

2012-2013

MINUTES OF THE
MISSOURI CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY

October 12, 2012

MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS, SPRNGFIELD, MO

Attendees:

President Wes ^{Swee} Moore		
Past-President Travis Moore	Jason Persinger	Jennifer Girondo (Jen)
Secretary Melissa Scheperle	Mike Siepker	Andy Turner
Hope Dodd	Brad Farwell	Joe McMullen
Myranda Clark (MSU subunit)		Treasurer Jennifer Campbell-Allison (via telephone)

Introductions and Welcome:

President Wes Swee opened the meeting with a summary of the meeting agenda.

Treasurer's Report

Jennifer covered the budget. In general, Jennifer said that no payments have been made for computers or software upgrade and that several other items were over budget. Also, the chapter insurance and Conservation Federation have been paid.

There was much discussion regarding the student support trust fund (SSTF) share certificate that matures in November and what to do with it. Choices ranged from 12 month, 24 month and 48 month CDs and money market account. None of these have great rates right now. It was decided that rates will be reviewed again, closer to maturity date.

2013 budget – There is \$1318.73 for SSTF plus \$100 donation based on income and unspent money.

Jennifer covered the amounts in the general savings and checking accounts and SSTF general saving and checking accounts. See Treasurer's Report.

Student Support Report

Jen introduced MSU sub-unit President Myranda Clark.

Myranda summarized what the sub-unit has been working on including increasing membership and fundraising. They scheduled a "get-to-know each other" hike and are working on electro-fishing, watershed work, and going to MNRC next year. They are developing their constitution and have recently been successful at being recognized by MSU as an official student organization and can collect dues. The subunit is collecting dues in November when the checking account is set up. They have one meeting a month and every other meeting will rotate between logistics and a speaker or event.

Wes and others suggested a trivia night and explained the process. These are very popular with all age groups.

Hope Dodd suggested that the sub-unit assist with the raffle at MNRC and a portion of proceeds go back to the sub-unit.

Jason suggested a separate student support (SS) raffle from the regular raffle with separate items. This would encourage students to sell tickets and half would go back to them and half to the SSTF. Jason is

looking for ideas for raffle items. He suggested that Jen send out an email to the sub-units for ideas that students would be interested in buying tickets for.

Jen suggested having a booth outside of BassPro to sell raffle tickets manned by the students.

Jason will work on a plan and who to contact at BassPro.

Wes said they could look into donations by WalMart – maybe a larger item.

Fundraising

Jason gave out the budget and a list of needs for 2013. Chapter awards increased to \$300, and he raffle items increased in costs to \$300 each, 4 items total. Jason needs to add Arkansas travel for AFS National Meeting in 2013.

50th Anniversary – Jason thought we could do dinner after the meeting but before the desert banquet.

Pint glass, plaques and pins

Plaques and wooden pin for 50 year members

Pins for 25 year members

Pint glass with 2 side design - \$2/glass and sell for \$7/glass

The glass design may be ready in the spring and folks can reserve a glass prior to having the order. Jason asked the group how we get information on who has been a member for 25 or 50 years?

MNRC silent auction items budget is higher than normal but we may use the items donated by Wal-Mart for this. Donations would help to lower expenses.

Jennifer said the MNRC 2012 raffle brought in \$590, the silent auction brought in \$251 and dues brought in \$1,920.

Jason suggested going back to the \$2/ticket or \$6/10 tickets or something similar. The bigger raffle items for tickets would help people justify spending more on tickets. A \$250 VISA card vs \$100 VISA card.

The fishing package and guided day with a rod/reel all in one prize.

We need a member to volunteer to be a guide for a day.

(Email traffic since the meeting has modified some of this.)

Jennifer asked about T-shirts discussed at previous meetings. Jason said the t-shirts never work out. John Fantz was doing some of that but no one has heard what happened to that topic. Jason or Wes will follow up with John.

Jen asked about the Fenske award. It is a \$500 match that is not in the budget. We had originally allotted \$50 each year to total the \$500 at year 5 since it was needed every 5 years.

Jason will add that to the budget. The SS is supposed to cover all awards so we may want to take this out of regular budget. This is the reason for the raffle to cover some of these other awards/travel.

Jen says the Duffey could come out of SSTF and replace with Fenske. The Duffey is a max of \$200 so we could reduce to \$100.

Travis encouraged Jen to decide what she wants to spend her SSTF budget on and stick with it.

Jen spent her 2012 budget. She will need to write a \$200 check for the Duffey recipient going to the Kansas conference. Jen wants to keep the Duffey Award at \$200 and not reduce the amount. The Duffey award needs a committee developed to judge applicants since it is gaining more interest. She would like to find out who other Duffey award winners were in the past to post them on the website. She will contact **North Central Conference....** since they match the award winners.

Disabled Angler

Mary Scott was not present and there was no report.

Wes brought up the Fishing for Freedom issues that came up via email a month or so ago. He asked, should this be included in the disabled angler's events?

Jason thought they wanted volunteers more than money. **Wes will contact Warrensburg SS to see if they helped.**

Rivers and Stream Report

Mary Culler was not present but sent a report.

Travis thought we could probably give up one of our free rooms to Mary's speaker and Wes suggested to give the speaker \$100 for travel. Jennifer said there is \$150 left in the budget to cover the \$100.

Membership Report (see attached)

Mike reported that there are 277 members for 2012 (90 student members and 53 lifetime). If you pay chapter dues through the parent, the chapter gets more of the money.

Legislative and Environmental Concerns Report

Mark was not present and there was nothing to report.

Awards/Nominations

Travis wants potential nominees for President elect and secretary. Melissa will run again for secretary. Nominees for the Chapter awards (Funk, Citizen, etc) is also needed.

IT Report

Joe needs biographies by Thanksgiving for nominees. Andrew has been working with Kat on the website.

November 30th is the deadline for items for the newsletter.

MNRC 2012

Clint was not present but sent his report.

Wes will talk to Clint about the number of comp rooms available.

Travis will send the Operations Manual to Clint and Wes. Clint should know whether the 501c was official.

Wes said the President's will have a meeting before the plenary to close old operations and start new with the revisions to the Operations Manual.

Publicity

Trish was not present but sent a report. See report.

2013 Midwest AFS Meeting

Brad and Andy asked about getting continuing education credits and workshop topics.

Hope said other states will be more interested in the continuing education credits than Missouri resource employees.

Travis said to key the workshop into something else going on. He suggested to talk to the guy running other conference workshops to get ideas. He also suggested talking to Mike Smith. Expenses are usually small to run a workshop. The cost for attendees can run between \$100 - \$150.

Brad asked about the time period to run the workshop. Travis suggested between 4-6 hours depending on the topic.

General Discussion

Wes had a sponsorship request from Arkansas national conference. Jason has some money budgeted for this. There is no dollar amount yet.

Wes had a request to review a northern pike book if anyone was interested. Travis said Craig Fuller is a good person to ask.

Wes mentioned the Director's office wants comments or feedback on particular topics. The crayfish and grasslands letter was appreciated and well done.

Discussion topics should be posted on the website for these types of issues.

Jason proposed that MoAFS have a trivia night as a fundraiser.

MoBASS has contacted MoAFS about a fishing tournament for a fundraiser. They want to know by January if we want to do this. **The topic will be put on the agenda for the 2013 MoAFS meeting as a potential fundraiser in 2014 and work on getting sponsorships.**