

Missouri Chapter of the American Fisheries Society

Annual Business Meeting

Thursday, February 20, 2025

Margaritaville Resort, Osage Beach, Missouri

Number of Attendees: 55

Call to Order

Introductions and Welcome

- a) Recognition of current officers and chairs
 - a. Secretary: Kat Lackman
 - b. Treasurer: Cade Lyon (resigned in fall), Tyler Ham
- b) Recognition of past chapter, division, and society presidents
 - a. Tom Boersig, Wes Swee, Travis Moore
- c) Recognition of new members

Old Business

2024 Meeting Minutes approved. Tyler Ham motion and Mike Allen second

North Central Division Update

Check out website if interested in serving in parent society

We are encouraged by the parent society to become a member of the parent society. Be looking for emails on this topic.

Treasurer's Report

Cade Lyon served as treasurer for 7 months. He resigned after leaving MDC. Tyler Ham has accepted new role of treasurer.

Accounts have stayed steady.

Student Support Trust Fund has been favorable.

Account Balances as of Feb. 14, 2024

General Funds	Total: \$30,960.07 (+ \$10.96)
MOAFS Operational Savings	\$23,977.79 (- \$2,575.47)
MOAFS Operational Checking	\$4,705.70 (+ \$410.71)
MOAFS Special Projects Checking	\$2,276.58 (+ \$2,175.72)
Student Support Funds	Total: \$149,498.98 (+ \$19,789.76)
SSTF Money Market (Savings/ Buffer fund)	\$53,095.26 (+ \$7,184.72)
SSTF Checking	\$2,447.70 (+ \$2,155.20)
Total Stock Market Funds	\$93,956.02 (+ 10,449.54)
Stock Market Index Fund (VTSAX)	\$73,717.15 (+ 9,417.01)
International Stock Index Fund (VTIAX)	\$20,238.87 (+\$1,032.53)

Total Holdings = \$180,459.05

Gains/losses relative to end of CY2023

Committee Reports

- a) Anglers with Disabilities, Mary Scott
 - a. Annual fishing derby was at Maramec Spring in the summer. They are expecting to continue with this event for 2025
- b) Bylaws, Tom Boersig
 - a. Working on bylaws and will be sending them out for member approval
- c) Communications, Emily Tracy-Smith
 - a. Still doing newsletter as a historical piece to capture information.
 - b. Tom has been getting information to Kat to get information out
 - c. Send jobs, volunteer opportunities, events, or other information to ex com to get sent out to the chapter
 - d. If interested in helping with this committee, reach out to Emily
 - e. Interested in using different platforms to reach people, like YouTube
 - f. Looking into getting an interactive calendar on the MOAFS website for events we are hosting
 - g. We already have the fishes of Missouri posters. We are looking at putting all graphics on a single banner for outreach.
 - h. We have new MO AFS stickers for members paying dues.
 - i. We are also looking at creating stickers of MO fish. Reach out to Emily if you have a request on what fish to make first.
 - j. Also looking for opportunities to engage student sub-units.
 - i. Coordinating a water quality demonstration in Columbia on April 22
- d) Continuing Education, Hunter King
 - a. Accepted resignation of Brad Farwell of chair. Hunter King has accepted the position.

- b. Others are invited to help Hunter
 - c. Send ideas for continuing education to Hunter
- e) Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Brittany Harried
 - a. Has DEI infographics at the MOAFS booth including stories from MOAFS staff
 - b. Plan to make educational materials and webinars
 - c. Idea to name this group Fish Cast or a more inclusive name
- f) Information Technology, Kat Lackman
 - a. No report
- g) Legislative and Environmental Concerns, Mary Culler
 - a. Join mailing list for Stream Teams United to get legislative updates. Visit StreamTeamsUnited.org
 - b. Waters of the State has not yet reappeared this session
 - c. Bills can be filed through March 1
 - d. Confedmo.org has legislative action center
 - e. HJR43 – house hearing on Tuesday. Proposes constitutional amendment that changes conservation commission and dedicated sales tax
 - f. Senate Resolution on drainage and levy districts. Asks for joint committee to evaluate current law. Committee would be 10 members who each has a drainage levy in their district.
 - g. Senate Bill 269 – to assess permit applicants for following local jurisdictions. Had hearing today.
 - h. Two senate bills on water exports for the state. There is currently no permit system. This would create a permit system. It had traction last year and may pass this year.
 - i. Senate Bill 105 – championed by CFM and MO Prairie Foundation. Makes it illegal for MO business to sell various invasive species. Passed senate and will be going to the house.
 - j. April 15 is Great Rivers State Day at the capitol. STU will be there 9 to 3.
- h) Membership, Jenna Stiek
 - a. 65 life members, 58 current MDC members, 43 from organizations, 122 students, 13 in general membership, 301 total
 - b. 53 paid for 2025. Can pay online at MOAFS.org or pay at the booth at MNRC.
 - c. Submit changes to Jenna via email if changes to contact information
- i) Publicity, Joe McMullen
 - a. If anyone won a silent auction, they received a text from Joe. Winners can pay at the booth after the meeting.
 - b. Raffle winners announced
 - c. \$645 made at MNRC
 - d. Send Joe suggestions for adventure auction items for next year
- j) Rivers and Streams, Cara Coates
 - a. Rivers and streams will be meeting in June.
 - b. Contact Cara if you would like to participate and have not yet heard from Cara
 - c. Will be establishing mission and what they plan to do
- k) Student Support, Jen Girondo

- a. A lot of money in trust fund. It's a well performing investment strategy. Student Trust Fund is past the nest egg. Considering increasing the budget. Possibly increase awards or number of awards.
 - b. Announcing awards later
- l) MNRC, Mike Allen, April Sevy
 - a. Innovation in Conservation
 - b. Leo Miranda-Castro has been invited as a plenary speaker
 - c. Chairs for 2026 conference was shared. Reach out to chairs if you would like to help
 - d. We will be recruiting chairs for the next conference at the 2026 conference. Consider helping.
 - e. Send ideas for presentations or themes to Darby or Tom
 - f. Each society has \$1500 for hosting workshops or for student rooms. Think of ideas for workshops.
 - g. MNRC will be Feb 3-6, 2026

Conservation Federation of Missouri Update

- a) MOAFS is an affiliate of CFM
- b) Annual convention is 3/7-9
- c) Received 4 resolutions from CLC. Emily may reach out for subject matter experts.

Poster Sales Update

- a) Still selling posters. As of January, total sales is nearly \$4500. We have make a profit of \$2400. We have sold about half a dozen at MNRC this year.
- b) Recommended to promote the posts to local communities and schools.
- c) Darters is the most popular poster.

Student Subunit Updates

- a) Central Missouri University
 - a. Monica Potter presented updated
 - b. Has done electrofishing and water quality near Warrensburg
 - c. Some students went to Iowa to collect data
 - d. Has been doing fishing competition
 - e. Exposing people to internships and opportunities online
 - f. Planning hatchery tour and fundraising in the upcoming semester
- b) Missouri State University
 - a. No report
- c) University of Missouri
 - a. No report

Finance Update

a) 2024 income

Projected Income

2024 Projected Income	Budget
MNRC 2024 Outdoor Adventures Auction	\$250.00
MNRC 2024 Silent Auction	\$500.00
Membership dues	\$400.00
Lifetime Membership dues	\$0.00
Membership dues and rebates from National AFS	\$500.00
Account dividends	\$0.00
Other income (donations)	\$100.00
Fish Poster Sales**	\$3,000.00
Total Income	\$4,750.00

b) Offered a raffle to Midwest conference registration. Will be doing this again in the future.

c) Projected Expenses - 2024

Projected Expenses

2024 Projected Expenses	Budget
MNRC Raffle and Supplies	\$50.00
Anglers with Disabilities	\$1,000.00
2024 Chapter Awards	\$400.00
A.S. Weithman Best Paper Award contribution	\$75.00
Annual Membership Appreciation Event- Operations	\$500.00
Conservation Federation membership	\$300.00
Missouri Conservation Federation Liaison (travel stipend)	\$250.00
Midwest F&W Planning Committee*	\$1,500.00
Adobe software subscription	\$420.00
Constant Contact	\$250.00
Chapter Insurance	\$150.00
Postage, envelopes, stationary, printing, etc; Updated MOAFS signage	\$50.00
Total Expenses	\$4,945.00

d) 2025 Proposed Budget

- Raffle and supplies was not spent this year.
- Adding promotional items, DEI, and continuing education to budget

2025 Projected Expenses	Budget
MNRC Raffle and Supplies	\$150.00
Anglers with Disabilities	\$1,000.00
2025 Chapter Awards	\$400.00
A.S. Weithman Best Paper Award contribution	\$75.00
Outreach Assistance Funds	\$500.00
Conservation Federation membership	\$300.00
Missouri Conservation Federation Liaison (travel stipend)	\$250.00
Adobe software subscription	\$420.00
Constant Contact	\$250.00
Chapter Insurance	\$150.00
Postage, envelopes, stationary, printing, etc; Updated MOAFS signage	\$50.00
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee	\$500.00
Promotional Items - Stickers	\$500.00
Continuing Education Committee	\$200.00
Total Expenses	\$4,745.00

e) Projected income

2025 Projected Income	Budget
MNRC 2025 Outdoor Adventures Auction	\$500.00
MNRC 2025 Silent Auction	\$600.00
Membership dues	\$400.00
Lifetime Membership dues	\$0.00
Membership dues and rebates from National AFS	\$500.00
Account dividends	\$0.00
Other income (donations)	\$100.00
Fish Poster Sales (and Stickers)	\$2,000.00
Total Income	\$4,100.00

- f) Student Support Trust Fund
 - a. Same budget as last year: \$4500
 - b. Special Request Funding of \$100 has not been used lately. Students can use this if they need it. Contact Jen to request.
 - c. There was a request to increase Subunit request budget.
- g) Motion to approve budget by Kathi Moore, Matt Matheney

Student Support Trust Fund Budget

Same budget as last year of \$4500

- o Achievement Award \$500
- o Best Poster \$200
- o Best Platform \$200
- o Duffy Travel Award \$200
- o Student Colloquium \$400
- o Joe Dillard Award \$2500
- o Hutton \$250
- o Subunit requests \$100

MOAFS Scholarship Recipients

- a) Joe G. Dillard Outstanding Undergraduate Scholarship
 - a. Awarded to Kaitlin Kleiboeker
- b) Duffy Memorial
 - a. Awarded to Tyler Hessler
- c) Student Achievement Award
 - a. Awarded to Levi Umland
- d) Best Student Presentation at the Missouri Natural Resources Conference
 - a. Will be awarded tomorrow
- e) Best Student Poster at the Missouri Natural Resources Conference
 - a. Will be awarded tomorrow

Letters of Recognition

- a) Letters of Recognition presented to:
 - a. Denise Otto, Sarah Peper for supporting student development
 - b. Dave Knuth for efforts addressing sedimentation issues in Perry County and northern snakehead
- b) Lee Redmond Citizen's Award presented to Coopers Landing

Election Results

President-Elect – Mike Allen

Secretary – April Sevy

Treasurer – Tyler Ham

Installations of New Officers

Gavel passed from Ben to Emily

Other Business

Craig Paukert – AFS is offering a webinar workshop on how to be competitive for jobs. More workshops are being worked on to help employees recently laid off. Webinar will be forwarded to this group.

Adjourn

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Emily Tracy-Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Emily Tracy-Smith
President, Missouri Chapter of the American Fisheries Society