

Minutes of the
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE and COMMITTEE CHAIR MEETING
of January 11, 1994

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. at the Missouri Department of Conservation Fish and Wildlife Research Center, Columbia. Those present at the start of the meeting included David Galat, Kevin Richards, Mike Roell, Lynn Schrader, Brian Todd, Donna Menown, Norm Stucky, Pam Haverland, Doug Noltie, and Phil Pitts. Kathy McGrath, Devona Weirich, and Charlie Rabeni arrived later.

Treasurer's Report (Donna Menown):

On 1/11/94 Missouri Chapter AFS account balances were as follows:

General Account	\$ 3,492.21
Disabled Angler	\$ 1,746.64
Student Support	\$ 1,025.70

A major purchase (\$929) by the Disabled Angler Committee is expected later in the day and this will reduce the account balance significantly. Lynn Schrader indicated that the River and Stream Committee budget would not be identified separately from the General Account. Donna Menown indicated that all money received would be deposited in the General Account unless it is clearly identified for the Disabled Angler or Student Support funds.

MOFFW Program Report- Program Committee (David Galat):

The list of speakers for the Plenary Session was finalized. David will provide this information to Cindy Morris in the next day or two for inclusion in the final draft of the conference program. Lynn Schrader and Norm Stucky pointed out that a representative from the U.S. Corps of Engineers (COE) was not on the Floodplain Discussion Panel. They felt it was important that they be represented. David will investigate if we can get a speaker from the COE. There were no major changes for the technical and poster sessions.

Fund Raising (Pam Haverland):

Pam reported income of about \$1700 and \$649 from the workshop and sale of T-shirts, cookbooks, note cards, books, etc., at the Midwest, respectively. The Missouri Chapter kept \$1500 of the money received for conducting the workshop and sent \$200 to the North Central Division. Overall, T-shirt sales are poor. There was considerable discussion on how to increase sales. It was suggested that we try harder to sell our T-shirts to the general public at events like boat shows and Day with Wildlife and we

lower the price. Kevin Richards agreed to contact representatives from the Smallmouth Bass Alliance to see if they will advertise our shirts in their newsletter. MO AFS could give their group \$1 for every shirt sold. Currently, we have in stock 75 long sleeve and 285 short sleeve T-shirts, some stationary, a few cookbooks and many paddlefish books.

MOFFW Program Report-Steering Committee (Ron Dent):

As of 1/7/94 there have been 386 paid registrants and 235 banquet tickets sold. The cost of the MOFFW Conference in 1993 was \$26,000. Ron felt this year's Conference will cost about \$18,000. Based on current enrollment he felt we will receive about \$20,000. This will leave about \$2,000 to carryover to next year's meeting. We would like to carryover about \$5,000. This year's attendance will be lower than last year's because fewer MDC employees are able to attend the meeting.

MOFFW Program Report- Arrangements Committee (Kathy McGrath):

Based on current registration Kathy expected total registration for the Conference to be about 550. This is about 30% lower than last year. She expects 300 people will attend the flood session and 650 people will attend the smoker. One problem encountered this year was receiving a poor mailing list of past conference attendees from Forestry. She felt many past participants did not receive registration materials. There was additional discussion about the need to include a speaker from the COE at the flood session. Kathy indicated that the committee organizing speakers for this session considered including the COE but decided against it because of the limited amount of time available. Norm Stucky indicated his desire to get a COE speaker that could discuss legislative issues, COE jurisdictions and PL 8499. Dave felt it was getting too late to put another speaker on the program, however, he would let Ron Dent discuss this matter with Bill Turner. If Dave did not hear back from Ron or Bill by the end of the week he would go with the current program. Ron indicated hotel rooms would be available at Tan Tara for \$46 per night through the end of January.

FFA (Lynn Schrader):

Attendance at the FFA Conference held in Kansas City was 30,000. The cost of the booth will be paid by the national AFS and North Central Division (NCD). The cost will be split 67% national AFS and 33% NCD. Missouri Chapter members manned the booth. Dave Galat indicated that he would ask Phil Jefferies to provide a brief summary of the event to national AFS and NCD. It might make a good story for their newsletters.

History (Pam Haverland):

Pam Haverland will be meeting with Joe and Lisa Dillard on January 12, 1994. They are planning to work on an outline for the Chapter's history.

Student Support (Doug Noltie):

The Student Support Committee made a list of universities active in aquatic education. During the summer 100 letters were sent to institutions informing them about the existence of the Student Support Committee and they were asked if they would be interested in receiving more information. Only one response was received. Another 100 letters were sent out in the fall and this time nine responses were received.

A request for nominations for an award to send one student to the Midwest was sent out. Bob Shultz from Southwest Missouri State University was selected to receive this award. It consisted of \$100 donated by MO AFS and \$100 donated by NCD. Doug Noltie made a motion to include a \$100 line item in the MO AFS budget to send a student yearly to the Midwest. Pam Haverland seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously accepted. After some further discussion, this motion was amended by Doug Noltie to state that MO AFS could use \$100 from the General Fund annually until the Student Support Trust Fund is fully funded to \$10,000. From that point on, the \$100 would come from the Student Support Fund. Pam Haverland seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously passed.

The Student Support Committee members worked on their charter in five individual work groups. These work groups were: 1) Student support fund raising (large dollar); 2) Fostering MDC ties, adopt-a-student programs, employment seminars, etc.; 3) Enhancing student needs and involvement within MO AFS; 4) Student award criteria and evaluation mechanisms; 5) Student support fund raising (small dollar); 5) Promote student involvement and professional activity.

The Student Support Committee was indirectly involved in the student social, job search, women in natural resources, and student paper evaluations at the Midwest. Doug Noltie attended the Midwest Activity Meeting and reported our state is doing more for students than many other states.

The Student Support Committee will coordinate student housing at the MOFFW Conference.

Norm Stucky reported on large dollar fund raising for the Student Support Committee. He is continuing to work with Jerry Carrol, President of the Missouri Bass Club, to raise at least \$10,000 at their upcoming banquet in February. Dale DeToney is still working on a slide/tape show about AFS's role in helping students

become professionals. The show is almost completed and will cost about \$2000. Norm still needs a few slides of students working with professionals doing research. Norm wants to use \$1000 from the Student Trust Fund to pay for the video. If Jerry Carrol is able to help us raise money for the Student Trust Fund he will probably be a good nomination for next year's awards.

Nominating (Norm Stucky):

Information about this years nominations for president elect and treasurer will be published in the next newsletter.

Disabled Anglers (Kevin Richards):

Money was spent by the Disabled Angler Committee to provide specialized fishing gear as follows:

Marshall Rehabilitation Center	\$ 662
Mt. Vernon Missouri Rehabilitation Center	\$ 929
Three individual anglers	\$ 309

About \$500 remains in the account. Providing equipment to rehabilitation centers seems to be a good way to benefit a large number of anglers.

Greg Stoner has seven fishing trips and three other items lined up for the silent auction at the MOFFW Conference. He hopes to raise about \$400.

Membership (Phil Pitts)

MO AFS has 184 members of which 80 are unpaid past members. National AFS has 134 members. Membership information was distributed at the Midwest Conference. Letters and a newsletter are being sent to new national members who have not joined the MO AFS (approximately 10 people).

Rivers and Streams (Lynn Schrader)

At the last Rivers and Streams meeting at Bennett Springs, Kathy McGrath presented a workshop on advocacy and the committee talked about progress on the stream management guide book. Our request for an EPA Public Relations Educational Grant (\$25,000) has been turned down twice, however, another request was submitted. Some good news is that the Conservation Federation will give MO AFS \$7000 to write the book if EPA funding does not come through. The Rivers and Streams Committee decided to postpone their informational input during Soil Stewardship week (ASCS).

There was interest in learning more about the State Water Plan so a speaker is being lined up for their next committee meeting. On September 2, a letter was sent to David Shore to ask for full funding of the State Water Plan. In November, a letter was sent to the Clean Water Commission to compliment them on their efforts and to state our position on the State Water Plan. This letter was mailed to them and became an official record. However, Dave felt this letter would have carried more weight if he had presented it in person at their meeting. Bill Turner will be our state representative to comment about aquatic resources on the next Farm bill.

An exotic species database is being compiled by the NCD. If anyone has information for this database, let Lynn Schader know and he will ensure that it is properly forwarded. A discussion proceeded about the database and collector permits. Other suggestions can be forwarded to Lynn Schrader.

Newsletter (Mike Roell)

The 1993 newsletter is still in the press. Mike is holding up the publication so he can include Charlie Rabeni's position paper about streams.

Kevin Sullivan will be the next newsletter editor beginning with the April issue. Mike indicated that finding an inexpensive source for recycled paper is difficult. He is searching for a new source. He also indicated that election ballots will be returned to Devona Weirich.

Awards (Kevin Richards)

Most of the Awards Committee work including the ordering of plaques is done for the year. Kevin noted that The Award of Excellence plates are kept at D-sport (Columbia) and we are paid up through 1996. Seventy dollars will be spent on framing and Letters of Recognition. The Citizen's Award and Award of Excellence will be presented at the banquet and the Letters of Recognition will be presented at the annual meeting. Steve Eder will be retained on the Awards Committee next year.

Environmental and Legislative Concerns (Dave Galat)

Letters about the floodway concept, stimulated by flood events in 1993, were sent to the Missouri federal delegation, the entire Missouri state delegation, relevant state agencies and the Corps of Engineers.

A letter was sent to David Shore to request full funding of the State Water Plan and to express support for Clean Water Quality Standards.

Continuing Education (Pam Haverland)

Continuing Education had 48 people sign up for the biomonitoring/bioassessment workshop. The workshop brought in \$3600 and we made a profit of \$ 1530.21. The analysis software workshop was canceled due to low interest. A week long statistical workshop is being planned for this summer. Registration fees for this workshop will be \$250-300/person.

Resolutions (Brian Todd)

One resolution is planned for publication in the newsletter. This resolution deals with reevaluating the White River system to give recreational uses greater weight. A state legislator asked MO AFS to endorsement a bill to strengthen waste water treatment.

New Business

Three items of new business were discussed. They included a discussion on whether the MO AFS should become an affiliate of the Conservation Federation (CF), development of an advocacy policy, and a discussion about a position paper , *Conservation of Missouri's Stream Resources: A Call For Action*, developed by the Rivers and Streams Committee.

Affiliation with the Conservation Federation

Pam Haverland presented information about affiliation with the CF. She indicated it would provide us a powerful access to legislators, cost \$1 per member per year, and it would give us better access to the CF newsletter. During the discussion that followed it was pointed out that individuals can join the CF independently of AFS, the CF is not that interested in fisheries issues, the CF is declining in membership, if AFS takes a position contrary to CF our position could be compromised, the CF may need us as a separate entity to provide technical support for issues, if we affiliate then we will not be seen as independent. MO AFS is a science based organization rather than an advocacy based organization. It was decided that affiliation with the CF would not be discussed at the annual meeting. If the next AFS president desires, this issue could be reconsidered. We could ask the CF to make a presentation to our EXCOM.

Advocacy Policy

Kathy McGrath lead the discussion about advocacy. MO AFS is increasing its role in advocacy and needs a more formal internal protocol. Currently, the president and EXCOM can react to issues as needed but large issues should be brought up to a vote before the membership. Kathy said the Idaho Chapter's Advocacy Policy could be used as an example for Missouri. This policy will be

included in AFS member packets at the MOFFW Conference. Input on the development of a policy will be solicited at the annual meeting. The AFS president will select a committee to analyze this input and develop a policy. The policy will then be published in the newsletter and put to a vote at the next meeting.

Position Paper: Conservation of Missouri's Stream Resources: A Call For Action

The idea for this position paper originated at a Rivers and Streams Committee meeting. Lynn Schrader indicated the goal of the paper is to identify and communicate the status and problems of Missouri stream resources. The paper, drafted by Charlie Rabeni, is intended for government leaders, public agencies, various recreational groups, and private organizations like the Farm Bureau, Conservation Federation of Missouri, Society of American Foresters, Wildlife Society, and League of Women Voters. The paper discusses the current status of Missouri streams including historical causes of problems, and recommendations on how their condition can be improved.

Charlie Rabeni solicited editorial comments from the EXCOM and asked how the paper should get approved and distributed to appropriate parties. Some general suggestions included softening the wording to prevent alienating special groups, to make the wording more positive (instead of "not enough" use "we need more"), and to put more emphasis on how stream problems affects our lives. The EXCOM suggested Charlie make a few edits then submit a draft to Mike Roell for publication in the December newsletter. Members will be asked to vote on the content of the paper at the annual meeting. If the paper is approved MO AFS will begin presenting this paper to appropriate citizen groups, in particular the Conservation Federation, to hopefully enlist their support in creating an organized action group for improving Missouri's streams. This action group could be modelled after the Missouri Wetlands Advisory Council.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m..

**Missouri Chapter American Fisheries Society
Executive Meeting**

**June 6, 1994
Columbia, Missouri**

The June 6, 1994 Executive Committee Meeting of the Missouri Chapter of the American Fisheries Society was called to order at 9:35 a.m.. The meeting was held at the National Biological Survey, Midwest Science Center, Columbia, Missouri. Ten people were in attendance. Minutes from the last meeting were not available.

Treasurer's Report: (Phil Pitts) As of June 6, 1994, MO AFS account balances are as follows:

General Account

Balance (2/3/94)	1,974.58
Income	1,657.26
Expenses	<u>1,699.07</u>
Current Balance	\$1,932.77

Disabled Angler Fund

Balance (2/3/94)	2,046.28
Income	297.91
Expenses	<u>1,026.97</u>
Current Balance	\$1,317.22

Student Support Fund

Balance (2/3/94)	1,028.48
Income	6.13
Expenses	<u>1,000.00</u>
Current Balance	\$34.61

Status of Midwest Conference Surplus Money: (Norm Stucky) There was \$20,000 left over from the Midwest. This money is being distributed as follows:

Fisheries Society	\$2,500
Wildlife Society	\$2,500
Repay MDC	\$5,000
Repay Southeastern Conference	\$5,000
Midwest Escrow (Fisheries)	<u>\$5,000</u>
Total	\$20,000

Money donated to the Fisheries and Wildlife societies will be used for professional development and to encourage students to attend future conferences. Norm Stucky suggested that \$1000 of MO AFS's \$2,500 be used to repay the General Fund for the purchase of the slide tape show and \$1500 be deposited in the Student Support Fund.

Money going to the MDC is a partial reimbursement for printing and mailing expenses that were incurred for the Midwest.

The Southeastern Conference is being reimbursed \$5000 for money they loaned to AFS for sponsoring the Midwest.

The remaining \$5000 will be placed in a special escrow account earmarked for the next Midwest to be held in Missouri. Steve Weithman will have responsibility for investing this money. Pam Haverland indicated that she asked Steve to prepare a report outlining his investment strategies/plans for the money and to also provide some suggestions on how we could invest money in the Student Support Fund.

Disabled Angler Fund: (Pam Haverland for Greg Stoner) The Disabled Angler committee spent some money on fishing equipment and is currently working on fund raising ideas for the next MOFFW Conference. Pam suggested that Greg bring some of the electric fishing equipment to the next MOFFW Conference for demonstration purposes.

One fund raising idea was to set up a casting pool where people could try to hit a target. If they hit the target they could win a prize, perhaps a fishing lure. If anyone knows how to get some fishing equipment donated for prizes contact Greg Stoner.

History: (Pam Haverland for Joe Dillard) The chapter history is coming along. The history book will include the Operations Manual and Long Range Plan. Joe is getting estimates for printing.

FFA: (Pam Haverland for Phil Jeffries) Phil Jeffries will send Phil Pitts a bill for the booth rental. Phil will pay the bill then send copies to NCD and the parent AFS for reimbursement. Pam will provide Phil with a copy of the letter indicating the percentages that NCD and AFS will pay for the booth rental.

Membership: (Pam Haverland for James Civello) We have 151 paid MO AFS members and 122 members who are delinquent in payment. James will be updating the mailing list, removing those who have not paid dues for two years. It is assumed that these people wish to discontinue their membership. He is also working on "An Interested People List", a list of people who wish to serve on committees.

By-laws: (Pam Haverland for David Galat) David Galat is unable to attend because he is in Washington D.C. reporting on last year's flood. Pam will ask him to review the by-

laws and Operations Manual upon his return. Two items needing to be incorporated in the by-laws are: 1) Fisheries Action Network (F.A.N.); and 2) using Steve Weithman as financial advisor for Midwest and Student Support funds.

Slide Show (7-8 minutes): Norm Stucky presented the new slide show which depicts AFS's involvement in developing tomorrow's fisheries professionals. Overall, the slide show was well done but there were some problems with the synchronization of the audio and visual tracks during the presentation. Using a newer slide projector should solve this problem.

Mike Kruse suggested adding to the presentation a title slide with the AFS address and name of a person to contact for more information. Norm expects to utilize this show at the fund raising event being organized by Jerry Carrol, the MOFFW Conference, boat shows, FFA Convention, Conservation Federation meetings, presentations to student clubs, and at career planning and placement centers in high schools and colleges. Currently, there are two copies of the show available but we can make more copies. Norm will also check into transferring the show to video tape. Video tapes would be more portable and easier to loan out.

Norm indicated he plans to meet with Jerry Carrol at the end of this month to discuss the fund raising event.

Student Support: (Doug Noltie) Doug thanked Norm Stucky for all his fund raising efforts.

Doug Noltie and Pam Haverland reviewed proposals made by the Student Support working groups. The Student Support Committee will pursue endeavors that are low or no cost because of the lack of money.

Pam Haverland made a presentation to students at SMSU and received some good feedback. She was asked to return again to speak about FISHCALC and DISBCAL computer programs. She felt the biology students were not being exposed to computer software currently being used by professionals.

Rivers and Streams: (Pam Haverland for Lynn Schrader) Pam was unsure about the status of the stream resolution being presented to the Conservation Federation.

The next Rivers and Streams Conference will be May 13 and 14, 1995 at Tan Tara. Al Gore or Charles Curault are being considered as the key note speaker. The committee is leaning towards asking Al Gore because Charles Curault charges \$25,000.

Fund Raising: (Kathy McGrath) Kathy is working on producing Christmas cards for this year's big fund raising project. Martha Daniels, Natural History (MDC), will be working on the design. Kathy does not have any bids back yet from the printing companies so

she is not sure what all our costs will be. We need to know our costs before we can estimate our profit margin.

Kathy reported we can advertise in the Conservation Employees Credit Union newsletter and Fisheries Magazine's Dairy section for free. A 1/8 page ad run once in the Fisheries Magazine is \$122. A 1/6 page ad in Missouri Game and Fish is \$400. A 5"x2" ad in River Hills Traveler, a magazine distributed throughout the Ozarks, is \$20. Other possible publications for placing an ad include the Channels, national fishing magazines and various fly fishing newsletters. After some discussion, it was decided to keep advertising costs as low as possible. We shall advertise locally and test the market before we advertise broadly or print a large quantity of cards. Some possible outlets for selling cards include the Bass Pro Shop, the international AFS meeting in Halifax, other conferences, and Branson music shows. If a verbal agreement is reached with a retailer, we can confirm their order in writing.

The cards will probably be in color since most Christmas cards are color. There is a one time color separation fee, otherwise, printing costs are the same for additional runs. If we sell note cards or a special occasion card they can be printed in black and white. We could offer to pay Scott Faiman to do some pen and ink drawings for these types of cards.

Packaging the cards in boxes is the most expensive followed by shrink wrapping, cellophane wrapping and plastic bags. We will probably use the cellophane wrapping or plastic bags. We want to keep production costs low, no more than 50% of our expected sales price.

We will need to sell the cards before Thanksgiving. Someone needs to check ads placed by the National Wildlife Federation to get an idea of how many cards per package they sell and how much they charge. We are getting printing bids on 2500-5000 cards and will probably order the minimum quantity until we find out how well they will sell.

Kathy received hundreds of suggestions for workshops that could be held at the next MOFFW Conference. The most common requests could be categorized as follows:

<u>Workshop Topic</u>	<u># Requests</u>
Water Quality	17 (primarily SCS staff)
Riparian Management	15
Pond or Reservoir	10
Endangered Species	19
Non-game	17

Kathy wondered if we could conduct a fishing workshop as a fund raising activity. This type of workshop could be given at meetings for the National Society for Outdoor Women or organizations like Parents without Partners. There was not much support for

this type of workshop because the Missouri Department of Conservation will do fishing clinics for free. Why would someone want to pay for one?

Other fund raising ideas included: raffling T-shirts at the MOFFW Conference (more people may be willing to spend \$1 for a T-shirt than \$15; we could draw for a T-shirt whenever 15 tickets are deposited), have a donated fishing pole or white elephant sale, a bureaucrat dunking or pie throwing event, or an auction. The bureaucrat dunking and pie throwing events were dismissed because nobody thought any bureaucrats would participate.

Phil Pitts was most interested in having fund raising activities that were quick, ones that do not drag on all year. Please send additional fund raising ideas to Kathy.

Resolutions: (Mike Kruse) Mike Kruse needs more suggestions for resolutions. So far he has three topics: the release of exotic species; paddlefish mortality below Truman Lake; and the Missouri River Master Manual.

Dave Day contacted Mike Kruse about obtaining resolution topics for the NCD. Suggested resolutions for the NCD need to go through Mike Kruse. Norm Stucky indicated that a resolution on the Missouri River Master Manual might be appropriate for the NCD because it is a regional topic. The COE is being asked to regulate Missouri River flows to simulate the natural hydrograph. This suggestion has navigation interests upset. This is a hot political topic.

Pam wanted to try to get all proposed resolutions in the August newsletter. This would allow plenty of time to receive feedback from readers and make editorial changes. The final resolution could then be published in the December newsletter and we could spend less time discussing resolutions at the annual meeting.

Continuing Education: (Mark Wildhaber) Nothing to report.

Aquatic Workers Directory: (Steve Fischer) Steve received 126 or about 33% of the surveys back. He noticed a large number of surveys returned just after Pam sent a reminder to those who had not returned their survey. The three T-shirt winners were Joe Hunn, Joe Dillard, and Dave Mayers. Steve will contact them and get their shirt size.

Doug Noltie suggested a letter be sent to David Shorre, DNR, to ask him to encourage aquatic workers in his department to return directory information.

Old Business: At Halifax there will be a "Stocks at Risk" program. MO AFS was asked to provide some information and send someone to attend the meeting. The meeting is Tuesday, June 23, at 10:00 a.m.- noon. Jim Fry suggested Pam contact Bill Pflieger, Kevin Richards, Jeff Koppelman or Dennis Figg for information on Missouri stocks.

Adjournment: The next meeting will be August 1. If anyone can not attend, please send a written report to Pam Haverland. The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m..

MO AFS EXCOM MEETING

August 1, 1994

The August 1, 1994 EXCOM Meeting of the Missouri Chapter of the American Fisheries Society was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by president Pam Haverland. Ten people were in attendance (attendance list attached). The January 11 and June 6, 1994 meeting minutes were presented. A spelling error on page 4 of the June 6 minutes was amended from "dairy" to "diary". David Galat moved that we accept the minutes and the motion was seconded by Lynn Schrader. The minutes were approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report (Pam Haverland for Phil Pitts)

General Account

Balance as of June 6, 1994		\$ 1932.77
Income		
Dues	\$ 60.00	
Transfer from Student Support	\$ 1000.00	
to repay funds used for slide show		
T-shirt sales	\$ 17.50	
Dividends	\$ 9.44	
Total Income		\$ 1086.94
Expenses		
Coffee at Rivers and Stream Meeting	\$ 37.70	
Total Expenses		(\$ 37.70)
Balance as of July 27, 1994		\$ 2982.01

Disabled Angler

Balance as of June 6, 1994		\$ 1317.22
Income		
Dividends	\$ 7.44	
Total Income		\$ 7.44
Balance as of July 27, 1994		\$ 1324.66

Student Support

Balance as of June 6, 1994		\$ 34.61
Income		
Funds from Midwest Steering Committee	\$ 1643.35	
Dividends	\$ 0.30	
Total Income		\$ 1643.65
Expenses		
Transfer to General Account to repay for paying for slide show	\$ 1000.00	
Total Expenses		(\$ 1000.00)
Balance as of July 27, 1994		\$ 678.26

Midwest

Balance on July 6, 1994 \$ 5000.00

The Midwest account was opened on July 6, 1994. Steve Weithman and the current treasurer will have access to the account. Proceeds from investments made with this money will be used to fund the next Midwest Meeting in Missouri.

Old Business

T-shirts

Pam indicated that Eddie Bauer is selling Tomerelli trout t-shirts for \$24. We are asking \$12 for our Tomerelli smallmouth bass t-shirts. She thought our members should be made aware of this fact so she is planning to prepare an article about the good price of our t-shirts for the next newsletter.

Slide Show for Student Support Fund Raising (Pam Haverland for Norm Stucky)

Norm Stucky investigated why the slide show did not work at the last EXCOM meeting. He found out from the producer that the show was designed to be shown on sophisticated multi-projector phase in/out equipment; we did not have the correct

equipment to make it work. Tom Troughton indicated to Norm that it would cost about \$500 to get the show transferred to video tape. However, Bill Anderson and Chris Vitello were able to make a home-made video of the show using equipment available at the Springfield Nature Center.

Missouri Bass Club Association Banquet

The Missouri Bass Club's fund raising banquet is scheduled for Friday, January 20 in Springfield. We are hopeful they will give the student support fund a sizable cash donation.

Stocks at Risk

Pam Haverland reported that Kim Graham, Jeff Kopleman, and Kevin Richards provided valuable input on the status of stocks at risk (e.g. Niangua darter, paddlefish, lake sturgeon and pallid sturgeon) in Missouri. Pam will not be able to attend the upcoming meeting. Joe Dillard will take her place and represent our subunit.

AFS History Calendar

Pam contributed some Missouri Chapter historical events for the parent society's new history calendar.

Big Piney Gravel Dredging

The Sierra Club has requested that MO AFS provide input on a 401 and 404 permit to dredge gravel in the Big Piney River. Pam indicated she will solicit comments for a response from knowledgeable members.

Section 7 Pallid Sturgeon Recovery

The National Sierra Club contacted Dave Galat about Senator Danforth's desire to amend the Fish and Wildlife Funding bill and revise the Section 7 Pallid Sturgeon Recovery Plan. After groups contacted him he withdrew his initiative.

Missouri River Master Manual

Missouri AFS has not yet been asked to comment on the Missouri River Master Manual but Mike LeValley will help with the response when it is time. The Master Manual is a hot topic with navigation and agricultural interests.

Rivers and Streams

Del Lobb was elected chairman of the Rivers and Streams Committee.

Lynn Schrader reported on the "Stream Management Guidebook". He indicated that the book will probably take 2 years to complete and will be written by volunteers. The Missouri Department of Conservation is interested in funding this project. There was strong support for this to be retained as an AFS publication; any contract developed between MO AFS and MDC should specifically limit MDC editorial powers over the document. Discussion on whether the guidebook should be copyrighted followed. Pam was concerned that someone could copy it and sell it or portions of it for money. Lynn and Dave Galat did not feel this was a problem because our goal is to share the information with as many people as possible. Even if it is copyrighted, Dave indicated that MO AFS probably would not hire a lawyer to protect us against unauthorized uses.

Pam suggested that we distribute copies of the guidebook to selected groups free but that we sell some copies to try to off-set the cost of a second printing.

The Conservation Federation passed the Stream Resolution at their meeting. They need AFS leadership to get the stream initiative moving and money to hire a person who can work on the project. Lynn and Pam plan to discuss this stream topic and the guidebook further after today's meeting.

Aquatic Workers Update

Steve Fischer reported receiving 166 surveys. He indicated 117 people worked for MDC, 18 for the National Biological Survey, 8 for the Department of Natural Resources, 6 for the University of Missouri, 6 were students and the remaining individuals were employed by various other employers.

History

Joe Dillard distributed selected pages from the MO AFS history book to everyone in the room and asked for comments. He received several compliments. Joe plans to ask past-presidents to review the accuracy of information presented about their term in office. He will be gathering information on the cost of printing.

Resolutions

Mike Kruse faxed a notice to Kevin Sullivan for the newsletter to announce that he is accepting suggestions for resolutions. He will need suggestions back by December 15. Pam Haverland suggested two topics: the release of exotic fish species and mortality of paddlefish at Truman Dam. Dave Day from the NCD also contacted Mike Kruse and indicated that NCD is also accepting ideas for resolutions.

Membership

James Civiello reported having 162 paid, 11 new and 122 delinquent MO AFS members. He recently received a membership list from the parent society and will try to use it to recruit new chapter members. The EXCOM reviewed the list of delinquent memberships and suggested names that could be removed. These individuals were known to have moved or were otherwise inactive. James will contact the remaining delinquent members to verify their desire to remain a member.

Stream Team Sponsorship

Pam Haverland lead the discussion about whether the MO AFS should become a cosponsor of Missouri Stream Teams. She distributed a summary about what Stream Teams do, a memorandum of agreement between MDC, DNR and CFM about the development and maintenance of Stream Teams, and a description of how MO AFS could be involved with Stream Teams and some of the reasons for becoming a cosponsor (attachments). Dave Galat added that he felt MO AFS would lose objectivity and an independent voice if we become a cosponsor. In addition, he pointed out that MO AFS can still contribute and support the Stream Team effort without a formal agreement. Pam will submit an article for the December newsletter that will outline the pros and cons of this issue. The membership will be asked to vote on the issue at the next annual meeting. She requested EXCOM members to provide her with their comments by August 10.

Advocacy Update

Kathy McGrath distributed a draft Advocacy policy (attached). Lynn Schrader indicated that it needs to specify more clearly who can do what type of advocacy. Kathy asked that written comments from the EXCOM be sent to her by August 11. She needs to meet the August 13 deadline for the newsletter.

New Business

The next meeting will be held November 28, 1994 from 1-4 pm. No additional business was discussed.

Adjournment

The meeting concluded at 11:07 am.

August 1, 1994
MO AFS EXCOM Meeting

Attendance Record

1. Devona Weirich
2. Steve Fischer
3. Mike Kruse
4. Kathy McGrath
5. Joe Dillard
6. Lynn Schrader
7. Del Lobb
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