verification of a quorum by Secretary Mike Kruse, President Norm Stucky called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m. (the attendance sheet was eventually signed by 89 members, but based on room capacity, attendance was probably closer to 120).

Lee Redmond presented Mike Roell, Newsletter Editor, with the Best Chapter Newsletter Award for the North Central Division. This was the third year in a row that the Missouri Chapter has won this award, and the second year for Editor, Mike Roell.

President Norm Stucky recognized John "Slim" Funk for over 50 years of membership and service to the American Fisheries Society and awarded him with the Golden Membership Award.

Secretary Mike Kruse provided copies of the minutes of the 1992 Annual Meeting and President Norm Stucky asked for approval of those minutes. Slim Funk pointed out that he had been president of the Missouri Chapter and North Central Division, but not the Parent Society as recorded in the minutes. No other changes were noted and Spence Turner moved to approve the minutes with Jim Fry providing a second. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

Treasurer Donna Menown reported a balance of \$96.08 in the Student Support Account and \$4,626.28 in the General Chapter Account (including \$2,103.87 in the Disabled Angler Fund). President Stucky requested accounting help for the Chapter as our funds grow above \$5,000 -- the level where accounting demands from the Internal Revenue Service increase.

Lee Redmond: First Vice-President of the American Fisheries Society, Lee Redmond, announced that the Missouri Department of Conservation was given an award at the Annual Meeting in Rapid City, South Dakota for the Streams for the Future Program. The North Central Division (NCD) of the American Fisheries Society now has an up-to-date procedural manual. The NCD position statement on biodiversity has also recently been released. The parent society now has a Procedural Manual in press. The World Fisheries Society was a financial and political success in making the Society a key player in international fisheries issues. The proposed name change for the American Fisheries Society was defeated at the national AFS meeting. The parent society presented the Carl Sullivan award to Senator Malcolm Breaux for developing and defending Wallop-Breaux funding for fisheries. The Society published its first ever Annual Report, which is a good source of information on our programs and the costs of operations. The last membership survey showed that most AFS members believe we should be more involved in advocacy. Despite providing good scientific information and dissemination, AFS has not been an aggressive advocate for fisheries issues, such as preventing the degradation of aquatic habitat. The three major responses to this survey were 1.) FISHNET a coalition of Washington-based fisheries agencies to cooperatively influence fisheries issues within the federal government and its agencies, 2.) Fisheries Action Network, a systematic way of getting scientific information out to the Chapters who can then distribute the information to persons who are responsible for resource issues, 3.) Fishermen Involved in Saving Habitat (F.I.S.H.), a way for various fishing groups to come together to fight for common fish habitat issues.

Jim Fry pointed out that Lee Redmond had received the Distinguished Service Award from the Parent Society

Election Results: Immediate Past-President, Gary Novinger, chairman of the Nominating Committee thanked the other committee members (Lee Redmond, Mike Kruse and Joe Dillard). Candidates for President were Pam Haverland and Al Buchanan and for Secretary, Devonna Weirich and Dave Waller. Ballots were distributed in the December Newsletter and 73 votes were cast. Both races decided by five or fewer votes. The President-Elect will be Pam Haverland and the new Secretary will be Devonna Weirich.

Committee Reports

Steering/Program: Ron reported that his committee consisted of John McPherson (Treasurer) Cindy Borgwordt (Arrangements), Bob Distefano (Exhibits), Bill Anderson (Social), Chris Vitello (Audio-Visual), Dave Galat (Program), Cindy Morris (publicity) and Bill Turner (Workshops). He reported that over 800 people had registered for the 1993 conference, with over 500 attending the banquet. The 1994 conference will be either at Tan-Tar-A or the Lodge of the Four Seasons. Dave Galat reported a February 15 deadline for selecting the theme for the 1994 conference.

Fundraising: Dave Galat encouraged everyone to support the Chapter's Silent Auction before it closes at 5:30 p.m. He also referred to the questionnaire distributed by Pam Haverland for determining what type of workshop the Chapter will sponsor as a fund-raising event at the upcoming Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference.

Future Farmers of America: Phil Jeffries reported that an AFS display was manned for three days by himself and Kevin Sullivan, Jake Allman, Phil Rockers and A. J. Pratt at the national FFA career show (20,000 to 25,000 in attendance) in Kansas City.

Chapter Historian: Joe Dillard requested that anyone with additional information for the Chapter's history contact him as soon as possible so that he and Lisa Dillard could continue compiling the history in 1992.

Student Support: Dr. Doug Noltie asked all students in attendance to please raise their hands, and approximately six students were acknowledged. He reported that the Executive Committee accepted the charter for the committee on January 12. Members of the Student Support Committee included Scott Sowa, Darcy Nevermann, Spence Turner, Norm Stucky, Bob Distefano, John Belshe, Dan Beckman, Jim Peterson, Eric Nelson, John Fantz. Dr. Noltie provided copies of the revised Charter for chapter members to review. He reported that the Student Support Committee had received the first installment of a \$100/year, for ten years, promise from the Forsyth Bass Club. The North Central Division is interested in our Student Support Committee and helping other Chapters develop similar efforts. Dr. Noltie reported that the committee had developed objectives for the coming year and that they look forward to beginning some projects. President Stucky also reported that we had recently received a \$2,500 contribution to the Student Support Committee and thanked Bill Anderson for promoting the idea of our Student Support Committee among Missouri's bass fishing clubs.

Disabled Angler: Greg Stoner reported that the Disabled Angler Fund had received \$1,600 in donations in 1992. These resulted when retiring Missouri Department of Conservation Assistant Director, Ed Glaser requested donations to our Disabled Angler Fund in lieu of a retirement gift. Greg reported that two disabled fishing events were held in 1992, one at Mark Twain lake and one at Little Dixie. Also, we supplied two disabled anglers with fishing gear. He reported that the Rush Rehabilitation Center in Columbia is interested in planning more fishing trips in 1993. Greg

reminded Chapter members to support the silent auction, where proceeds from the sale of guided fishing trips will be used for the Disabled Angler Fund.

Membership: Phil reported that in 1991 we had 177 paid-up members, 178 in 1992 and to date, 121 in 1993, with many members expected to renew membership soon. He estimated that our membership has remained stable over the past year.

Rivers and Streams: Lynn Schrader reported that the committee met at Bennett Spring State Park this past summer and had several good presentations and a discussion on big river management. He described the committee's current fund-raising project was the sale of bumper stickers bearing the slogan "Our Streams are Going Downhill." He reported that the committee's efforts to gain funding for a stream management handbook from the Environmental Protection Agency were unsuccessful, but new efforts were underway to find funding for this project. Lynn reported that the committee would have a breakfast meeting on Friday morning (January 29, 1993).

Awards: Bill Dieffenbach, Steve Eder and Dave Galat were members of this committee along with Kevin Richards. (Awards were presented later in the business meeting and at the banquet).

Environmental and Legislative Concerns: Joe Hunn reported that twelve areas of concern had been addressed in 1992. One of the actions was a series of letters requesting reauthorization of the Clean Water Act that was sent to all members of our congressional staff. Kit Bond sent the only response to this request. A letter was also sent to the Environmental Protection Agency requesting protection of Alaskan wetlands.

Continuing Education: Pam Haverland reminded the membership to complete the survey card for proposed Chapter-sponsored continuing education workshops.

Resolutions: President Stucky reminded the membership that the resolutions had already undergone extensive review, including publication in the Chapter Newsletter, and that discussion should be limited to substantive comments only. Jake Allman, Dick Duchrow, Kathy McGrath, Gordon Farabee and Norm Stucky assisted chairman Mark Haas on the Resolutions Committee in 1992. The first resolution was entitled "Unsafe Mine Tailings Dam" and after no discussion was approved by the Chapter (motion by Bill Dieffenbach, no record of a second, but overwhelming support from the Chapter). The second resolution was entitled "Clean Water Act Reauthorization" and was also quickly passed without discussion (motion to accept by Rich Wehnes, seconded by Spencer Turner). The third resolution was entitled "Support for MICRA." Jerry Rasmussen described the intended function of MICRA (the Mississippi Interstate Cooperative Resource Agreement) and the need to acquire federal funding for it. Gordon Farabee suggested that copies be sent to the North Central Division of AFS, the congressional leaders of the other participating states, the minority and majority leaders in Congress and the Clinton Administration. With no further discussion the resolution was passed (motion to accept by Joe Dillard, seconded by Spencer Turner). No other resolutions were suggested by the membership.

OLD BUSINESS: President Stucky reported that the Soil and Water Conservation Society wished to become a fourth sponsor of the Missouri Forest, Fish and Wildlife Conference. He recommended that President-Elect David Galat schedule a discussion of this question for the first meeting of the Executive Committee in 1993. The membership passed this idea by voice vote (moved by Bill Dieffenbach and a second by Bill Anderson). A non-binding vote of the membership indicated only about 20 members in favor of including the Soil and Water Conservation Society as a sponsor of the

FFW Conference, with the majority of the members opposed. In general, most comments were supportive of continuing to give the Soil and Water Conservation Society some responsibilities for the conference. However, several concerns were voiced regarding re-organizing from a tri-society to a quad-society conference and the Soil and Water Conservation Society's current ability to act as a full sponsoring partner. President Stucky reported that the Long Range Plan, Operations Manual and Student Support Committee Charter were approved by the Executive Committee at the January 12 Planning Meeting and that copies of all documents were available.

NEW BUSINESS: Kevin Richards presented the Citizen's Award to Dave Hamilton of the North Kansas City Rotary Club Stream Team for their efforts on Shoal Creek and other Kansas City area streams and stream corridors. Charlie Rabeni and Jim Czarnezki reported that the Third Rivers and Streams Conference would be held February 5 and 6, 1993 at the Lodge of the Four Seasons.

President Norm Stucky became Past-President as he passed the gavel to the Chapter's new President, David Galat. President Galat immediately presented Norm Stucky with the Past-President's Plaque and a thanks of appreciation for all his efforts over the past year.

President Galat adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.