

MISSOURI CHAPTER of the AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY
EXCOM MEETING

January 25, 1995

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. at the Runge Conservation Nature Center, Jefferson City. Eleven AFS members were present (attendance record attached).

Secretary (Devona Weirich):

- * Minutes from the last meeting were unanimously approved after the treasurer indicated the title of the last category on the treasurer's report should have read "Midwest Fish and Wildlife Investment Fund" rather than "Student Support Fund".

Treasurer (Phil Pitts):

- * The treasurer pointed out that money invested in the stock market for the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference Investment Fund had declined in value (\$ 370) since it was originally invested.
- * Treasurer's report was unanimously approved (see attached).

Old Business

- * Pam Haverland reported that letters have not been sent to Congress regarding the reauthorization of the endangered species and clean water acts as was indicated would be done at the last EXCOM meeting. Instead resolutions will be prepared.

New Business

Awards (Pam Haverland):

- * Dan Beckman will be the new head of the awards committee.

Election Results (Devona Weirich):

- * Changes to the advocacy policy passed:
84 In favor; 4 Opposed; 4 Abstaining.
- * Becoming a sponsor of STREAM TEAMS failed:
40 In favor; 48 Opposed; 4 Abstaining.
- * Devona will give the other election results (for the new officers) to David Galat and he will present them at the annual meeting.

Resolutions (Mike Kruse):

- * Mike Kruse has received three potential resolutions for the annual meeting (see attachments).
 1. Refinement of the Master Water Control Manual for the Missouri River.
 2. Need for Research on Gravel in Missouri Streams.
 3. Reauthorization of the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act.
- * Highlights of the discussion about each resolution included:
 - * Some wording changes were made to resolution 1 (see attachment).
 - * Resolution 2 should be revised to focus more strongly on the need for research on sand and gravel mining and less on the issue of gravel sedimentation.
 - * It was felt that the focus of Resolution 3 was too national in scope. A better idea was to address some Missouri issues like the importation of exotic fish and the protection of fish health in the state. One idea was to suggest that private aquaculturist need to adhere to the same inspection and importation standards that state and federal fish hatcheries follow. This would help protect all fish hatcheries in the state from undesirable fish diseases (e.g. whirling disease). James Civello agreed to work on the wording of this resolution and to examine a resolution passed in 1990 that addressed introduced species.
- * Two other resolutions suggested for the annual meeting included:

- * A resolution addressing the abolishment of the National Biological Service.
- * A resolution about the combination of the Missouri Department of Conservation and the Department of Natural Resources Parks Department into one agency.

Student Support (Norm Stucky):

- * The new Missouri Chapter Student Support slide/tape show was shown to everyone in the auditorium and received several favorable comments. It will be shown to the membership at the annual meeting.

History (Pam Haverland):

- * A recent copy of the MO AFS Chapter By-Laws was found. Tom Coon will be sending it to us in the near future.
- * Ten copies of the Chapter history will be available for the annual meeting.

FAN (Pam Haverland):

- * The Aquatic Workers Directory has been approved for printing.

Student Support (Norm Stucky):

- * Missouri Bass Club set the date for their Student Support Fund raising fishing tournament. It will be held on February 26, 1995 at Table Rock Lake. They expect a good turnout because it will be one of the first tournaments of the year and there is a major tournament scheduled at Table Rock during the following week.
- * Pam suggested that we try to have someone from AFS attend the tournament and take some photographs.

Rivers and Streams (Del Lobb):

- * Jerry Presley (MDC) agreed to fund the stream guide book project up to \$19,000.

Continuing Education (Mark Wildhaber):

- * The multivariate workshop is scheduled for August 21-24, 1995. Fifteen students are needed to conduct the workshop and the cost will be \$400 per person. Holding the workshop in Columbia may be a problem because the workshop is scheduled for the same week as the National Balloon Races in Columbia. Obtaining lodging accommodations may be difficult.

Disabled Anglers (Greg Stoner):

- * As in the past, fishing trips will be available for the silent auction at the MOFFW. Kathy McGrath also has other items lined up for the auction.

Membership (James Civello):

- * In 1994, MO AFS had 264 paid members. Twenty members are paid for 1995.

Annual Meeting Agenda (Pam Haverland):

- * A secret ballot will be used for voting on resolutions at the annual meeting.
- * Resolutions will be the last item on the annual meeting agenda.

Adjournment:

- * The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m..