

**Minutes of the
Missouri Chapter of the American Fisheries Society
Governing Board Meeting
March 21, 2008
Waters House, Columbia, MO**

Respectfully submitted by: Phillip Pitts, Secretary

Members present: Mike Kruse, President; Brian Canaday, Past President (called away during a portion of the meeting because of job duties); Kenda Flores, President-elect; Mary Scott, Treasurer; Phillip Pitts, Secretary; Jennifer Guyot, Student Support Chair; Joe Dillard, Historian.

Old Business

Sale of Donated Items

The board considered whether MoAFS should sell donated items on our website. Kenda will discuss this with John Fantz. The website sales would be in addition to the silent auction held at the Missouri Natural Resources Conference. Questions to consider: Will this increase the number of visitors to our website? Would we need a photo of each item? What quality of photo is required? Do we want to price each item or sell by auction? How long should we leave an item for sale? Who will administer the auction/sale?

Agenda/By-Laws/Committees

Mike distributed an agenda (attached). He stated that he plans to have quarterly excom meetings. He apologized for only inviting the elected officers to the present meeting; he thought that was what he was supposed to do.

Mike stated that the new by-laws need to be placed on the MoAFS website. Mike will contact Vince Travnichek to make sure the latest/correct version is posted and contact John Fantz regarding posting to the website.

Joe Dillard is working on revising the operations manual and the responsibilities of and guidelines for the committee chairs/committees. When he completes the draft document, he will circulate the draft and ask for comments. Mike said he has named chairs for all committees but wants to check if the chairs plan to be active.

Transfer of Funds between Accounts

The board reviewed minutes from the annual business meeting and confirmed that Mary was given authority to transfer \$20,000 from certificates of deposit to the Student Support Trust Fund as the certificates reach their anniversary dates. Mike and Mary will do this.

AFS-NEOS Student Support Travel Fund

The board unanimously approved MoAFS donating \$150 (the same amount MoAFS donated last year) to support students traveling to the National AFS annual meeting.

Life Membership

In a discussion of life memberships, it was noted that the previous by-laws regarding these memberships were vague and that the current by-laws are clear. Consideration was given to the initial dues for a life membership. It was established at \$100 by unanimous consensus of the Governing Board. Joe Dillard paid \$100 immediately and asked to be noted as the #1 MoAFS life member. The Governing Board considered whether to earmark the life membership dues for the Student Support Trust Fund. It was decided to do so for this year and to decide whether to do this on a yearly basis. There was a consensus of the board that it is a good idea to issue a special name tag that identifies the life members of MoAFS at the Missouri Natural Resource Conference/MoAFS Annual Meeting.

Awards Committee

The board considered a draft document submitted by Chris Vitello that was developed by Chris, Shannon Brewer, and Harold Kerns (attached). The document proposed revisions in the MoAFS awards process. These documents will be considered at the June 2008 excom meeting.

Shoal Creek COA Kickoff

The Shoal Creek COA Kickoff will be held May 27, 2008. Mike will ask Rick Horton or another member in the area to represent MoAFS at this event.

Direct Appeal Fundraising

Mike reported that his direct appeal fundraising had a good response. Mike will send a letter thanking those that donated.

New Business

June Meeting

The June meeting will be held on the 20th at 9:30 am at Waters House. Phil Pitts reserved Waters House for the meeting.

AFS National Meeting Proposal

AFS National approached MoAFS about hosting the national meeting in 2012. Leadership of the Missouri Department of Conservation has indicated that 2012 is too close to the last national meeting MoAFS hosted (2002) and the Department could not support this. Mike will send a letter declining the privilege of hosting the 2012 national meeting.

Attendance at National Meeting

The MoAFS Operational Manual states the MoAFS President should attend the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference and the American Fisheries Society Annual Meeting. Joe suggested that MoAFS should be represented by a member that is going to these meetings anyway. Mike will arrange for an attending member to represent MoAFS or he will send a written report.

Silver and Golden Memberships

Management of Silver and Golden Memberships was discussed. No action was taken and this will be considered at the June 2008 meeting along with the proposed revisions of the MoAFS awards process.

University of Central Missouri Student Subunit

Jennifer Guyot distributed the By-Laws and a list of the elected officers of the proposed UCM subunit (attached). The board discussed whether MoAFS should give subunits money to help the subunits get started. There was a consensus that MoAFS should support subunits. Jennifer reported that Missouri State University has also applied for subunit status. Jennifer will coordinate the documentation. National AFS will authorize subunit status after MoAFS authorizes it. Jennifer will invite the reps of the MoAFS subunits to our next governing board meeting. The University of Missouri Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences Society (MU FASS) is considered an official subunit but there is no documentation. Jennifer will correspond with MU FASS to complete the documentation.

Student Support Trust Fundraising

The recollection of the Governing Board was that the trust fund was started with the intent of accumulating \$100,000 and then using the trust fund's annual proceeds to support students. There was some uncertainty as to whether the funds were to be for student research projects, scholarships, etc. Mike suggested that we start an adhoc committee to make a plan for spending the funds available. Mike reported that after MoAFS transfers \$20,000 from certificates of deposit to the Student Support Trust Fund, the fund only needs \$17,000 to reach the goal of \$100,000. The board discussed how to raise the \$17,000. We discussed a raffle and a banquet. The consensus of the board was that we should work on the details of a raffle now and start selling tickets in June. The consensus for the raffle prize is a \$1000 Bass Pro Shops Gift Certificate. The board considered whether the tickets should be \$100 per ticket with a plan to sell 170 tickets or \$1 per ticket with a plan to sell 17,000 tickets. The board also considered whether to give a life membership to any member that purchases a \$100 ticket or that sells 100 \$1 tickets.

Trolling Motors

The board considered several trolling motors that someone donated. MoAFS has had the motors for some time. The board agreed that we should sell the trolling motors. Mike will ask John Fantz about selling them on MoBay.

Increasing Membership Activity

The board considered how to connect with the Missourians in the aquaculture business. Perhaps we should start an aquaculture committee. Mike will contact Bart Hascroft about this. Perhaps we should start a hobby aquarium committee. Brian Canaday will contact Mike Helwig about this. Joe will locate an old Missouri Aquatic Directory. Perhaps we could update the directory.

The meeting was adjourned.