

Minutes
Missouri Chapter of the American Fisheries Society
Governing Board Meeting
January 5th, 2006
USGS Offices, Columbia, MO

Respectfully submitted by: Sherry Fischer, Chapter Secretary

Members present: Duane Chapman, Chapter President; Vince Travnichek, President Elect; Dave Michaelson, Treasurer; Sherry Fischer, Secretary; John Fantz, Information Technology Chair; Tom Priesendorf, Rivers and Streams Committee Chair, Tom Boersig and Lacy Church, FASS Representatives.

Duane opened the meeting with apologies for conflicts that interfered with the upkeep of the newsletter and other job-related duties. He acknowledged a quorum was present.

Treasurer's Report – Dave Michaelson presented the attached report. Vince Travnichek made a motion to approve and the motion was seconded by Tom Priesendorf. The vote was approved by all.

Committee Reports –

Continuing Education – a report was sent in by Chair, Mike Smith who was not present. See attached report.

History – Chair, Joe Dillard, was not present but left notes. He has followed up on records and archives and is continuing to develop the Chapter history for the web site. Collecting, sorting, and filing of chapter records continues and they will eventually be on file with the Western Historical Manuscript Collection at the UMC Library for permanent storage. Duane brought up the idea of hiring a FASS student to help scan past items. This should be discussed with Joe. Vince would like to see a list of the past presidents and other officers on our web site. **Action item for Duane** is to ask Joe to provide us a list of all past officers to be placed on the web site. John Fantz suggested that a committee responsible for keeping track of committees and officers be added to the operations manual.

Rivers and Streams – Chair Tom Priesendorf reported that the committee met on September 21 in Sedalia. Items discussed included:

- The stream technical guide has almost all the chapters drafted except the one on legal issues. Bill Turner now has the document for review. Detailed editing is the next step.
- Bill Turner gave an update on streambank stabilization techniques including the need for new techniques and experimental techniques being developed.
- Updates were given on a catfish population dynamics study at MDC.

- The group discussed a request from Bob Hrabick for help in designing a fish ladder for Apple Creek in Perry County but it was felt that they didn't have the necessary expertise.
- Declining membership of the committee with several suggestions for improvements.
- Fish-friendly stream crossings.
- Bill Turner gave an update on Bagnall Dam relicensing.

Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences Society (FASS) – Tom Boersig (outgoing President) and Lacy Church (incoming President) gave involvement and activity updates including a Stream Team cleanup, attendance to an Intro Water Quality workshop, and attendance at a student colloquium. The group is also working to develop a management plan for Bob Distefano's new 5A pond.

Finance – Publicity information was received from Trish Yasger in regards to the MNRC. People are needed to help at the booth. Members including Vince and Tory Mason have been soliciting items for the silent auction and raffle. Duane brought up the idea of again providing funds to help FASS attend the conference if they help with the booth or another conference assignment.

Information Technology – Chair, John Fantz requested \$725.95 for the 2006 budget year. No newsletter has gone out yet this year but John still has hopes of getting one on the web before the conference. Voting will be activated next week. Electronic ballot will be needed in the spring for changes in bylaws. The bylaws should be posted before the annual meeting so people can review but vote in the spring. **Action item for Duane** – get reports from other members who aren't present and share with Sherry Fischer so she can include them in the minutes.

Legislative and Environmental Concerns - Brian Canaday has withdrawn. Duane met with Doyle Childers on some issues and has notes from this meeting if anyone is interested. Duane prepared a final report for the Committee which is attached.

Old Business –

MoAFS logo – those volunteering to submit ideas haven't and Vince will follow up with them.

New Business –

Duane gave reports on the Annual Meeting and NDC Meeting. See attached reports.

2006 budget – Vince Travnichek, President Elect. The attached proposed budget will be voted on at the Annual Meeting. John Fantz made a motion to proceed in writing a check to FASS for \$650.00 to cover their attendance to the MNRC. Motion was seconded by Vince Travnichek and approved by all.

John Fantz challenged all Governing Board members to find raffle and silent auction items as well as new members.

Student Colloquium – NCD may have funds available to help support a student colloquium. Vince is working on one that will occur in Illinois this spring.

Updates to the Bylaws were discussed. Support was expressed for Duane's proposed changes. He will finish the changes and John will post on the web site before the MNRC.

Operations Manual Update – updates are needed because of time and technology changes. As Past President, Duane will work to make these updates and provide recommendations.

Agenda recommendations were made for the upcoming Annual Meeting.

Vince discussed that one of his goals is to see MoAFS meeting with other sates some instead of at the MNRC. He will be working angles on this.

John led further discussions and expressed concerns on not having a newsletter. The possibilities of an electronic message board on the web site. Action item: Vince will approach Matt Matheney to see if he has any interest in working on the newsletter again. Concerns about member apathy were also expressed. Vince plans to give a motivating speech at the Annual Meeting.

Tom Priesendorf made a motion to adjourn, Vince seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

MoAFS Governing Board Meeting 10-30-06 Resource Science Center, Columbia, MO

In attendance: President Vince Travnichek, Past President Duane Chapman, President Elect Brian Canaday, Treasurer Darren Thornhill, Secretary Sherry Fischer, Suzanne Femmer, Mary Scott, and Joe Dillard.

Treasurer's Report (Darren Thornhill) – A copy of the Treasurer's report is at the end of the minutes. Updates were given and Darren made several recommendations to consolidate accounts. Motion was made to close the Type 03 account and Type 75 and move funds that correspond. Darren has the flexibility to move money as needed when writing checks so as to allow the most accrument of interest. The motion was seconded by Joe Dillard and passed.

Discussion took place on an email sent by Paul Kanehl regarding a supposed pledge of \$300 for speakers at the Midwest Monitoring Symposium. None of the officers has any recollection of this pledge and it was determined our money would be better spent on our own student colloquium and in-state gatherings.

There was also a brief discussion about award funds that need to be submitted to the parent society. We support these efforts through the parent society and reimburse funding.

Duane proposed that all incoming Presidents provide an electronic copy of their budget to make it easier for future presidents to develop their own budget. This requirement will be added to the Operations Manual. Darren proposed an electronic system used by both the President and the Treasurer. Each check written could be accounted for within the budget. Duane agreed to develop the verbiage to cover this addition to the Operations Manual.

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Darren also proposed that we have an internal audit each time we change Treasurers. This also needs to be added to the Operations Manual. Audits should be initiated every two years by the outgoing treasurer. Then the report is received by the new Treasurer and shared with the ExComm.

Committee Reports

Disabled Angler (Mary Scott): This year's fishing clinic was held for 83 disabled anglers. It was cold and windy but there were many good experiences. One boy arrived early, caught his first fish that day and stayed all day even after the clinic was over! Mary gave him a Zebco to keep and some extra worms to keep him busy. Also bought him a new pole after the event. He will be an angler for life. Presented his 1st fish certificate with the agent at his school. The Clinic will continue in 2007 in Rolla. It is held in September at the Rolla Lions Club. Independent Living, the State Home, and local school participate.

Mary would like to purchase more Zebcos for give-aways and a banner for the event to give MoAFS credit. Brian agreed to include these items in his proposed budget.

Membership (Suzanne Femmer): Membership sits at 158 according to our records. There is still some discrepancy with the parent society's records that she is working to sort out. She is also still trying to get a list of life members. Membership numbers are slightly down. Suzanne is trying to contact old members who haven't paid their dues. Brian would like to contact previous members with a hard copy letter to invite them to rejoin.

Awards (rep. not present): Chris Vitello has sent out information and has received a couple of nominations. Brian encouraged everyone to put together a nomination.

Historian (Joe Dillard): Joe is working to organize records. 50 Year Anniversary is 7 years away. He would like to replace the set of historical records for the website that was once there but is no longer and eventually transfer all of our records to the Western Historical Manuscript Collection for protection.

Legislative and Environmental Actions (Duane Chapman): Duane is stepping down as chair of this committee. His full report can be found in the Fall 2007 newsletter on the website. In general, he reported that he (and whoever the incoming chairman is) will need help with representation and feels strongly that one person cannot continue to cover all of our interests. We ARE an important part of keeping these bills from passing (ie gravel mining). Brian is working to find a replacement. Jeff Finley may accept. Mark Zurbrick was also mentioned as a possibility. Vince suggested that the Chapter provide travel reimbursement for representatives to attend meetings and hearings. There is very short notice when these occur.

Duane added that the Asian carp comment period is open and he will draft a letter for Vince's signature.

Publicity (rep not present): Trish Yasger is handling booth space, etc. for MNRC. We should be in our most recent traditional corner location.

Rivers and Streams (rep not present): A summer meeting was held. The group is working on a discussion panel on stream advocacy for the MNRC. Duane made a motion to help cover the expenses of registration fees and rooms for speakers that request assistance as well as additional microphones for panel members. The motion was seconded by Brian and passed.

Student Support: Currently no chair for this committee. The person that agreed to cover had to pull out. Travis Moore is not interested. Other possibilities that were voiced were Chris Riggert, Chris Kennedy, or Chris Williamson.

Zach Blevins, President for FASS at MU sent Vince an email report (attached).

Brian proposed a speakers bureau for the FASS.

Student Subunit (rep not present): Vince has a brief report from FASS's president. Please contact Vince if you are interested.

Old Business:

Bylaws – Duane led a discussion on changes to the bylaws. He will send out the latest version for another vote because several worth-while comments came in late. Joe Dillard volunteered to help take a leadership role in making these updates.

Operations Manual – Another recommended change is for the President to appoint a liaison to CFM including providing funding for them to attend the annual and board meetings. MoAFS has a seat on the board now because of our status as an affiliate. Changes to the Disabled Angler section were discussed. Mary will work on reconstructing this verbiage.

Vince shared the new winning logo with us. It can be viewed on the website.

New Business:

Ideas were discussed to get MoAFS more visible and increase membership and involvement. Everyone in attendance agreed that there is a need to make the chapter a larger part of what we're doing daily. Ideas discussed included:

- Addition of an option to receive a paper newsletter
- Publishing information on what our money has been spent on and supported (not just announced at the annual meeting)

A long discussion was held on fund raising. Items were recommended for raffle at the MNRC as well as a boost in silent auction items. Brian will be working to pursue these ideas.

Newsletter – Everyone in attendance felt comfortable with the newsletter coming out two times per year. A consistent format is needed either web based or pdf, not both. Also need to consider possible expansion to printable hardcopy to increase outreach.

Sherry made a proposal to consider changing the name of the newsletter from The Redd to something more indicative of Missouri. Brian agreed to pursue this. Ideas should be submitted to him. Before the meeting adjourned the following suggestions were made: Fishhead Stew, Making Waves, Reflections, Lateral Lines.

The following members have agreed to run for upcoming office:

President – Mike Kruse and Travis Moore

Secretary – Tory Mason

Lots of other potential candidates were discussed.

Duane made everyone aware that we can have a list serve run through the parent society if we wish. They will be the foundation and do the upkeep, etc. through their website.

Brian has reserved a room at the MNRC for the annual meeting.

Awards for outgoing officers need to be ordered through the AFS web site. Brian will handle.

Brian motioned to adjourn with a second from Darren. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Report 10/30/2006 for 1/01/2006-9/30/2006

Account	Beginning Balance	Expenses	Deposits	Dividends	Ending Balance
General Fund Accounts:					
Share--Type 00	\$ 30.26	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.38	\$ 30.64
Share--Type 03	\$ 0.06	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.06
Checking--Type 70	\$ 7,972.79	\$2,490.64	\$1,918.89	\$ 59.62	\$ 7,460.63
Premier Share Draft--Type 75	\$ 66.27	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.50	\$ 66.77
Share Certificate 11	\$ 6,275.79	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 175.13	\$ 6,450.92
Share Certificate 13	\$ 6,240.07	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 174.74	\$ 6,414.81
Share Certificate 15	\$ 6,219.69	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 171.50	\$ 6,391.19
Share Certificate 17	\$ 6,169.27	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 183.60	\$ 6,352.87
TOTAL	\$ 32,943.94	\$2,490.64	\$1,918.89	\$ 765.09	\$ 33,137.23
Student Support Accounts:					
Share--Type 02	\$ 2,098.55	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25.88	\$ 2,124.43
Share Certificate 10	\$ 17,280.10	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 490.93	\$ 17,771.03
Share Certificate 12	\$ 12,867.22	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 363.56	\$ 13,230.78
Share Certificate 14	\$ 12,825.18	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 353.64	\$ 13,178.82
Share Certificate 16	\$ 12,652.23	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 376.53	\$ 13,028.76
TOTAL	\$ 57,723.28	\$ -	\$ -	\$1,610.54	\$ 59,333.82