

**MINUTES
MISSOURI CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY
45th ANNUAL MEETING**

**February 2, 2006
Tan-Tar-A Lodge
Osage Beach, Missouri**

Call to Order and Quorum: Secretary Sherry Fischer

Welcome/Introductions/Announcements: President Duane Chapman

Recognition: Duane Chapman

Past Presidents of the International AFS: Joe Dillard and Lee Redmond
Past Presidents of the NCD AFS: Joe Dillard, Pam Haviland (not present) and
Steve Fischer
Past Presidents of the Missouri Chapter AFS
Chapter committee chairs

Awards: Letters of Recognition

1. Betty Cook Rottmann and family for their 15 years of dedication to the Leroy Rottmann Kids Fishing Clinic in Columbia Missouri.
2. Darren Thornhill for his commitment and dedication as MoAFS MRCN Treasurer.

2005 Business meeting minutes: Secretary Sherry Fischer – no discussion; accepted and approved

Treasurer's Report: Dave Michaelson – no discussion; accepted and approved

Committee Reports

Nominating: Election Results: Vince Travnichek announced that the newly elected Treasurer is Darren Thornhill and President Elect is Brian Canaday.

Anglers with Disabilities: Mary Palmer reported that "A Day at the Ol' Fishing Hole" was held on September 24th at the Rolla Lions Club Park Lake. Sponsors were MoAFS, Missouri Department of Conservation, Wild Turkey Federation's Wheeling Sportsman, and Choices for People Center. Over 50 fish were caught, educational information was distributed, and a BBQ was held after the event.

Chapter Historian: Past Presidents and current officers are now listed on the web site. Send Joe Dillard any information that needs to be archived and he will handle it. He has records back to 1963. Photos would be especially appreciated.

Continuing Education: See Mike Smith's attached report.

Finance: Vince Travnichek presented his proposed budget for 2006. Some discussion followed on proposed deficit spending. John Fantz and Mike Smith reminded the group that this is only projected income. Soliciting new members, more donations and chapter sponsored workshops

are some additional ways to raise more funds. Vote – passed.

Information Technology: John Fantz reported on work being done to overcome email notification problems. An email will go out in March – watch for it and if you do not receive this email, let John know. The email will be posted on the web site as well so everyone knows it has gone out.

Legislative and Environmental Concerns: See attached report submitted by Duane Chapman.

Membership: 102 (Mo chapter members) + 64 (Parent Society and Mo members)

is our membership level. Suzanne Femmer discussed disconnect in Parent Society reports on Mo membership. She will continue to work on this problem. Please email Suzanne from our web page (her email address is listed there) if you are a Parent Society member and your 2006 dues have been paid so she can check on your Missouri status.

MNRC Steering: Andy Austin reports that there were 801 conference registrants and 1035 in total attendance. Andy also expressed appreciation for the MRCN steering committee members and all their hard work.

Publicity: Trish Yasger reported that \$540 came in from silent auction. Special thanks for Tory Mason for soliciting donations. Mark Van Patten has agreed to help secure donations in the future.

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. The committee is determined to finish this project.
- 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.

Presentation by Dave Murphy, Conservation Federation of Missouri: Dave expressed his thanks for all the work of MoAFS and our level of affiliation with CFM. Missouri's Fisheries expertise sets us above many other states. Dave's predecessor, Ed Stegner, desired to establish an undergraduate scholarship for each of the various societies. The first five of these scholarships will be awarded next month at the annual CFM meeting. He encourages our society to help in the selection of potential students each year. Dave is helping to represent the New Citizens Committee for the renewal of Soils, Water, and State Parks. Legislation passed to automatically renew this sales tax every ten years. This campaign will be different because signatures won't be solicited but we must still encourage support for "yes" votes for this vital tax. Voting will be in August or November at the Governor's discretion.

Presentation by Matt ?, fund-raiser for the College of Agriculture and School of Natural Resources Alliance. He expressed thanks for previous support (\$1000) and asked for more support in

the future from the Society or from Mizzou alumni in the audience. He appreciates that we're on the same team working to raise money for natural resources. He reported on recent funding successes and explained how that funding is being used.

Old Business

Bylaws: Several updates have been made and sent out by email and posted on the web site. Updated version will be posted after next week to incorporate all changes. 30 days from then, membership will have an opportunity to vote. Some discussion followed on the proposed changes. Duane will take comments by email until early next week. Please vote on these changes when you receive notification. Issues discussed included: membership of FASS members, Liason to CFM, Resolutions Committee removed, Committee Chairs to be members of parent Society, Student Subunit voting in Gov. Board (already in op manual), Student Subunits are members with no additional dues, Mention Operations Manual in Bylaws, Include list and descriptions of Committees, Remove references to nonexistent bodies (parent society EXCOM) and gender-based words (e.g. Chairman changed to Chair).

Student Colloquium (Vince Travnichek): Will be held in Illinois in the fall. See Vince for more information.

MoAFS logo discussed. Past proposals were reviewed which would make the logo more Missouri focused. Motion was made to put the three choices on the web site for a vote. This vote will take place the same time as the vote on the bylaws. Greg Stoner will update rough drawings so good electronic versions are available to post.

New Business

Report on NDC meeting: see attached notes from this meeting submitted by Duane Chapman.

Operations Manual needs updating: Duane volunteered to lead this effort, updates will be approved by the Governing Board.

Announce Asian Carp Symposium August 22-23 in Peoria Illinois: see Duane for more information. Also information in electronic attachment to these notes.

Other Business

T-shirts for sale at booth: Trish Yasger asked if MoAFS would donate the left over shirts that are not selling to "Kids Fishing and You" in Sedalia. Motion and second were received and the vote passed.

Passing the Presidency to Vince Travnichek; past President's plaque to Duane Chapman; past Treasurer's plaque to Dave Michaelson.

Closing Comments and Meeting Adjourned: Incoming President Vince Travnichek made several announcements including the need for Chairs for the Awards, Legislative and Environmental Concerns, and Newsletter committees. Vince shared a poem, encouraging words, and challenges for the future. Motion and second was received to adjourn; vote passed.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sherry Fischer, Chapter Secretary.