

MO Chapter AFS -- Executive Committee Summer Meeting
Midwest Science Center, Columbia
2 August 1996 -- 9:30 a.m.

Attendees: Warren Valenti, Steve Fischer, Dave Michaelson, Jim Czarnezki, Tom Groshens, John Fantz, Trish Yasger, Del Lobb, Jim Fairchild, Kyle Reno, John Besser, Ron Dent, Dr. Susie Jones, Jake Allman, Kathy McGrath, Travis Moore, Dan Beckman

Agenda is attached.

{Note: Brian Todd, Chapter Secretary, was unable to attend. The minutes were taken and prepared by Trish Yasger and Del Lobb.}

Guest Speaker: Ken Midkiff - Program Director Sierra Club

- Ken is a registered lobbyist and is in Jefferson City almost every day the legislature is in session. He has a good working relationship with the legislators. The key is to not get personnel.
- According to Sierra Club surveys more than 80% of the public supports environmental protection and about 40% feel environmental laws are not strict enough. There is strong public support for what we are doing.
- The Sierra Club attempts to influence public policy.
- Our real power is in our members at the local level. We advocate constituency pressure of our membership on state and local officials to do the right thing for the environment.
- During this last session we got a few environmental initiatives through the legislature, in the past we just worked on getting bad environmental legislation defeated.
- We keep constituents informed on how their legislators are voting.
- Currently we have a majority of legislators that vote in favor of environmental legislation.
- Ken distributed a handout: Missouri Environmental Legislative Scorecard 1995-96. The survey is based on the legislator's voting record on environmental legislation over the last two years. This gives us an idea as to whom we can work with or work harder on. The rural legislators are becoming more environmentally conscientious.
- Don't be afraid to talk to people who aren't environmentally aware. Keep plugging away, because sometimes they listen.
- First, let the legislators know that you are there and that you will present good factual information to them. Show good factual information and they will trust you.
- Second, these people don't have a staff so lobbyists becomes their assistants. The legislators don't have time to keep up on every bill and present amendments. They rely on lobbyists to be their staff. Draft amendments and give them to friendly legislators. You must "hero" a bill to get it passed.
- As a bill advances there are many chances to affect its outcome. Try to get things referred to a friendly committee. Sometimes this upsets other committee chairs but it does work.

- Next start working with members of the committee. Take fact sheets around to the committee members. It is best if you hand deliver the fact sheets and then check back with them to see if they read it and if they need additional information.
- If you've done your job you'll already know the fate of the bill.
- To be on the safe side you want to testify at a committee hearing, line up other witnesses and prepare testimony for the sponsor. Again you are becoming the legislator's assistant. If you prepare a bill, you are expected to assist the sponsor. If the ground work has been done and it is sound legislation, it usually passes.
- Third, just because the committee passed the bill, doesn't mean that it has to be reported out of committee.
- Once reported out it goes to the Speaker and gets put on the calendar. Here bills can get buried or they can be accelerated. Generally speaking, if it hasn't passed the House or Senate by the third cycle, it won't make it. Bills that are not reported out early usually are not considered even if there are enough votes. Bills can be affected either positively or negatively in a lot of places. It is very very difficult to pass legislation.
- AFS can provide Ken factual scientific information that he can provide to legislators.
- Ken works both inside and outside the capital.
- What the Sierra Club lacks in dollars, they make up for in membership.
- The Sierra Club isn't considered a big spender. They lobby through information, public pressure and media.
- The Sierra Club has brought a lawsuit against MDC's commission over the lead mining issue. The essence of the lawsuit against MDC is that they didn't comply with the sunshine Open Meetings and Records Act. The mining issue was not on the agenda and was dealt with in closed session.
- The Sierra Club typically isn't afraid to take people on.
- Regarding AFS resolutions from a legislators perspective: AFS has a higher level of credibility than a lobbyist. MO AFS can use 20% of their budget to influence politics with out being considered a lobbyist. It is always best to follow-up letters with phone calls to legislators. Is it best to send information from the entire group or from individuals? We should do both. A lot of our issues aren't controversial and we have public support.
- Fact Sheets - AFS is putting together fact sheets, collating information, sticking to the facts and providing them to the legislature. Ken is willing to present this information for us.
- 200 out of 2,200 bills are passed annually.

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the June EXCOM meeting were not available due to delays with the postal service. They will be presented at the next meeting.

Distinguished Service Award

Kathy McGrath, Past President, was presented with a Distinguished Service Award for appreciation of all of her years of service to MO AFS.

Treasurer's Report:

- Student support will be worth \$23,645.55 on 6 December 1996 (principal is in a 6-month CD). This information will be included on a revised Treasurer's report (attached).
- Jim Czarnezki made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report with revisions as discussed. Steve Fischer second. Vote: Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Rivers & Streams - Del Lobb

- Summer meeting was 9 July 1996 at Bennett Springs. Elected Dave Mayers as the new Committee Chair. Sherry Fischer was elected Secretary. They will take office at the February meeting.
- CAFO discussion -- Rob Pulliam and Lynn Schrader are looking into what other state Chapters are doing in regards to position statement, legislation and documented problems.
- Fact sheet on AG Pollution - the committee will annually update the fact sheet. Places the fact sheet can be distributed: MO Rural Crisis Center, Ken Midkiff (Sierra Club), MO AFS home page.
- We are completing literature review and bibliography to support the fact sheet, this will also be made available. Most of the literature is from agricultural journals.
- ACTION ITEM: Does MO AFS want to distribute examples of good county health ordinances in regards to CAFO's?

Discussion: MO AFS may want to provide an example of a good ordinance. Because this is a health issue, maybe AFS shouldn't be as involved. The ordinances target health concerns, but there are also some environmental and social concerns. Because zoning and health ordinances don't include water quality or fish (aquatic life), should we be involved? The society's expertise isn't health. We may be jeopardizing our credibility by getting involved in non fish/aquatic issues? In addition this would be against AFS resource policy on advocacy. To formally close the discussion, Del Lobb, on behalf of the Rivers & Streams Committee, made a motion to endorse distributing local examples of health ordinances. Vote: motion did not pass.

- ACTION ITEM: The MDC Conservation Commission at its 19 June 1996 meeting authorized the Director to issue a mineral prospecting permit and option to lease to Doe Run Company on about 750 acres of MDC land in Shannon and Reynolds counties, Missouri. AFS may want to recommend an National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) type process on state lands. The Rivers & Streams Committee recommend to the EXCOM that MO AFS develop a position statement on mining including a position on the Doe Run situation.

Discussion: Jim Czarnezki found the locations of the prospecting sites. The site at Deer Run is close to the MOFEP project. The Director was asked to exclude this site, but, he denied the request. Part of area from Logan Creek is recharge area for Blue Springs. The problem with Kerr-McGee area is that it was purchased in part with Federal aid money. Jim Fairchild will request from MDC, on behalf of the Chapter, information on mining and general mining impacts so MO AFS can decide if we want to make a position statement.

Del Lobb made a motion that MO AFS gather information and decide if we should develop a position statement on mining in general in Missouri. Jim Czarnezki second. Vote: Motion carried.

Tom Groshens then made a friendly amendment to Del's motion that the MO AFS commit to preparing a position statement on mining. John Besser seconded. Vote: Motion carried.

John Besser then made a friendly amendment to Tom's amendment to have a draft of the position statement for consideration at the next EXCOM meeting (16 Oct. 1996). Del Lobb seconded.

Vote: Motion carried.

Del Lobb made a motion that the MO AFS continue working with the Society of American Foresters (SAF) and The Wildlife Society (TWS) on a joint letter regarding mining on MDC lands. If the other societies didn't want to be involved, it would then be a MO AFS response.

Jim Czarnezki seconded. Vote: Motion carried.

Financial Committee - Jim Czarnezki

- Changes were made to the budget regarding Disabled Angler Committee, funds for the President and President Elect to attend the annual AFS meeting, and the Publicity Committee.

- Changes were also made to projected income (PI). Associate membership PI was decreased, PI from continuing education and registration from the Conference on Natural Resources of the Missouri River Basin was increased and a section added to include sale of misc. items.

- A copy of the MO AFS 1997 Budget and Projected Income was distributed (attached).

- Jim Czarnezki made a motion to accept 1997 budget. John Fantz seconded.

Discussion: Student support expenses are shown but are not included in expenses because the money comes from the Student Support Fund. Therefore, a separate student support section showing income and expenses is needed. A motion was made to accept the change. A motion was made to accept the budget with the changes regarding the student support section. Vote: Motion carried.

- Discussion about the money in the Student Support Fund. Goals for the money in priority order are: provide funds for the annual awards (\$600 for the six awards), protect against inflation (3.5%), protect the principal (\$23,000), and increase the principal to \$100,000 (attached).

- Ron Dent made a motion to accept as written the goals and priority order for the money in the Student Support Fund. Kyle Reno seconded. Vote: Motion carried.

- John Besser made a motion to invest the Student Support Fund as follows: \$13,000 in CDs, \$5,000 in bond funds and \$5,000 in stock funds with interest to be reinvested except for the CD where \$600 will be used for the six annual awards. Jake Allman seconded. Vote: Motion carried.

- Jim Czarnezki made an amendment to reverse the motion regarding green investments made at the previous meeting. Kyle Reno seconded. Vote: Motion carried.

- Jim Czarnezki made a motion that the investment strategies are based on a high rate of return. Kyle Reno seconded. Vote: Motion carried.

- Kathy McGrath made a motion to designate Steve Weithman as our financial advisor to handle the \$10,000 (\$5,000 in bond funds, \$5,000 in stock funds) under the philosophy of leaving the investment in selected mutual funds for 5 to 10 years earning an estimated 10% return and investing as appropriate. Travis Moore seconded. Vote: Motion carried.

- Tom Groshens wanted to add that at the previous meeting that the EXCOM voted overwhelmingly to restrict investments to stocks or mutual funds designated as "green funds." However, now that the EXCOM realizes that a lower return would result, the EXCOM voted against the original proposal.

Watershed Ad Hoc - Jim Czarnezki/John Fantz

- Ron Dent met with the presidents of the other societies to see if they would be willing to work with us on a brochure or other projects.
- Another mailing is going out to the Watershed Stewardship Conference attendees to inform them of the results of the breakout session and ask them for their solutions to the problems identified.
- We are working on a proposal of a plan for the Watershed Conservation Initiative to provide to the other societies.

FAN - Steve Fischer

- AFS FAN will be reinstated when more money is available. AFS staff will assume FAN responsibilities as needed.

Publicity - Trish Yasger

- The committee met and has drafted wording for the brochure which was distributed to the EXCOM and open for comments until 16 August 1996.
- The committee is still looking for photos for the brochure and display.
- Kathy McGrath said that the slides from slide show would be available. She is leaving the slide show with Ron Dent.

Newsletter - Tom Groshens

- Tom has received a few articles. Deadline 1 Aug., however, he will accept anything from this meeting for the next two days.

Resolutions - Travis Moore

- Nothing to report at this time.

Membership - Warren Valenti

- Membership has increased by two since last meeting. We have about 160 members.
- We will be adding a field for Congressional District to the membership database.

Student Support - Doug Noltie/Jim Czarnezki/Ron Dent

- Update MU FASS Club: Richard Stevens at AFS suspended the process to become a subunit. Doug Noltie will be sending procedures to FASS to become an AFS affiliate student chapter and still remain under the University system.

Continuing Education - John Besser

- We had the aquatic plant workshop - details later from Pam Haverland.
- We will not be able to make the GIS workshop happen before the new year - still trying to set things up.
- Dave Galat is interested in organizing a workshop on larval fish taxonomy. John Besser will work on this with Dave Galat.

Legislative/Environmental Concerns - Jim Fairchild

- Distributed a summary of the outcome of bills from the last Legislative Session that may be of interest to AFS members.

Awards - Dan Beckman

- Please try to get all nominations in early.

- The committee is proposing an AFS best paper award at the FFW Conference starting in 1997. They have contacted North Central Division (NCD) for their procedure. This will be used as a model. The award will be given out the following year. This is an open award for aquatic or fisheries paper. Dan will propose a motion at the October EXCOM meeting.

FFA - Jake Allman

- Space has been reserved for an exhibit at the Future Farmers of America National Career Show in Kansas City, 13-16 November 1996. This will be the 31st year that we have attended. They are expecting 40,000 students. Volunteers are needed, if anyone is interested, please see Jake.

Disabled Angler - Kyle Reno

- Paul Koenig, a freelance writer, is preparing a charitable distribution plan for an organization or company. He is interested in including the Disabled Angler Committee as a potential outlet of donations.

Old Business

Stream Guidance Manual - Ron is still working with MDC to draft a satisfactory MOU.

MO AFS Home Page - Steve Fischer is working with UM-C to get everything set up. Hopefully, everything will be set up in the next month or so. John Fantz found software that makes it easy to create a home page. The NCD home page is adding MO AFS and saying that our home page is under construction. We will also hot link with the other societies.

Meeting with Professional Society Presidents - Regarding the watershed initiative-TWS and SAF is interested in participating. The Soil & Water Society said that everything has to be approved by their membership and must be in agreement with their mission.

-We will go in with the other societies to attend a booth at Bass Pro Shops in March.

- It was agreed that the four societies would meet at least annually and have both the Past President and the current President attend and give updates and share action and long range plans. ACTION ITEM: Rename the annual conference so that it's more encompassing and includes Soil & Water. In other words, do we want to change the name? If so the Conference Steering Committee would work up a name change and come back to each society with a vote on a new name. This would happen in 1997.

Ron Dent made a motion to support a name change. Travis Moore seconded. Discussion. Vote: Motion carried.

New Business

Audubon Society Sign-On Letter to Senator Bond - Audubon Society asked Ron Dent if the MO AFS would like to sign onto a letter to Senator Bond dealing with wetland protection. The Chapter signed onto the letter.

Hosting International AFS Meeting- In the last newsletter the membership was asked if they supported holding the Annual AFS meeting in 2000 in Missouri. We received 22 responses. All voted yes and those that responded volunteered to help. Not sure why the voting was so low. Everything is due in Washington, D.C. by 2 August 1996. In order to respond, MO AFS will get together with the St. Louis Convention Bureau and respond jointly. There were only two hotels in St. Louis that could handle this meeting. A committee of Ron Dent, Steve Weithman, Danny Brown, Norm Stucky was formed. Ron Dent will present the bid on 25 August 1996 at the Annual meeting in Dearborn, MI and a decision will be made the following Wed. afternoon (28 August 1996). If we get the bid, we will need to form 11 subcommittees and start planning.

Change in Dues - No changes at the present time. Ron will submit information to the parent society regarding 1997 dues.

MO AFS Response to President Elect Coutant's Action Plan - Consider CAFO's in developing a position statement. The new President's theme is interfaces. Cost item -- wanted every chapter to send a newsletter to every chapter President - Ron Dent felt that the other chapter newsletters would be interesting, but that this would be costly and that we should post chapter newsletters on the home page. They are continuing the survey on salaries and it was suggested that they send results to top administrators at the various agencies. They are talking about adding a new award, this would be available to more people who have worked a long time in AFS during their career.

1996 Annual Meeting - Ron Dent will attend the annual meeting in Dearborn, MI.

Past President Vacancy - Kathy McGrath, Past President, is leaving. The operational manual states that the remaining EXCOM members will fill any vacancies in the EXCOM. However, in the case of the Past President stepping down, it was felt that the previous Past President should fill the position. Pam Haverland, previous Past President, agreed to serve, pending EXCOM approval. Kathy McGrath made a motion that Pam Haverland take over the Past President duties. John Fantz seconded. Vote: Motion carried.

Next meeting is set for Wednesday 16 October 1996 at 9:30 a.m. in Sedalia.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

These minutes respectfully submitted by,



Brian Todd
Chapter Secretary

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Joe Dillard

**Missouri Chapter of the American Fisheries Society
EXCOM Meeting October 16, 1996**

Chapter President Ron Dent called the meeting to order in Sedalia, Missouri at 9:39 A.M. (attendance list attached). Ron recognized Lee Redmond, Past President, and thanked him for attending.

Secretary's Report: Brian Todd presented the June 14, 1996 and the August 2, 1996 EXCOM meeting minutes for approval. Both sets of minutes stood as prepared. A draft of the February 2, 1996 Annual Business Meeting minutes was distributed. Comments were due back to Brian by November 16, 1996. Highlights of discussion regarding the distribution of the 1996 Business Meeting minutes at the upcoming Business meeting included: reduce the font size to save paper and have enough copies for all attending.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Dave Michaleson was absent, however, his report (attached) stood as approved.

Finance Committee: Jim Czarnezki reported that 100 smallmouth bass t-shirts were sold to the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) Stream Team Program @ \$10.00 each. There was discussion regarding the FY97 budget, however, no changes were made. The budget will be in the next newsletter.

Rivers and Streams Committee: Committee Chair, Del Lobb, was absent but forwarded a revised pollution fact sheet. Ron asked for comments prior to the next EXCOM meeting.

Watershed Committee ad hoc: Committee Co-Chair, Jim Czarnezki, is still looking for responses to his letter asking for solutions to watershed problems. He has received 18 responses to date.

Ron approached The Wildlife Society, the Soil and Water Conservation Society and the Society of American Foresters and asked them if they wanted to present a united front in guiding watershed management in Missouri. They were interested. Ron would like to provide them with a revised initiative by January 1, 1997 and then try to get a commitment from them at the Quad Society's Presidents meeting following the Forest Fish and Wildlife Conference.

Jim reported that Joe Dillard reported that UM-C Extension was establishing a Watershed information clearing house, that there is a symposium planned for 1998 titled "Status of Missouri Watersheds," that MORAP has received a grant to establish an aquatic resource database and that MDC is initiating watershed based research projects. Ron reported that the MDC Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) task force allocated \$1,000,000 for nutrient research.

Ron reported that Joe Dillard asked for a letter of support from MOAFS regarding the aquatic resources database (fish and invertebrate species lists, water quality data, etc.). The database will be prepared with GIS users in mind. Ron made a motion that MOAFS send a letter of support. Tom Groshens seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

FAN Committee: Steve Fischer, Committee Chair had no report. Lee Redmond reported that the parent society laid off Pam McClelland. He said there was not enough outside money to fund her position. The parent society's primary fund raiser, John Fritz, moved to the National Wildlife Foundation. Three volunteers, one of which is Dale Burkett, are trying to keep the FAN initiative alive. Lee also reported that FAN has been changed to FIN (Fisheries Information Network).

Legislative Concerns: Jim Fairchild, Committee Chair, was absent. Ron reported that MOAFS signed on to a letter to Gingrich discouraging environmentally unfriendly modifications to the grazing bill. Ron also signed a letter to Bond with copies to Ashcroft and Clinton urging them not to remove the EPA from wetland protection responsibilities.

Publicity Committee: Trish Yasger, Committee Chair, reported that there were not many comments regarding the draft color brochure targeting Corporate memberships. The photographs will be selected soon and the brochure will be printed in late November. Tri-fold photographs will be selected at the same time. The tri-fold will debut at Bass Pro's Spring Fishing Expo.

Newsletter: Tom Groshens, Newsletter Editor, reported that the next issue will be out in December. Tom is submitting an entry in the NCD newsletter contest.

Resolutions Committee: Travis Moore, Committee Chair, reported that he has not received any resolutions. Ron will forward responses to the resolutions approved at the 1996 Business Meeting to Travis. Lee reported that the Wallop-Bureaux re-authorization will be coming up. Grazing and mining reforms are also coming up. Steve Fischer will watch the legislative list serves.

Membership Committee: Warren Valenti, Committee Chair, reported 153 paid members- a decrease of six member since the last report. The last mailing resulted in five members paying their dues.

At the Business Meeting Warren wants everyone to fill out a new membership form so he can update the database.

Ron reported that MOAFS and the parent society are working to encourage Chapter members to retain their parent society membership. Fourteen members of MOAFS have dropped out of the parent society in the last year. Two-thirds of MOAFS members belong to the parent society. The parent society has 1,200 delinquent members out of 9,000 total members. Many of the new members have been students.

There was discussion on adding non-professional but voting members to MOAFS. No decision was made. There was discussion about adding an associate membership (\$25/yr ?). This membership would be between individual and corporate memberships. These members would receive a newsletter but not be able to vote. No decision was made.

Student Support: Doug Noltie, Committee Chair, reported that a direct mailing to 133 biology professors advertising the student awards competition netted one application in each of the Best Undergraduate Project and Best MS Thesis categories. There were no applicants for the Midwest FWC travel money. Doug asked if the EXCOM felt an award committee needed to be assembled when there was only one applicant in the category. The EXCOM felt a committee was necessary.

The students making up FASS are comparing the FASS, MOAFS and the parent society's constitutions to assess compatibility. Dr. Noltie invited Ron to the next FASS meeting.

There has been no progress on getting the MOAFS slide show converted video tape. A television station may be willing to do the work for free. Ron will ask Gene Fox and that Dave Mayers will ask A.J. Pratt to ask their television contacts.

A student social at the FFW Conference was discussed. It was decided that one or one-half hour before the Wednesday social would be the best time. Only snacks and soda would be provided. Dr. Noltie will talk to Kevin Richards, Steering Committee representative, and Dr. Noltie will appoint a subcommittee to handle arrangements and signs.

Dr. Noltie reported the "adopt a college" effort is still alive, however, he needs the video tape. Lee asked if we had purchased the parent society's promotional video tape. We had not. Tom Groshens made a motion to purchase the tape. Dr. Noltie seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Dr. Noltie reported that only 25 of 133 biology professors in Missouri are MOAFS members. He asked if we could mail newsletters to all 133 professors. The EXCOM did not feel that mailing was appropriate however we could publicize the Student Affairs Committee on our web site.

It was pointed out that UM-C was the only university in Missouri whose graduates could be certified as fisheries scientists under the parent society's proposed certification guidelines. It was reported that the parent society will ask for membership comments in a future issue of *Fisheries*.

Aquatic Workers Directory: It was reported that our current aquatic worker directory and database are delinquent. The question was asked "do we need a directory?" and "can we distribute it electronically?" No action was taken.

Forest Fish and Wildlife Conference: Kevin Richards was absent but reported that David Thorne resigned as Steering Committee Chair and was replaced by Mike Kruse. MOAFS will host the meeting in 1998. The contingency fund is getting large. Some of the societies want to split it up and return it to the societies.

Continuing Education: John Besser, Committee Chair, was absent but reported that the larval fish identification workshop is on hold. The committee is still planning a GPS/GIS workshop to be held in late February or early March. Attendance will be limited to 12 participants.

Nominating Committee: Pam Haverland, Committee Chair, was absent but she reported that the committee will be nominating members for the positions of President Elect and Secretary. Lee reported that Pam is running against Doug Austin for NCD President.

Pam also reported that MOAFS should make \$2-3/registrant for handling registration at the Missouri River Natural Resources Conference. The money will go through the Watershed Workshop account.

FFA Committee: Jake Allman was absent but reported that the National FFA convention will be moving from Kansas City to Louisville, Kentucky sometime soon.

Disabled Angler Committee: Kyle Reno, Committee Chair, was absent but reported a \$150 donation to the fund.

Awards Committee: There was discussion regarding best paper awards. Questions such as "can students compete in open class" and "will posters and papers be judged together" were discussed. Brian Todd made a motion to separate poster and oral presentation competitions. Tom Groshens seconded the motion which carried unanimously. Ron indicated that the award for best paper in open class may have to be delayed until 1998.

Old Business

Stream Guidance Manual: Ron reported that Rich Wehnes, MDC, proposed MOAFS pay all bills as incurred and be reimbursed by MDC. After discussion, Ron made a motion that to accept reimbursement for printing, shipping, handling, storage, etc. with the stipulation that MOAFS will get a small amount of money up front to cover printing and mailing of drafts. The motion was seconded by Jim Czarnetzki and carried unanimously.

Home Page: Steve Fischer handed out printouts of our home page screens. It was reported that we are not using a UM-C server as previously discussed. UM-C did not respond to inquiries by the committee.

Currently, MOAFS is getting one megabyte of server space free. The cost of a second megabyte is unknown. John Fantz reported that an anonymous donor has offered \$300 for MOAFS to use to buy upgraded home page construction software. Acceptance of the donation was tabled until it was determined if we could afford a second megabyte of space. Ten megabytes of space on a server in Sedalia currently costs \$16.95/mo.

Tom Groshens pointed out the need to change the Home Page Committee from an *ad hoc* committee to a standing committee. This will require a change in the Operational Manual and a vote by the EXCOM at the next meeting.

CAFOs: Ron reported that the Oklahoma Chapter of The Wildlife Society has asked us for someone to speak on the environmental effects of CAFOs in Missouri. This request stemmed from inquiries from Lynn Schrader in his attempt to assess CAFOs impacts in other states. Ron felt Al Buchanan may fill this request.

Lead Mining Issues: Jim Czarnetzki reported that MDC rescinded its agreement with Doe Run Mining Co. to allow lead prospecting on MDC lands. Doe Run is still prospecting on USFS lands. The Sierra Club's lawsuit against MDC is still pending.

The preparation of a mining policy by MOAFS has been postponed until January. Jim Fairchild wrote to MDC and requested lead mining study reports. As of approximately October 2, 1996, MDC had not responded.

International Meeting in 2000: Ron Dent reported that MOAFS will host the parent society's international meeting in the year 2000. MDC will co-host. Dr. Christine Moffitt will preside. It will cost \$250,000 to \$300,000 to conduct. The parent society expects to make \$50 from each registrant attending the meeting. MOAFS's fund raising opportunities are limited to raffles and workshops with parent society approval. Ron discussed showcasing partnerships with disabled anglers (MDC facilities, MOAFS gear) and possibly getting Christopher Reeves as the keynote speaker.

Ron made a motion to form an *ad hoc* steering committee for the 130th AFS meeting. The motion was seconded by Jim Czarnetzki and passed unanimously. The appointment for Steering Committee Chair will be made after the January EXCOM meeting. This appointee should attend all subsequent EXCOM meetings.

New Business

Parent Society Business Meeting: Lee Redmond reported on the highlights of the meeting at Dearborn, Michigan. The society is encouraging advocacy- especially in the western U.S. Changing the Fisheries Scientist Certification criteria was tabled. FAN was changed to FIN. The resource policy "Human Use of Fish" was passed as an interim policy. Members from the University of Minnesota took an "animal rights" viewpoint and upset many of the authors and Governing Board members. The "Biodiversity Resource" policy passed unanimously.

Nutrification Policy: As Ron commented on parent society President Coutant's action plan, he remarked that the parent society needed a nutrification policy. President Coutant asked Ron to prepare the policy. Ron replied that the Water Quality Section should do it. Does MOAFS want to prepare the policy for the parent society? The decision was tabled and is up to Jim Czarnetzki, in-coming President, and his EXCOM.

Dick Frie Scholarship Fund: The Wisconsin Chapter is setting up a scholarship fund in Dick's name. Their goal is a \$10,000 balance with a 5% annual payout. Ron made a motion to make a one-time donation of \$100 to the fund. John Fantz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Parent Society Nominating Committee: Ron nominated Jeff Koppelman as the NCD representative to the Parent Society Nominating Committee.

AFS 2000 Fund Raising Campaign: Ron is encouraging all previous and current MOAFS officers to donate to the campaign. MOAFS's goal is 29 pledges. We currently have 17 pledges.

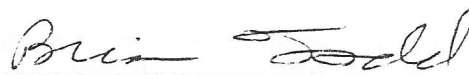
Committee Reports: Ron has asked for annual committee reports by mid January. Copies of the reports will be included in the Chapter's Annual Report to be distributed at the upcoming business meeting.

VIP Invitations: Ron is inviting Paul Brouha, Betsy Fritz, Chuck Coutant and Don Pereira to the FFW Conference.

Aquatic Resource Directory: Joe Dillard is promoting the creation of an interactive database where users can find sources of information related to the aquatic resources field. This would take the place of the Aquatic Workers Directory. Steve Fischer made a motion to approve support of Missouri Aquatic Resources Directory. John Fantz seconded the motion which passed unanimously. MOAFS's commitment is hot linking our home page to the database.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 P.M.

These minutes respectfully submitted by



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