

MoAFS Minutes from 36th Annual Meeting

Following are the minutes from the 36th annual meeting, February 19, 1998, as submitted by Secretary, Mike Smith. Please review and bring comments or changes to the 1999 annual meeting, or send them to Mike Smith (see last page for address).

The meeting was called to order by Jim Czarnetzki at 3:30 p.m. A quorum was announced by Mike Smith.

Jim Czarnetzki reported that the following changes should be made to the Agenda; the Student Support Report will follow the Newsletter Report and Robin Tillitt is now Newsletter Editor.

Dignitaries

Parent Society Past Presidents: Joe Dillard and Lee Redmond

1st Vice President NCD - Pam Haverland
The chairman of the steering committee for the 130th meeting - Ron Dent

Fisheries Division Administrator - Norm Stucky

Student Sub Unit FASS President - Jeff Finley

Past Presidents - five stood

One retirement - Spence Turner

There was a Moment of Silence for the late Chuck Purkett

Recognitions/Announcements

Ron Dent received the NCD Meritorious Service Award at Milwaukee.

Lee Redmond received the Fisheries Administration 1997 Appreciation Award for his membership drive.

Attendance Prizes will be given to those who don't leave early.

Summary of Committee Reports are available for those who sign up for them.

Warren Valenti reminded everyone to please pay their dues.

The 1997 minutes were presented by Secretary Mike Smith. Chris Vitello made a motion to accept and Ron Dent seconded. Motion passed.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Dave Michaelson (handouts were provided). A significant correction was discussed. Income from the GIS Workshop (\$3,700-4,000) has come in.

A discussion was held regarding the amendment to the Treasurer's Report. Pam Haverland and Bill Anderson motioned to make the change. The motion passed.

Pam Haverland's Presentation

NCD perspective is that Milwaukee is now

a blur.

Pam gave thanks for our support during the election.

Doug Austen is president. He is following a good leader.

Membership Survey from NCD was handed out regarding needs and interests. Please complete them.

Currently, there are 2 Parent Society projects. Joe Dillard, Scott Sowa, and Pam Haverland are working on National Fisheries Database which includes 47 of 50 states. They are assisting states with making their fish collection data available. There were concerns about releasing the info. A Web page is available, call Pam for information.

Aquatic Gap Meeting: Scott Sowa is working on the MO Pilot and Joe Dillard is adding the state perspective. They can explain why we need it. For more information you should contact Joe or Scott.

Jim Czarnetzki's report of Chris Moffitt's Presentation

Bill Taylor said the chapter needs to take a realistic look at what can be done (we are volunteers); look at money available - 30% of budget is from dues, 40-50 % journals and 30% grants. We can't do everything.

AFS 2000 campaign is back on track with a new focus - more to come later.

We need to use the strength of our diversity to bring new ideas to the table.

Committee Reports

Nominations Committee - Ron Dent

The committee consists of Pam Haverland, Chris Vitello, Jim Czarnetzki, and Ron Dent.

- Mark Wildhaber, Steve Fischer, Skip Doak, and James Civiello were this year's candidates. Steve Fischer is president-elect and James Civiello is treasurer.

Bylaws/Operations Manual - Ron Dent

Twenty copies are available today. The Student Subunit is new. You need to look at the specifics. A full-fledged revision occurred in 1998. The document provides the nuts and bolts of committees.

Areas of Change:

1. Excom consists of the elected officers. The Excom and chairs are called the Governing Board (new term) and meet quarterly.
2. Page 2: The Excom may meet separately to deal with budgets, etc.
3. Clarifications

Treasurer - what are the accounts and how

CECU should be identified.

4. Page 5: Reference again to Governing Board (this is more specific, the earlier reference was an introduction)

5. Name change/Addition

Dave Mayers - Treasurer for MNRC

The tax exempt letter is used for the conference (year we host).

6. Name Change - standing committees' name to match parent society's

Fisheries Action Network is now Fisheries Information Network

7. Page 8: Whom are the ballots sent to?

They should be sent to the Nominating Committee rather than to the Secretary

8. Disabled Angler Committee-

The committee decided to place loaner equipment in at least one location, rather than give to the individual.

9. Major change - Ron's starting point

New Info - Student Subunit clarifies how to incorporate other subunits into MoAFS in concert with Parent Society. The voting representation is set forth.

Chapter activities and fund raising are discussed/ The bylaws deal with dissolving subunit groups. We need to add the student subunit to Governing Board.

10. Page 17: Not Excom, but Governing Board

Motion to approve edits was made by Ron Dent and Joe Dillard seconded.

Motion passed.

Awards - Pam Haverland

Jim Fairchild, Scott Sowa, Donna Menown were committee members.

Voted to change the name of the Award of Excellence to John L. Funk Award of Excellence, Citizen's Award and John L. Funk Award of Excellence will be presented at the banquet.

Letters of Recognition:

*Curtis Gooch - NRCS - streambank work in Warren County. He initiated four demos.

* Frank Gordon - Urban Specialist NRCS - streambank stabilization bendway weir City of Columbia, Constructed Wetlands, City of Columbia Wetland waste water treatment system.

* Tom Groshens - MO Chapter - 95/96 Newsletter

* John Besser - ArcView Workshop organizer

* Scott Sowa - leadership, etc. - MO Aquatic Resources Assessment of MoRAP and coordinated 12 state/federal



Minutes (cont'd)

agencies.

* Phil Pitts - auditing books of the NCD - 1995-1996. He provided advice on reports and ways to ease work loads.

Disabled Angler Committee - Ross Dames

We have two battery operated reels and two adapted rods.

Loaners will be kept in Hannibal (Ross Danes) and West Plains (Mary Palmer).

The equipment was displayed in the booth.

MNRC Steering Committee - Kevin Richards

The subchairs did all the work.

Brian Canaday will be the chair in the year 2002

Finance Committee, 1998 Budget Approval - Chris Vitello

1. Regular \$4,370
2. Student Subunit \$1,125

Silent Auction brought in \$1,650. We will also have the raffle and sales of miscellaneous items. This money will go to investments. He is working on an award to those who helped.

Motion to approve the budget was made by Chris Vitello and seconded by Dave Galat.

Motion was approved.

Legislative/Environmental Concerns Committee, Position Statement on Mining - Jim Fairchild.

Committee members were Donna Mennon, John Besser, Jim Czarnetzki, and Ron Dent. A content review was conducted using the headings (Roman Numerals) from Table of Contents. There was an opportunity to address questions or comments. Motion to approve Position Statement was made by Ron Dent and seconded by Chris Vitello. Motion was approved. The distribution of the document was discussed. Joe Dillard might be able to help. It could be published in Fisheries. It is a standing document which all members should have. "It was a committee product," said Jim Fairchild.

Resolutions Committee - Brian Canaday
Rules were stated for the discussion. We are voting on intent not content. There will be two weeks to make comments which should be sent to Brian's home address.

There were four resolutions.

#1 Expression of Appreciation - Motion by Bob Legler, seconded by Lee Redmond, Motion passed (will wordsmith suggestions).

#2 Fisheries Amendment to Clean Water Act - Motioned by Dave Galat, seconded by Kevin Richards, motion passed unani-

mously.

#3 MO River Monitoring and Assessment - Motioned by Pam Haverland, seconded by Dave Galat, motion passed (unanimously).

#4 MO River Mitigation Project - was given as an overhead presentation. The distribution will be to the COE Colonel plus those added to #3. Motion by Pam Haverland seconded by Al Buchanan, motion passed with a voice vote.

Resolution business was concluded after 24 minutes.

We will be drafting a letter about mining which will include Doe Run and Mark Twain National Forest.

Student Support Committee - Doug Noltie

He recognized the students in the room. Best platform paper was John Kubisiak and Todd Gemeinhardt. Dan Beckman will chair the committee next year. A list of fisheries graduate theses and dissertations accepted at MU were developed. Other schools were challenged to do the same.

One hundred twenty students went to Job Fair at the Social. The Student Support slides were converted to a video format. The Adopt a School program needs to be promoted. A challenge was given to set up additional subunits. Professional mentors are encouraged. Presentation 1997 Best Master's Thesis - Josalyn Korsh, SMSU - rapid assessment metrics on family level, detecting differences, biomonitoring, chironomid deformities, and water quality. She is in Costa Rica. John Havel, her advisor, received the award for her.

Web Site Committee - Steve Fischer

The Website has the newsletter and the chapter's history. The Rivers and Streams Committee will have a separate page. Tom Grohens is the new chair.

130th Annual Meeting Report - Ron Dent

The meeting will be at Adam's Mark Hotel. Monterey Meeting was attended to learn about the planning process. Last year 1900 registered. There are 41 symposia scheduled for the Hartford meeting. Chris Moffit, 1st VP, attended the meeting along with Julie Claussen. Steering Committee consists of the AFS President, AFS Staff, Programs Committee Chair, and Arrangements Committee chair. Chris Moffit toured the hotel. Her major concern is that we may need more space. Danny Brown is looking for more space (ASAP). We can consider St. Louis Convention Center. Metrolink is a good deal and should be considered in the arrangements. The theme is Reflections. There will be posters, through the year. We are early on considering symposia for the meeting. Two are already under consideration, a Mussel Symposia with 200-225 participants and the 25th Anniversary Black

Bass Symposia. Angler groups would be expected at the Black Bass Symposia.

The meeting yesterday had 35-40 people in attendance. The goal was to be innovative and decide who will do what.

Subcommittees:

Opening session, Symposia, Presentations, Posters, Tech/Equipment/Video or Satellite, Business Meeting, Continuing Education, Arrangements (19 Sub - 14 are chaired), Web Site - registration, Printing, AV

Planning is a learning process. We will see the manual for subcommittee descriptions. We need to write up meetings. We have an opportunity to have best meeting ever.

Other Chairs Reports - Non Agenda

Robin Tillitt - send her E-mail to COLFISH

Newsletter - If you aren't getting it, you need to update your address by contacting Warren Valenti.

New Business

AFS 2000 Campaign

It is a fund raiser for publications, communications, and infrastructure. Want contributions from corporations. They are trying to obtain a list of donors with a contact person. This is a coordinated effort. Contact Chris Vitello or Jim Czarnetzki if you know someone. There are four MO donors including Busch and Bass Pro. We need more.

Student Support Bass Tournament

Bill Anderson and several others are involved. The Entry Fee/Payback will be the same as last year. This year's tournament will be on April 11 at Table Rock Lake. There will be lots of prizes and 3 big bass prizes. This could be an annual event. Help is needed, please participate by helping distribute fliers for Bill Anderson. Students should challenge professionals to participate.

AFS Student Writing Contest

The objective is to communicate fish research to the general public. The deadline is Jan 15, 1999. Information was given to Dan Beckman.

Parent Society Strategic Planning Committee

We need to review the plan and look at milestones and time lines. Bob DiStefano will represent us at the Midwest and needs input from us quickly. March 13 is the deadline.

MOAFS 1997 Highlights & Future Challenges

These items were presented by Jim Czarnetzki.

New Brochure - Fund Raising.



Minutes (cont'd)

Web Site started.

A Watershed Conservation Project is to be initiated by 4 societies.

MOU w/ MO Watershed Info Network - which will enable us to cooperate with conferences, edits, etc.

Rivers and Streams Committee - MO Stream Improvement Manual and Final Version Animal Wastes Fact Sheet.

Voted a Draft Position on Mining.

Continuing Education Workshop on GIS.

Advocacy - President writes lots of letters, e.g. Topeka Shiner.

American Heritage River's Bills.

Supporting Advocacy to all chapters.

EPA Al Gore's Clean Water Initiative.

Funding MO River mitigation.

Environmental Management Program on the Upper Mississippi.

Prepared Opposition to Lead Mining.

Support of Teaming with Wildlife initiative.

Chris will continue with good budget, though he will work with restricted travel and funds. E-mail and conference calls will help with communication.

Presentation of Gavel to 1998 MoAFS President Chris Vitello

Presentation of The Past President's Plaque.

Recognition of "Others"

Jake Allman (FFA) last year coming

Trish Yasger Publicity

John Fantz Watershed Committee Ad Hoc

Steve Fischer FIN and Internet Web

Most chairs have stayed on.

New chair persons: Jim Czarnezki- Nominations Committee

Mary Palmer - Resolutions

Paul Cieslewicz - FIN

Bridgette Canaday made the cookies.

Bill Anderson will need help on tournament day. Students need to help Bill.

Three attendance prizes: Case Knife, Note-cards, The Last SMB shirt

We need a photographer for next year.

Chris is looking forward to the new year. Each of you should get involved. We made an effort to ask, they volunteered when we asked.

Motion to adjourn was made by Steve Fischer and seconded by John McPherson.

Meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.