

MINUTES OF THE 33RD ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MISSOURI CHAPTER  
OF THE AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY

February 2, 1995, Tan-Tar-A Resort

Osage Beach, Missouri

After numerous announcements, recognitions and verification of a quorum the meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. One-hundred twenty people were in attendance. President Haverland presented highlights of accomplishments during 1994.

Secretary (Devona Weirich):

- \* Minutes from the 1994 annual meeting were submitted for membership approval. Brian Todd made a motion to accept the minutes as read and Mark Wildhaber second the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer (Phil Pitts):

- \* Phil Pitts presented the treasurer's report for membership approval (Attachment A). The motion to accept the report was made by Kathy McGrath and second by Del Lobb. The treasurer's report was unanimously accepted.

Message from the parent American Fisheries Society (President Lee Redmond):

- \* President Lee Redmond highlighted important parent society activities, accomplishments and issues for the year.
  - AFS is still working to get approval of bill H.R. 2500/MICRA (large inter-jurisdictional fisheries) in Congress.
  - AFS marine fisheries section is preparing a recommendation to reduce the harvest of blue fin tuna in the Western Atlantic to rebuild the stocks.
  - Two consultants have submitted a proposal to address the Northwest salmon stock overharvest problem between Canada and the U.S. Due to cost, the project is on hold and will be reviewed by the parent EXCOM.
  - A summary of the 1992 World Fisheries Congress has been

published.

--AFS helped resolve the debate of the Recreational Fisheries Stewardship Initiative (an initiative developed by the American Sportfish Association and tackle manufactures) about accommodating recreational sportfish objectives while achieving threatened and endangered species objectives in U.S. jurisdictions.

--AFS is continuing to develop peer reviewed scientific information on a variety of topics at all levels in AFS.

--Proceedings of the *Evolution and the Aquatic Environment Forum* and *Uses and Effects of Cultured Fishes Symposium* held in 1994 will be published this spring.

--*Fisheries* is undergoing design changes to provide more current news, essays, debates on issues, and policy considerations. Desktop publishing is being used to reduce the magazine's costs and turn around time.

--AFS completed a nationwide fisheries biologist salary survey. It will be published in *Fisheries* within the next six months.

--AFS journals are being published on schedule.

--An AFS book strategic plan (for scientific reference manuals and teaching tools) is almost complete.

--The 1995 annual AFS meeting will be held August 27-30 in Tampa Florida.

--FAN is growing and prospering.

--AFS EXCOM approved revisions to their educational certification program.

\* President Redmond presented Kevin Sullivan with an award from the North Central Division (NCD) for having the best newsletter in the NCD.

\* Pam Haverland recognized and thanked Ken Perry and Bill Dieffenbach, who are retiring this year, for their many contributions to the Missouri Chapter.

## Committee Reports:

### Election Results (David Galat):

- \* Advocacy policy passed.
- \* Sponsorship of STREAM TEAMS failed.
- \* Ron Dent was elected President-Elect.
- \* Brian Todd was elected Secretary.

### Student Support (Doug Noltie):

- \* Doug Noltie highlighted information stated in his written report (Attachment B).
- \* Norm Stucky reported the Missouri Bass Club is sponsoring a fishing tournament on February 26, 1995 at Table Rock Lake as a fund raising event for the Student Support Fund. The entry fee will be \$90 and there will be a 75% pay back. Therefore, if 50 boats enter the tournament AFS can expect about \$1000 donated to the Student Support Fund.
- \* The Student Support slide/tape show was shown. Norm thanked everyone who donated slides for the show.

### Awards (Steve Eder):

- \* Steve Eder indicated the Citizen's Award and the Award of Excellence will be announced at the banquet.
- \* Pam Haverland announced two recipients, Rod Smith and Dr. David Galat, of the "Letter of Recognition" award.
  - \* Rod Smith, a sportscaster from KRCG T.V. (channel 13) station, Columbia was recognized for his news segment called "Rod's Big Ole Fish". This segment features anglers with their fish and gives a positive image to the sport of fishing. Mr. Smith was not present to receive the award but arrangements were made to present him with a plaque and smallmouth bass tee shirt.
  - \* Dr. David Galat was recognized for his role in evaluating Missouri River ecosystems following the 1993 Flood.

- \* See written report (Attachment B).

FFW Conference (Kevin Richards):

- \* Kevin announced that MO AFS will organize the MOFFW in 1998. Committee members have been selected.

Fund Raising (Kathy McGrath):

- \* Kathy's major fund raising activities were concentrated on obtaining items for the raffle and silent auction at the MOFFW. She also investigated selling Christmas Cards as a fund raising item. She determined that this venture would require careful planning, a considerable amount of effort and would probably have a slim profit margin.
- \* Additional details about these fund raising efforts are summarized in the committee report (Attachment B).

FFA (Phil Jeffries):

- \* Phil reported the estimated attendance at this year's FFA show in Kansas City was 34,000 people.
- \* Kansas City area AFS members manned the booth and a big river catfish display was provided by the Missouri Department of Conservation, Fisheries Management Unit of St. Joseph, MO.
- \* See written report (Attachment B).

History (Joe Dillard):

- \* Joe Dillard asked all past AFS presidents in the audience to stand and be recognized.
- \* Copies of the chapter history were circulated among the past-presidents. They were asked to correct any historical errors and to fill in missing information if they could.
- \* Joe Dillard noted that this is the official 30th anniversary of the Missouri Chapter. The first meeting Missourians attended as a chapter of the AFS was in February 1965. Prior to 1965, three AFS meetings were held but a chapter had not yet been formed.
- \* History will be published next year.

Fisheries Action Network (FAN) (Steve Fischer):

- \* A draft version of the **Aquatic Workers Directory** was circulated. Anyone needing to be added to the directory or needing to make a change to their information should do so on the form that is included in their packet.

Disabled Angler (Greg Stoner):

- \* Kyle Reno will be replacing Greg Stoner on this committee.
- \* Greg reported information included in his written committee report (Attachment B).

Membership (James Civello):

- \* The MO chapter has 176 paid 1994 members and 83 who are delinquent in payment (259 total).

Rivers and Streams (Del Lobb):

- \* Progress on the stream guidebook is being made. MO AFS members will write the book; the Missouri Department of Conservation agreed to fund the project; and the Conservation Federation will take responsibility for dispersing the funds. The book will have eight chapters: introduction, ecology of streams, history, monitoring stream quality, improving stream habitat, advocacy, and legislation and relevant agencies.
- \* Bill Turner indicated that state gravel dredging guidelines are being revised. As these new regulations are put into effect agencies will need a lot of public support.
- \* See written report (Attachment B).

Newsletter (Kevin Sullivan):

- \* Kevin asked if anyone is interested in becoming an associate newsletter editor. An associate editor would need to write one article per year. Please contact him if you are interested.
- \* See written report (Attachment B).

Environmental and Legislative Concerns (Mike LeValley):

- \* During 1994, this committee provided input to the Corps of Engineers on the Missouri River Master Manual and urged the Missouri Clean Water Commission to reopen the Missouri Water Quality Standards and reconsider their decision not to include more stringent water quality standards for waters supporting endangered aquatic species.
- \* See written report (Attachment B).

Continuing Education (Mark Wildhaber):

- \* The committee evaluated AFS accreditation procedures for attending continuing education workshops and compared our procedure with that of other professional societies. A recommendation by this committee will be made after the parent AFS society revises their accreditation procedures.
- \* 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.
- \* See written report (Attachment B).

Resolutions (Mike Kruse):

- \* Six resolutions were discussed (Attachments C-H: revised resolutions). They included:
  1. Refinement of the Master Water Control Manual for the Missouri River
  2. Support of the National Biological Service
  3. Resolution on HJR 12
  4. Clean Water Act Reauthorization
  5. Endangered Species Act Reauthorization
  6. Need for Research on Sand and Gravel Mining Impacts on Missouri Streams
- \* All resolutions considered during this meeting were voted on by secret ballot and were passed. Resolution 6 (on gravel

mining) was passed with the understanding that the wording would be further revised by a committee composed of Bill Turner, Kathy McGrath, Mike Kruse and anyone else interested in volunteering.

**Old Business:**

- \* Pam Haverland indicated that our chapter is currently violating its own by-laws. The by-laws need to be amended.
- \* A motion to suspend the 30-day membership review period for amending chapter by-laws was made by Kathy McGrath and second by Kevin Sullivan. (Majority was in favor; 1 opposing vote).
- \* The chapter's 1986 by-laws were amended as indicated in Attachment B. Additions are indicated by underlining. A motion to accept the amended by-laws was made by Mike Kruse and second by Kevin Sullivan. The by-law changes were unanimously approved.

**New Business:**

- \* A motion was made by Kathy McGrath and second by Jim Czarnezki to make a donation of \$50 to the Oaks Savanna Woodlands Restoration Conference. The membership voted by secret ballot and the motion FAILED.
- \* The Rivers and Streams Conference will be held May 12-14, 1995 at Tan-Tar-a Resort, Osage Beach, MO.

**Adjournment:**

- \* Pam Haverland thanked everyone who worked with her during the past year. President Pam Haverland became Past-President as she passed the gavel to the Chapter's new President, Kathy McGrath. President McGrath immediately presented Pam Haverland with the Past-President's plaque and thanked her for all of her efforts over the past year. The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.