

MINUTES OF THE 32ND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MISSOURI CHAPTER  
OF THE AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY

February 3, 1994, Tan-Tar-A Resort

Osage Beach, Missouri

After numerous announcements, and verification of a quorum the meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. Ninety-six people were in attendance. Kevin Richards presented two awards. A Letter of Recognition was awarded to the Cameron Knights of Columbus for their generous contribution to the Disabled Angler Fund. Mr. Michael J. Roell, also received a Letter of Recognition for his outstanding service as newsletter editor. Recipients of the Citizens Award and Award of Excellence were not announced at this meeting but were to be made known at the banquet.

Secretary Devona Weirich presented the minutes from the 1993 meeting. They were approved as read. Treasurer Donna Menown reported a balance of \$2046.28 in the Disabled Angler Fund, \$1025.49 in the Student Support Fund, and \$1655.53 in the General Account. Most expenses incurred in 1993 were toward buying T-shirts, newsletter production, the bioassessment workshop, and printing AFS stationary. Income to date was the result of T-shirt sales, the bioassessment workshop and Forest Fish Wildlife Conference (FFW) proceeds from last year. The treasurer's report was accepted.

Lee Redmond, President-elect, of the American Fisheries Society gave an update of news from the Parent Society. He spoke about the Society's efforts to foster the conservation, development, and wise use of fisheries resources.

- AFS working on Congressional bill H.R. 2500/MICRA (large inter-jurisdictional fisheries) and hopes to get a similar bill introduced in the Senate.
- AFS succeeded in reducing the blue fin tuna Western Atlantic Harvest quota.
- An executive summary was provided to congressional staff concerning the Eastside Cascade Report.
- The Alaska Chapter sent information on the Tongass Timber Sale to U.S. Forest Service staff. Their comments outlined how the sale contract provisions could be altered to better protect fisheries resources.

- AFS requested supplemental appropriations for the Emergency Wetlands Reserve Program to purchase flood damaged farmland along the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers.
- A *Fisheries Action Newsletter* was produced which charts the progress of Excom-approved subunit initiatives.
- CNN is featuring more stories on major fisheries issues.
- The *North American Fisheries Action Agenda* is being edited.
- The *Uses and Effects of Cultured Fishes Symposium* is set for March 12-18 in Albuquerque, NM.
- A *Cultured Fish Workshop* will be held in Denver in May.
- An *Evolution and the Aquatic Environment Forum* will be conducted in Monterey, CA, May 23-25.
- More current news will be provided by Fisheries.
- The AFS annual meeting will be held in August in Halifax, NS.
- In regards to advancing the profession, the *Continuing Education Manual* has been published and disseminated. Employment outlook and salary survey articles are planned. Several revisions in AFS organizational structure are underway and include revisions to the AFS strategic plan and advocacy procedures.
- AFS will purchase additional office space in the Glascock Building. Order fulfillment operations have been moved off-site.
- Funding is being sought for the Canadian office.
- The computer system upgrade for the parent office is being completed.

**Election Results:** Norm Stucky gave the election results. Kathy McGrath is the new President-elect and Phil Pitts will be the new treasurer.

#### Committee Reports

**FFW Conference:** Ron Dent reported that nine committees helped to put the conference together and approximately 687 people attended. Three hundred forty-five tickets were sold for the banquet. The balance of the account is \$17,030 with a previous



remainder of \$7400. This year's conference had many firsts: the first quad society FFW with AFS, TWS, SAF, and SWCS as sponsors; a workshop on the "Flood of 1993 " was held; and this year a poster session and an attended poster session are to be held on Friday morning. Next year's conference will be sponsored by the TWS and will be held at Tan-Tar-A February 1-3. He thanked all the outstanding committee members who made the conference possible.

**Midwest Conference Summary:** Since Jim Fairchild was ill, Pam Haverland reported. Attendance at the Midwest was 1241 and 21% were students. One hundred nine fisheries papers were presented in 10 sessions. Fifteen fisheries papers were presented by MO AFS. The *Bioassessment of Water Quality* workshop coordinated by Mark Wildhaber netted \$1500 for the Missouri chapter.

**Fund Raising:** Pam Haverland reported that the smallmouth bass T-shirts made some money but did not go over as well as expected. She will try to sell shirts at the upcoming Conservation Federation meeting and at the Ozark Mountain Anglers Boat Show in Columbia. The bio-monitoring workshop was a good fund raiser.

**FFA:** Phil Jefferies was in charge of AFS involvement at the Future Farmers of America Career Show in Kansas City. The AFS membership display and a mobile stream table were utilized. About 32,000 FFA members and advisors attended from the U.S., Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands. The Parent Society and North Central Division agreed to share the cost (67%; 33%) of rental space for this meeting. Missouri Chapter members will continue to set up and man the displays. If you are interested in participating next year, contact Phil Jefferies.

**Historian:** Joe Dillard reported on the history. When appointed in 1991 by President Gary Novinger he was to: 1) Study the desirability of establishing a permanent archive for the Chapter's permanent record; and 2) Prepare a written history of the Missouri Chapter suitable for publication. An archive file and written record are being compiled. The history should be complete by next year.

**Student Support:** Doug Noltie reported that the Student Support Committee made a list of universities active in aquatic education. During the summer they sent letters to 100 institutions informing them about the existence of the Student Support Committee and asked them if they be interested in receiving more information. They receive one response. The Committee sent out 100 more letters in the fall and received nine responses. They also requested nominations for an award to send one student to the Midwest. From the responses, Bob Schultz from Southwest Missouri State University, was selected as the recipient. He received \$100 for attendance at the Midwest.

The Student Support Committee also worked on their Charter's objectives/activities and strategies for accomplishing these tasks. They broke up into five working groups; 1) Student Support Funding Raising (large dollars); 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 Fund Raising (small dollar); 5) Promote student involvement and professional activity.

This Student Support Committee has been 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 at the Midwest and reported our state is doing more for students than many other states. They also are coordinating student housing at this FFW Conference.

The banquet being reorganize by Jerry Carrol, President of the Missouri Bass Club, has been rescheduled. We are hopeful this event will be a large money-maker.

**Disabled Angler:** A report was given by Greg Stoner. The committee began the year with a budget of \$2409.09, thanks in large to the generosity of Mr. Edwin Glaser. His retirement donations to the committee totaled \$1600.00

This donation allowed them to outfit two rehabilitation centers during the past year (Marshall and Mt. Vernon). This equipment will remain at the facilities to be used by the residents. In addition, 3 individuals were out-fitted. Total expenditures for the above equipment was \$1700.00.

They intend to outfit at least one rehabilitation center and two or three anglers during 1994.

Last year's FFW Conference trip and merchandise auctions netted \$416.00 for the Disabled Angler Fund. This year our fund raising efforts consist of seven fishing trips and auctioning some merchandise at this Conference.

On a sad note, the committee lost a good friend and active member. Jean Ayeres (USFWS) died in an auto accident on November 15. A donation was sent to the memorial fund through the Rolla Optimist club.

**Membership:** Phil Pitts stated that for 1993 the National AFS membership was 135, and 183 for Missouri. For 1994, National AFS Membership is 65 and Missouri AFS membership is 85.

**Rivers and Streams:** Lynn Schrader indicated input is needed for the upcoming Farm Bill. Rich Wehnes will coordinate input for MO AFS. A database is being established by the NCD for exotic species. Bill Hrabik volunteered to coordinate input from



Missouri. A letter was sent in support of the proposed changes for stream classification. A Missouri stream management guidebook is being funded by Conservation Federation of Missouri (CF). Steve McIntosh of Department of Natural Resources spoke at the last River and Stream Committee Meeting and provided information about the status of the state water plan and how the MO AFS might make streams a priority in the Water Plan.

**Newsletter:** Mike Roell. Mike asked people who have recently moved to send their new address to Phil Pitts.

Starting with the April issue, Kevin Sullivan will be taking over editorship of the newsletter.

**Environmental and Legislative Concerns:** Mike LeVallery reported. Nine letters addressing Missouri aquatic resource issues and concerns were written. The majority of these letters covered the Mississippi and Missouri River management issues, the Clean Water Act (CWA), and Endangered Species Act (ESA) reauthorization legislation. Revisions to the CWA and ESA legislation will have significant influence on Missouri's and the Nation's aquatic resources. We will continue to be active in issues relating to the management of the Missouri and Mississippi rivers. Chapter expertise will be needed on levee reconstruction, floodplain buy outs, emergency wetland reserve programs, and state and federal land acquisition opportunities. We are getting in the legislative loop.

**Continuing Education:** Mike Wildhaber indicated the *Bioassessments and Biological Criteria Development for Warmwater Streams and Rivers Workshop* was held at the 55th Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference in St. Louis, Missouri, December 11, 1993. Chris Yoder of Ohio EPA and Sam Stribling of Tetra Tech, Inc. did an excellent job presenting the material. The Participants left the workshop with a working knowledge of bioassessment and biological criteria developments and an in-depth set of reference materials. Financially the workshop was a success. The MO AFS profited by \$1500.00. The planned multivariate statistics workshop is being postponed for one year because the teacher will not be available this year. Suggestions for upcoming workshops are welcome.

**Resolutions:** Brian Todd presented two resolutions for membership approval. They were Resolution 1: White River Reservoir System Operation and Reauthorization (Attachment A) and Resolution 2: Residential Waste Water Treatment Legislation - HB988 (Attachment B).

The mailing list for recipient of Resolution 1 was amended to include the Southwest Power Administration of Tulsa. Both resolutions were unanimously passed.

## Old Business

A new resolution, Resolution 3: Employment of Relatives (draft, Attachment C), was proposed by David Galat to improve gender and diversity in the work place. The resolution is intended for the Missouri Conservation Commission. It identifies the need for removing the current MDC anti-nepotism policy. After some discussion, it was decided that spouses and family members should be included in the resolution, the MDC anti-nepotism policy is more correctly called "hiring of relatives policy", the term "women" should be changed to a more general term like "persons" to make the resolution applicable to both men and women, objection to the first WHEREAS was noted-targeting women was too specific and more related to affirmative action rather than an anti-nepotism policy, the term "removal of the policy" should be changed to "reviewed and work to revise", and the mailing list shall include the Conservation Commission, governor, Society of American Foresters, and MO Wildlife Society. The membership was asked to vote on the content of the resolution with the understanding that the wording would be revised to reflect suggested changes. A revised copy of the resolution will be published in the next newsletter. This resolution was approved by the membership.

No additional old business was on the floor.

## New Business

The MO AFS was asked to administer a \$5000.00 cash surplus left over from the last Midwest Conference. This money would be invested for the next 5-8 years and the proceeds would help pay for the next conference. There does not appear to be any tax problems associated with investing and earning money but there might be a limitations on how much money we can earn. Steve Weithman was asked to act as investment advisor for this money on a year to year basis. The motion for MO AFS to administer Midwest surplus funds until the next Midwest was approved by the membership.

A Position Paper on the status of Missouri Streams was presented by Lynn Schrader and Charles Rabeni to the membership. Lynn Schrader gave a brief history of the paper. Bill Dieffenbach expressed a concern that we are being asked to vote on a document that no one has seen since the revision. Some discussion followed. The membership was asked to approve the content of the position paper. This was unanimously approved. Next, there was a motion to submit this document as a resolution to the Conservation Federation at their 1994 annual meeting. This was also approved.

MO AFS has no official advocacy policy and we need one. Such a policy will be drafted and approved at the next meeting. The chapter president will receive guidelines from the National AFS Advocacy Task Force. Pam Haverland will establish a committee to examine the issue.

**Adjournment:** Dr. Galat thanked everyone he had worked with during the past year. President David Galat became Past-President as he passed the gavel to the Chapter's new President, Pam Haverland. President Haverland immediately presented Dr. Galat with the Past-President's plaque and thanked him for all of his efforts over the past year. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.