

MINUTES
MISSOURI CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY
44th ANNUAL MEETING (confirmed by initial bylaws referenced in 1963-Joe Dillard)

February 1, 2007
Tan-Tar-A Lodge
Osage Beach, Missouri

Call to Order and Quorum: Secretary Sherry Fischer

Welcome/Introductions/Announcements: President Vince Travnichek

Tom Preisendorf, Rivers and Streams Committee Chair, announced that the committee's winter meeting will be held immediately following today's business meeting.

Recognition: Vince Travnichek

Past Presidents of the International AFS: Joe Dillard
Past Presidents of the NCD AFS: Joe Dillard and Pam Haverland
Past Presidents of the Missouri Chapter AFS – several in attendance and moment of silence for deceased

Past President (1965 – 1966; second Chapter President) Jim Kahrs.
Chapter Committee Chairs also recognized.

Special Presentation: Ron Dent led presentation of antique hatching jar from Jim Kahrs' family for his efforts in making the chapter what it is today. The jar was presented to MoAFS and MDC (accepted by Steve Eder) and it will be displayed in one of the MDC hatcheries nature centers. Pete Kahrs expressed his appreciation.

Awards:

Letters of Recognition

1. Bill Ambrose – for his efforts and enhanced stream management on a Miller County property and improvements to Little Tavern Creek and surrounding watershed.
2. Mike Bartig, James Hendler, and Vince Fitzgerald – for efforts to promote outdoor learning at Kirksville Middle School.
3. Conservation Federation of Mo scholarship recommended for Tom Boersig.

2006 Business meeting minutes: Secretary Sherry Fischer – no discussion; motion made to accept by Ron Dent, seconded by Matt Matheney. Accepted and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Darren Thornhill – no discussion; Motion to accept by Brian Canaday, seconded by Duane Chapman. Accepted and approved.

Committee Reports

Nominating: Election Results: Duane Chapman announced that the newly elected Secretary is Phil Pitts and President Elect is Mike Kruse.

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Anglers with Disabilities: Mary Scott – annual tri-county fishing clinic will be September 15 at the Rolla Lion's Club. Volunteers are needed. Money from last year's budget was used to replace equipment of a handicapped angler who had her fishing equipment stolen. The committee will be looking for similar uses of funds this year.

Chapter Historian: Joe Dillard – "History is Happening".

Continuing Education: Vacant – if you're interested, contact Brian Canaday.

Information Technology: John Fantz not present. Web site updates will continue.

Legislative and Environmental Concerns: Duane Chapman reported that Jeff Finley may be taking his place. Involvement has continued in gravel mining issues as opportunities arise. Updates can be found on the Chapter's web site. Those that helped testify throughout the year were recognized.

Membership: Suzanne Femmer reminded members to renew their dues if they haven't already.

MNRC Steering: Brian Canaday reported for Mike Smith. Near record attendance this year, numbers are still being tabulated. Our Chapter will again host in 2010 and Mike Smith will lead. He is looking for volunteers for all committees.

Student Support: Vacant – if you're interested, contact Brian Canaday.

Newsletter : Matt Matheny will continue newsletter in 2007; he will contact committee chairs by email for reports. If anyone has items to contribute, contact Matt.

FASS : Tom Boersig -2007 has about 20 active members dedicated to this year's activities. They expressed their thanks for our support.

Publicity: Trish Yasger – Silent Auction raised \$651.00. Raffle tickets are still being sold and the drawing will be held tonight at the award's banquet. Money raised by raffle has been a success but has not yet been totaled.

Rivers and Streams : Tom Preisendorf - MOU has been drawn up with MDC for the completion of the Stream Guide. Completed edition will be available on the web site. Agreement runs through June 30, 2008. Gold star achievement!

Stream Advocacy workshop will be held tomorrow in Salon C. Ange Corson has led the coordination of this workshop. The committee wanted to enhance the ability of citizens to become active advocates for Missouri streams. The panel will feature relevant experiences and examples for the audience. This type of workshop is hoped to become an annual event to promote stream education topics and provide visibility for the R&S Committee.

Finance: Brian Canaday's proposed an aggressive budget for 2007. Focus on student support, anglers with disabilities, angler recruitment, in an effort to help the Chapter become more active. Joe Dillard made a motion to approve, seconded by Scott Voney. Discussion followed on interest proposed to be used from the student support account. Several members reminded the group that this interest is not to be touched until the account reaches \$100,000. This will be adjusted in Brian's budget as needed; only general fund interest will be used. Duane Chapman made a motion that we accept the budget with proposed changes, Gary Novinger seconded, vote successfully passed.

Old Business

New logo - was chosen by Chapter vote and a 3:1 margin. Special thanks to Greg Stoner for creating the artwork for the logo. Steve Eder encouraged caps, t-shirts, etc. with this logo to be available for purchase.

Bylaws – updates were voted on and approved in October, 2006, but changes still need to be made. Vince Travnichek will work with Joe Dillard in getting revisions out for a vote.

Student Colloquium – Although no event transpired during 2006, Vince is still looking at examples in other states and possibilities for similar efforts in Missouri. Western Illinois University may be a location for a fall 2007 event.

Student Subunits – Vince was contact by MSU and UCM with an interest in formation of a student subunit. Such groups must have a set of bylaws approved by our chapter and board members must be members of the state Chapter.

Procedures Manual Update – Joe Dillard and Duane Chapman are working on updates to this manual. Joe, with the help of Vince Travnichek, will continue this effort.

New Business

Report on NCD meeting: Vince Travnichek attended the meeting. Items of interest include promotion of the Joan Duffy Travel Award. NCD helps to provide funding for this award which provides travel money annually for one student. Also discussed was the Finsky award, \$500 award for Fisheries student in the Midwest for attendance to Midwest Conferences. AFS Chapter of hosting state for the Midwest was expected to donate the \$500 the year their state hosted the conference. However Vince proposed that our Chapter donate \$50 annually so when Missouri hosted, our \$500 would be paid and we would not be hit as hard financially every tenth year. Vince will check with the NCD to see if this works for them.

Bylaws: Due to the fact that Joe Dillard and Duane Chapman have continued to review the Bylaws and because comments came back in after the comment date, further changes are being proposed. Changes include the addition of objectives, definitions of membership and membership requirements, life and honorary membership opportunities, executive committee, electronic voting, etc. Members can review the proposed changes when they are sent out by email. Opportunity for comment will be provided prior to another vote is taken. 2/3 majority is needed for approval.

Passing the Presidency to Brian Canaday. Vince shared comments and advice to Brian as incoming President.

Past President's plaque was presented to Vince Travnichek; Past Secretary's plaque to Sherry Fischer.

Closing Comments and Meeting Adjourned: Incoming President Brian Canaday shared challenges including increased advocacy involvement, angler recruitment, growth in

membership, and student support. "Expect excellence and you'll be amazed at what you can achieve". Challenge for each member to do at least one thing for the Chapter and see where that puts us, we will all be rewarded.

Darren Thornhill made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Craig Fuller. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sherry Fischer, Chapter Secretary.