

**MINUTES OF THE
MISSOURI CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY**

November 10, 2011

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-COLUMBIA CAMPUS, COLUMBIA, MO

Attendees:

President Travis Moore	Treasurer Jason Persinger	Jennifer Girondo
Secretary Melissa Scheperle	Mark Zurbrick	Sarah Ettinger-Dietzel
Kenda Flores	Andrew Branson	Mike Siepker
John Fantz	Mary Scott	Craig Paukert (MU)
Kyle Winders	Joe McMullen	Jacob Westhoff
Mary Culler	Wes Swee	Trish Yaeger
DeAnna Anglin (FASS)	Chelsea Ballard (FASS)	

Introductions and Welcome:

President Travis Moore welcomed everyone at 10:00am and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Treasurers Report:

Jason passed around the status of accounts. The outgoing expenses are running normal and there are no surprises.

The students support account has about \$800 to carry over to 2012. We have awarded the one \$500 achievement award in 2011.

We are in good shape in 2012. Jason's goal was to have 24 month certificates where 3 come due each year. Interest rates are really going down in these certificates compared to the money market. There was a general consensus in the room to leave the 6th one in the money market for now. The first certificate matures in July. Travis asked if everyone agreed, all said yes.

Jason reiterated that we still have student support money to spend.

Fundraising:

Wes is working on getting gifts for MNRC picked out. He has four gift suggestions: 1. Kindle Fire, runs about \$199. 2. \$100 visa gift card. 3. Olympus or Panasonic Digital camera – waterproof, runs about \$260-\$280. 4. Arizona trip.

Wes thinks he needs to budget about \$600 plus \$50 for supplies/tickets. Last year we budgeted \$750 and made about \$1040 net. John Fantz wants to make sure we “pre-sell” tickets and make a big marketing effort. Travis suggests pick out the items, post them to the website, pre-sell tickets with the specials, possibly have a 1st night MNRC special on tickets, and work on a way to make sure every person in the room has a ticket.

Wes went through the budget for this year and next.

1. Anglers with Disabilities - \$700 budget for next year – none spent this year.
2. Chapter Awards - \$200 budget
3. Hooked on Fly fishing is canceled and we'll roll that money back in.

Jen asked about the Duffy Award and whether we can put \$200 into that and it could be interchangeable with student subunit support. There is also a Feinske Award that could be added for students.

Student Support Report:

Dr. Paukert has several students going to the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference this year. Jen asked if we could help out with some travel expenses.

The question was asked “Why aren’t students going to conferences or specifically to MNRC?” Some answers provided are that they can’t stay overnight or they are discouraged. John Fantz suggested that our MOAFS MNRC workshop include student papers that weren’t accepted.

Jen made a motion for \$200 for Duffy award, spend \$100 to fund undergrads to travel to conferences and roll over the rest of the \$475. Trish seconded all I’s and no opposed. The Duffy award is given at the Midwest conference, MOAFS decides who the winner is for MO.

Jen has been sending out information regarding our scholarship for next year. The deadline is December 1. It was discussed last time whether Jen’s emails to subunits regarding jobs and scholarships be sent to the entire membership. The general opinion last meeting was yes, but this is currently not being carried out. Travis reiterated this and John will start sending those out when he receives them from Jen.

Travis discussed haven a meeting on UCM (Warrensburg) campus in January and hosting a “Chillin’ with grads” event. MOAFS pays for the chili and then there is a break-out session into smaller groups for question and answer with the students. Travis sent an email to the UCM chapter president and has had no response. Jen told Travis the UCM president is not very responsive with email and a phone call might be better. This type of event is usually done on a Thursday evening the week or so before MNRC. The group thought this was a good idea.

Update: Travis has made a second attempt to contact the UCM group advisor, but still has not heard anything. He will call if he doesn’t hear back soon.

Lunch break – Fish Fry with FASS subunit.

MNRC 2012 and Beyond

Travis will attend the next MNRC committee meeting with Clint.

Mike gave the MNRC report for Clint.

There is going to be a DVD/CD given at MNRC this year. Cost is \$1. Titled “75 years with MDC”. Clint was against this idea but will happen anyway. At the October steering committee meeting there was some miscommunication about the 501c issues. Travis will address this issue.

Questions from the agenda:

Do MOAFS committee chairs need meeting space? *Yes. For second workshop.*

Agenda and reports for the MoAFS annual meeting, AV, etc. *On the form.*

Do we need more tables for our booth? *Likely because of silent auction.*

Mary Culler commented that she is having issues with scheduling workshops with MNRC. MNRC committee wants to reduce the number of workshops, but originally welcomed more workshops. We could have an all day AFS meeting to cover student papers, but may need to plan this for the 2013 meeting. Travis said he will attend the next MNRC committee meeting and voice our opinion on various topics.

Trish wants to remind people that we still will need people to work the booth at MNRC.

Update: Travis has been in contact with two of the other three society presidents about the MNRC MOU. Both have been supportive of suggested changes to the MOU and how the MNRC is operated. They are willing to meet and discuss. The SWCS has not responded to Travis's email or phone call. He is attempting to contact them again.

Mary's workshop was initially put opposite another aquatics session, so she asked if it could be moved. It was moved to the second session on Friday. Since this workshop was supposed to be the lead in to the second workshop, we decided to postpone the second workshop and host it at a separate time, away from the MNRC.

FASS

President DeAnna Anglin and Secretary Chelsea Ballard of FASS gave a brief summary of their activities. They have had a bake sale, organized an event that visited Shepherd of the Hills Hatchery and tour of Lake Taneycomo. They are also doing a research project this year for Dr. Heywood. They hope to present their research and are planning more field trips for next year. They are also working with a group of 7th graders and Bob DiStefano on shocking fish in his pond.

Travis asked what MOAFS can do to help FASS. DeAnna said she is focusing on professional development and would like to have people come to talk about careers and activities. They meet every other Thursday at 5pm.

FASS is planning on five members going to MNRC.

Disabled Angler

Mary Scott is planning an event at Meramec or maybe Montauk. Wes told her he can accommodate her if she picks a day. Mary is still looking for someone to donate hot dogs. She plans to do T-shirts and hats.

Jen will try to get some students to help out with the event.

Travis asked for photos of the Rolla event to send with a follow-up letter to Knights of Columbus thanking them for their donation.

Membership Report:

Mike reported that in 2011 we have 46 paid memberships, which is half compared to 2010 likely due to the MNRC cancellation. We have 57 paid to parent society and 32 lifetime memberships, which is up from 27 in 2010.

In 2012 the yearly membership increases from \$5 to \$10 starting January 1 and the lifetime will increase from \$100 to \$200 after MNRC.

We need an update on subunit numbers based on how many DeAnna says they have in their group.

Regarding the membership survey – it is done and ready to be mailed out, but Mike needs a list of people to send it to. He needs help developing that list. He thought Central Mo subunit was going to help, but they backed out. Is there a line to draw on who we recruit to be member? Some say yes, others say no. Aquaculture – yes, professional anglers – no.

Mike will work to shorten the survey and look at survey monkey as an option. [Send Mike names of people to include in the survey list.](#)

Mark said we should work to address what kind of value professionals get for their \$10/year membership. There are two pieces to this, students and professional development.

Awards/Nominations:

Travis covered Darren's report. We still need nominations for Treasurer and President Elect. The deadline is December 31.

Travis is working to update plaques for award recipients.

IT Report:

Newsletter /Website

Joe needs information for the newsletter by December 12.

Rivers and Streams Report:

Mary Culler reported that the minutes of the last meeting are posted on the website. Runge was the venue and Mary wanted some feedback on whether folks thought it was good or bad, or too formal. General opinion was that it was a good forum and may have more attendees with that location.

Mary filled everyone in on the workshops she is working on for MNRC. She originally thought a 4 hour workshop with 2 – two hour sessions titled “75 years of Stream Conservation”. The first would be the past, “1937 – present, 75 years of Stream Conservation” and take you through the types of stream and species. The second would be the future and focus on funds and grant opportunities. The final presentation was the story of an urban stream. She would prefer to have the past session on Thursday and future on Friday am. Travis will work on this with Clint at the committee meeting.

Mary also asked about room comps. One presenter would like to at least have his room comp-ed. Comp-ed rooms depend on the number of people that register for the conference. At most we have had four. Travis said we can see what we can do.

Legislative and Environmental Concerns:

Mark covered 2011 in the newsletter. Any bills for the next session in 2012 will likely be pre-filed in December. Hand-fishing has been pre-filed for the past 9 years. He is trying a different tact this year, he is going to go to Senator Munzlinger and ask his reasons for filing this every year instead of attending the hearings. Mark didn't know of any other issues that may be coming for the next session.

[Mark suggested that we write letters of support for national issues for our parent society.](#)

Publicity:

[Trish needs silent auction items and booth workers.](#)

New Business:

Travis reported that the Chapter has insurance now and is in the budget for next year.

Mike reminded the group about the application for chapter of the year award from the parent society that we missed last year. Travis said he forwarded it to Darren.

Mark asked Mike what kinds of membership numbers do other AFS chapters have? Mike didn't know where we fall in relationship to other chapters.

Action/Summary Items:

Trish needs volunteers for MNRC booth and silent auction items.

Volunteers to speak to FASS students, contact Jen.

Mary Scott to provide Rolla photos to Travis.

Send Mike names for the survey.

Jen will get a new number of members for subunits to Mike based on DeAnna's visit.

John will start sending out Jen's scholarship/JOA emails to the general membership.