

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

**MISSOURI NATURAL RESOURCES CONFERENCE--TAN-TAR-A RESORT  
FEBRUARY 5, 2014**

**Attendees:**

Jason Persinger, President	Eric Rahm
Wes Swee, Past President	Rajeeva Voleti
Mike Smith, President-Elect	Jesse Kelly
Jennifer Campbell-Allison, Treasurer	Bob Distefano
Dave Michaelson, Secretary	Lynn Schrader
Craig Paukert	Marlyn L. Miller
Amanda Rosenberger	Kathi Moore
Andy Turner	Rich Cook
Mike Siepker	Mike Bayless
Mark Zurbrick	Greg Stoner
Vince Travnichek	Bill Mabee
Theresa Davidson	Jake Allman
Mike Allen	Pam Lanigan
Shane Bush	Sierra Comer
Kurt Hentschke	Kelly Whitsett
Justin Pride	Travis Moore
Nathan Recktenwald	Scott Williams
Justin Brandsma	Tim Grace
Brad Russell	Bruce Drecktrah
Ben Havens	Sherry Fischer
Paul Spurgeon	Matt Matheney
Clint Hale	Debby Fantz
Andy Austin	John Fantz
Tom Priesendorf	John Ackerson
Kara Tvedt	Mary E. Scott
Kenda Flores	Phil Pitts
Allen Brandes	Craig Fuller
Brian D. Canaday	Zach Morris
Mark Van Patten	Hope Dodd
Amy Meier	Emily Pherigo
Josh Ward	Dave Mayers
Brian McKeage	Jennifer Gironde
Megan Halford	
April Perry	
Terri Christal	
Darren Thornhill	
Josey Ridgway	
Nick Sievert	

### **Introductions and Welcome:**

Dave Michaelson called the meeting to order and determined that we have a quorum.

Jason Persinger recognized past presidents from AFS, North Central Division, and MoAFS.

Dave reported that the 2013 MoAFS Annual Meeting minutes had been posted to the website and that copies were available for review at the meeting. After no call for revisions, Dave asked for a motion to accept the 2013 minutes. A motion was made and seconded. All were in favor and none opposed.

### **Anglers with Disabilities**

Mary Scott reported that the Anglers with Disabilities Committee held two fishing clinics in 2013. For 2014, two clinics are being planned for April and September. Mary thanked everyone who made these clinics a success.

### **Chapter Historian**

Mark Zurbrick reported that he and Joe Dillard continue to compile information on the chapter's history. Mark encouraged anyone who may have any chapter information, files, or photos (especially) to please send it along to Joe.

Jason Persinger addressed the issue of the Operations Manual. Jason said that the Operations Manual is long overdue for revision, and he will start working with Joe after his duties as president come to an end.

John Fantz mentioned that electronic file compatibility has been a problem over the years. The Operations Manual might be a good venue to publish a protocol to address this issue.

### **Continuing Education**

Brad Farwell said that they had hosted three continuing education workshops in 2013. At the January 2014 Midwest Fish and Wildlife in Kansas City, two workshops were held. Dr. Jim Reynolds presented "Power-Based Standardization in Electrofishing" and Dr. Jeff Slipke presented "Exploring Fish Population Dynamics with Fisheries Analysis and Modeling Simulator (FAMS) Software." At the MNRC, a workshop entitled "Careers, Qualifications, and Interviewing" was held to provide students information on career options and pointers for a successful interview.

Each of these workshops was a half-day event and provided \$1,450.00 for the chapter. The FAMS workshop had 31 participants, and 27 attended the electrofishing workshop.

### **Finance**

Mike Smith provided an explanation of the budget (attached table). At the time of the meeting, some funding was not included as carry over. Mike reminded members to buy pint glasses (\$6 each and \$20 for a set of four) and raffle tickets, the majority of which had yet to be sold. Expenses include raffle tickets, a proposed calendar raffle (up to \$13,000 outlay), committee expenses, awards, postage, student support, and the cost of pint glasses.

Income was still pending and was dependent on the success of selling raffle tickets, and the pending tally for membership dues. The silent auction at the MFWFC made \$315.00.

The chapter had a slight deficit spending in 2013, but if the proposed fund raisers are successful, we should be in good financial standing for 2014.

John Fantz wanted Mike to tell the membership present how many raffle tickets still needed to be sold (answer: roughly 300 of the 400 tickets still haven't sold).

A motion was made to approve the budget and seconded. The motion passed with all in favor, none opposed.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Jennifer Campbell-Allison presented an overview of the Chapter's current finances. Although the budget showed a deficit of \$7,198.75 there is a lot of income and a few expenses pending. See attached Treasurer's Report.

There was a surplus of funds in the Student Support Trust Fund. A total of \$2,100 was deposited into the SSTF from 2013 MNRC raffle ticket sales. It was decided to dedicate these raffle ticket proceeds to the SSTF because interest rates for the past several years have yielded such low dividends.

### **Information Technology**

John Fantz reported that he and Kat Lackman are currently working to rebuild the MoAFS website. The new voting system used in 2013 was well received by those in charge of tallying votes for ExComm officers. A free version of Survey Monkey was used, but this version allows only 100 data points and 99 were used in the most recent election. The chapter will need to consider buying a version, either a \$400/year or \$800/year package. Going with an annual fee is less expensive than buying a year month-to-month.

Mike Siepker suggested that we may be able to pay for only the months in which the program is needed, for example during elections or the forthcoming chapter membership survey.

John said that he would contact the North Central Division for additional guidance.

### **Membership**

Mike Siepker provided the Membership Committee report. At the end of 2013, the MoAFS membership totaled 192, which is down from 278 in 2012. The 278 number included the student subunits, so it is possible that he has not received a complete reporting of members at this time. There were 139 non-student members in 2011, 185 in 2012, and 159 in 2012.

More members paid through AFS in 2013 than in years past.

The chapter presently has 53 lifetime members.

Mike mentioned that in order to successfully implement the membership survey he is working on, the free version of Survey Monkey will be insufficient.

### **Legislative and Environmental Concerns**

Mark Zurbrick reported that there are 12 bills in the Missouri House and Senate related to aquatic resources (also see the attached report).

- 3 bills related to the right to hunt and fish. Any one of these might pass, but there are a lot of hurdles to overcome.
- 3 bills related to the Ozark National Scenic Riverways Management Plan.
- 1 bill to allow full time students to purchase resident hunting and fishing permits.
- 1 bill that would change the make up of the Conservation Commission.
- 2 bills related to waste water discharge permits.
- 1 bill regarding groundwater monitoring.
- 1 bill that would prevent MDC from enforcing blue catfish length limits if the person found in violation is going to use the fish for human consumption. The significant ramification of this bill is that it would threaten the constitutional authority of MDC.

Mark brought up the fact that AFS has an advocacy policy, as does MoAFS, but the chapter's policy is old. The chapter used to advocate via the writing of resolutions through a Resolutions Committee, but in recent years advocacy has fallen to the Legislative and Environmental Concerns Committee chair and advocacy letters have gone out under the signature of the chapter president. Mark suggested that the policy needs to be revised such that advocacy is not limited to only the president and ExComm and that Survey Monkey might be a good tool to engage the membership on important issues that would benefit from MoAFS input. Mark asked if an advocacy policy might be something that could be included in the new Operations Manual.

Craig Paukert noted that AFS is presently updating its advocacy policy and that perhaps we could wait until they finalize theirs so that the chapter could use it as a guide.

### **MNRC Steering Committee**

Clint Hale noted that the steering committee had made some changes to the 2014 MNRC. Attendance has been falling in recent years, and the committee is working to try to reverse the trend.

Clint is still working to get the \$40,000 owed to the MNRC by Acteva from a past conference. At one point Acteva offered to pay \$100/month until the balance was paid. The MNRC Steering Committee countered with Acteva signing an admission of guilt and paying \$1000/month. There has been no response yet from Acteva on that counter offer. The MNRC Committee had been working with a private attorney in an attempt to get the issue resolved, but will proceed at this point by working with the state of California's Attorney General. It was noted that Acteva currently owes approximately \$5 million to organizations across the country.

Regarding the MNRC 501(c)(3) status, they have sent the necessary documents to the attorneys three weeks ago. By next year's conference, the MNRC should officially be a non-profit organization.

### **Student Support**

Jen Gironde reported the addition of a fourth student subunit with Southeast Missouri State University's charter being approved.

The 2014 Student Support budget has approximately \$1,150 in interest, \$720 in rollover funds from 2013, and \$260 in raffle proceeds. A total of \$950 were spent on the awards listed below, which leaves about \$1,200 for the remainder of 2014. Unspent funds will be available for next year's budget.

Jen also outlined communication strategies maintained by the Student Support Committee. The MoAFS student support website is updated periodically, and a Facebook and emailing list is maintained for job announcements, conference reminders, etc.

#### Student Awards

- 2014 Duffy Travel Award: \$200 from MoAFS with a matching grant from NCD granted to Nick Sievert.
- 2014 Student Achievement Award: \$500 awarded to Ryan Hupfeld.
- \$400 was awarded to UCM to cover the costs of seven students to attend the MNRC.
- Membership dues to AFS and MoAFS will be given as an award to the Best Student Presentation Award winner.
- An additional award funded through the general budget was tied to hosting the Midwest F&W Conference. The Fenske Memorial Award (a \$500 award from a \$250 match to Michigan's \$250) was granted to Emily Pherigo. Emily is the first Missouri student to win this NCD award. In addition two Missouri students—Nick Sievert and Ryan Hupfeld—were selected as finalists for the Fenske Award.
- The Conservation Federation of Missouri Scholarships, as judged by Joe Dillard and Bob Distefano were granted as follows: Valerie Jones won the Ed Stegner Scholarship and Emily Pherigo won the Carl Morrow Scholarship.

#### Student Subunit Reports

- Missouri State University, Springfield: Zach Morris reported that the MSU subunit has 15 members and has been engaging in about one event per month. These events included taking students out to collect fish; an electrofishing outing is being planned for 2014.
- FASS/University of Missouri, Columbia: Josey Ridgway stated that FASS has been conducting Stream Team biomonitoring on Grindstone Creek in Columbia and a largemouth bass population study on a private pond. They hosted an Asian carp fish fry, and are researching the necessary course requirements for FASS members to become AFS Certified. FASS is planning a fishing tournament and other outreach programs.
- University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg: Brigid Cepauskas reported that the UCM subunit has participated in a bioblitz, a kids' fishing event, and an involvement fair at the UCM campus. The subunit also hosted the MoAFS September ExComm mid-year meeting, assisted in a paddlefish and crappie harvest at Blind Pony Fish Hatchery, hosted a fishing event at Hazel Creek Conservation Area. For the spring they are planning trout and goldfish hatchery tours to compare their respective methods.

#### **Newsletter**

Jason Persinger noted that the December newsletter is now available for viewing on the MoAFS web site.

## **Publicity**

Jason Persinger reported that sales of pint glasses and raffle tickets at the Midwest F&W Conference was disappointing, but they will be on sale through the duration of the MNRC.

## **Rivers and Streams**

Eric Rahm reported that the Rivers and Streams Technical Committee hosted an Ecological Flows Workshop at the MNRC. The RSTC is in the planning stages for a meeting to take place in the summer of 2014; announcements will be sent out this spring. A copy of the RSTC report provided at the September ExComm meeting is attached.

## **Awards**

Jason Persinger noted that there were no nominations received for the Citizen's Award this year. There were five Letters of Recognition presented:

- Clint Hale for his work on the MNRC Steering Committee
- The Brook Trout Evaluation Project (Wesley Swee, Ben Havens, Angie Volmert, Jamie Rizo, Jeff Koppelman, Kyle Case, Jenna Stiek, Larry McGalliger, Matthew E. Gompper, Jason Gargus, and Ryan Westcott) for their work in rainbow trout parasite mitigation in hatcheries.
- The Missouri Natural Resources Conference Steering Committee (Clint Hale, Tom Whelan, Andy Cornforth, Kathi Moore, Hope Dodd, Garret Albright, John Ackerson, Paul Spurgeon, Sheldon Mifflin, Kurt Hentschke, Brad Farwell, Rich Cook) for their extraordinary planning efforts for the 2014 MNRC.
- The National Fish Habitat Initiative Project (Mike Allen, Shane Bush, Andy Austin, and Chris Vitello) for their efforts to coordinate cooperative partnerships to fund fisheries habitat improvements in Table Rock Lake and incentive/education programs for landowners in the Table Rock Lake and James River watersheds.
- Southeast Sinkhole Tire Round-Up (April Perry, Brian Waldrop, Mike Reed, Jay Doty, Ben Weibrecht, Landon Perry, Chris Kennedy, Keith Cordell, Dennis Brooks, Bernie Arnold, Jason Crites, Paul Cieslewicz, Ray Henderson, and Dave Knuth) for their work removing approximately 1,000 pounds of waste tires from farms, conservation areas, streams, sinkholes, and ditches in southeast Missouri.

The winners of the A. Steven Weithman, Jr. Leadership Award ([James Civiello](#)) and the John L. Funk Award of Excellence ([Marlyn Miller](#)) were held until the MNRC awards banquet.

## **Election Results**

Wes Swee provided the election results for President-elect and Treasurer. President-elect went to Amanda Rosenberger and Treasurer went to Hope Dodd.

## **Old Business**

Regarding the Anniversary Banquet, Jason Persinger reminded people that the meal will begin at 5:00 p.m. The first shuttles will leave Tan-Tar-A at 3:15 p.m., and the program should end by 7:00 p.m. so that banquet attendees can get back to the resort in time for the awards banquet.

Vince Travnichek provided an update on the 2016 AFS meeting in Kansas City. The meeting will take place at the Kansas City Sheraton Hotel. Vince encouraged anyone who may be interested in serving on any committees or helping in any other capacity to contact him.

## **New Business**

### North Central Division 2014 Update

Vince Travnichek relayed that there is an effort underway to strengthen the relationship among AFS, the divisions, and the chapters. In response to the NCD membership survey, the division will seek to establish online continuing education offerings and enhance member connectedness via social media. There is a plan to review and update NCD bylaws, identify chairs for open committee seats, and determine whether to maintain the Great Lakes and Salmonid Technical Committees.

NCD leadership needs include members to serve on the Archives, Audit, and Continuing Education Committees as well as the Fish Culture, Genetics and Biodiversity, and Reservoirs Technical Committees. If interested in getting involved in AFS leadership, contact NCD President Phil Moy or any other NCD officer.

The Division is also seeking to find ways that AFS chapters and NCD can be more valuable and of greater use to students (e.g. meeting mentors, social media). Toward that goal, Vince has set a goal for himself to visit each of the four Missouri student subunits this year.

Services that the NCD can provide to the chapters include leadership conference calls twice a year, updating email list serves through the national office, and a review of policy statements. The chapters are encouraged to draw upon AFS resources when preparing policy statements, position papers, or issue comments. Copies of these documents should be sent to NCD.

### AFS Money Management Options

Vince Travnichek provided this update for Doug Austen. AFS units (chapters, sections, and technical committees) can invest funds with the Bethesda office. This service is not designed for operating funds, but rather for funds such as Midwest F&W Conference proceeds. AFS investments are currently returning better yields than many other options; this past year AFS investments made 22% growth. It was noted that, although this strategy does come with similar risks as any mutual fund investment, AFS is currently managing \$4 million in assets.

Doug Austen, AFS Executive Secretary, is the contact for more information on this service.

### Student Support Fundraiser

Andy Turner presented a plan to gain approval from the membership for a short-term fundraiser that would benefit the Student Support Trust Fund. The idea is to sell calendars for \$50 each that represent a 1 in 20 chance of winning a high-quality (\$300-\$800) fly rod or a guided fly fishing trip. It would be billed as a "Prize a Day in December." Under a best case scenario if all 620 calendars are sold, \$13,000 would be spent on 31 prizes. Under this scenario, the SSTF would stand to clear \$18,000, and the proceeds would be used in accordance with the terms of the fund.

The goal behind this fundraiser is to 1) get away from counting on raising money by selling to our own members, and 2) cater to people with an interest in aquatic resources who have more disposable income than most (e.g. fly fishers).

Andy has a verbal agreement with Feather-Craft in St. Louis, who will provide the fly rods to MoAFS at cost.

After presentation of the idea, Andy sought approval from the membership to spend some up-front money for such expenses as a booth at an Arkansas fly fishing clinic, advertisement flyers, and calendars.

Questions and suggestions from the membership after the presentation included:

- Will the \$13,000 all be spent up front? Andy's response was no, that prizes would be bought incrementally as calendars were sold.
- What is the worst case scenario? Response: not breaking even. However, the 12 volunteers on this project need to sell 260 calendars by November 2014 to break even.
- John Fantz recommended forming an official ad hoc committee with members who have verbally committed to participate in the project. These committee members would then be entered into the official record for accountability purposes. Andy responded that this would not be necessary since he has the utmost confidence in his group's ability to succeed in this fundraiser.
- Darren Thornhill put forth a plan that would prevent a statistically-unlikely (but possible) scenario of giving away more money in prizes than what was taken in.
- It was suggested that businesses might be more interested in contributing to the cause if they were listed as sponsors when the scholarships made possible through this effort were awarded.

Discussion ultimately stopped when several members called for a motion to be made and voted on. The motion was made to proceed with this fundraising plan with Darren Thornhill's proposed modifications. The motion was seconded. The "yea" votes outnumbered the "nays."

### **President's Final Comments**

Jason made his closing comments and passed the gavel to Mike Smith.

### **Acknowledgement of Outgoing Officers**

Mike Smith's first act was to present a certificate of appreciation to Jennifer Campbell-Allison as outgoing Treasurer and to Jason Persinger as outgoing President.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and seconded and all in favor.

## **Attachments**

1. Finance Committee, Mike Smith
2. Treasurer's Report, Jennifer Campbell-Allison
3. MNRC Steering Committee contacts, Clint Hale
4. Legislative Concerns, Mark Zurbrick
5. Rivers and Streams Technical Committee summer meeting minutes, Kyle Winders

2014 Projected Finances					
<b>Income</b>				<b>Expenses</b>	
MNRC-raffle	\$8,000.00			MAFWA/MNRC Raffle and Supplies	\$4,018.70
MNRC Silent Auction	\$400.00	\$8,400.00		Calendar Raffle	\$13,000.00
MAFWA Silent Auction	\$315.00			Anglers with Disabilities - equipment, fish , tackle, etc.	\$1,150.00
Calendar Raffle	\$31,000.00			Chapter Awards	\$400.00
				Computer (Web hosting & software update)	\$500.00
		\$31,315.00		Conservation Federation membership	\$270.00
Membership dues	\$400.00			Chapter Insurance	\$150.00
Lifetime Membership dues	\$0.00			Postage, envelopes, stationary, printing, etc.	\$100.00
Membership rebates from National	\$400.00			A.S. Weithman Best Paper Award contribution	\$50.00
Account dividends	\$40.00			Other Fundraising activity	\$500.00
Other income	\$100.00				
Miscellaneous (Return MNRC starter funds)	\$250.00	\$940.00			
				AFS Meeting - Quebec Sponsorship	\$500.00
				Miscellaneous (MNRC starter funds, parking passes)	\$0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$40,905.00</b>			<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$20,638.70</b>
				<b>2014 Final</b>	<b>Budget</b>
				<b>Income</b>	<b>\$40,905.00</b>
				<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$20,638.70</b>
				<b>Net</b>	<b>\$20,266.30</b>

## 2013 Treasurer's Report

MoAFS 2013 Budget Overview*		
2013 as of 2/3/2014	Budget	Actual
Income	\$9,540.00	\$3,383.89
Expenses	\$9,970.00	\$10,582.64
Net	-\$430.00	-\$7,198.75

\*substantial income and some expenses not reflected

MoAFS 2013 Budget: Income		
Income as of 2/3/2014	Budget	Actual
MNRC 2013 raffle	\$1,200.00	\$1,274.00
MNRC 2013 silent auction	\$400.00	\$629.00
50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pint Glasses (MNRC 2014)	\$2,000.00	*
50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner Charge (MNRC 2014)	\$2,000.00	*
MWFWC/MNRC raffle (January 2014)	\$1,000.00	*
MWFWC workshop (January 2014)	\$2,000.00	*
Membership dues	\$400.00	\$420.00
Lifetime membership dues	\$0.00	\$0.00
Membership rebates from AFS	\$400.00	\$446.40
Account dividends	\$40.00	\$28.85
Other income	\$100.00	\$67.64
Miscellaneous (return MNRC starter funds)	\$0.00	\$250.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$9,540.00</b>	<b>\$3,115.89</b>

\*figures not available at time of annual meeting.

<b>MoAFS 2013 Budget: Expenses</b>		
<b>Expenses as of 2/3/2014</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>
MNRC 2013 Raffle and Supplies	\$950.00	\$911.22
Anglers w/ Disabilities—equipment, fish, tackle, etc.	\$1,150.00	\$371.00
2013 Chapter Awards	\$300.00	\$195.52
Computer (Web hosting & software update) <sup>1</sup>	\$500.00	\$0.00
Conservation Federation membership	\$270.00	\$187.00
Chapter Insurance	\$150.00	\$150.00
Postage, envelopes, stationery, printing, etc.	\$50.00	\$0.00
A.S. Weithman Best Paper Award contribution <sup>2</sup>	\$0.00	\$75.00
Other fundraising activity MFWFC raffle/MNRC 2014 <sup>3</sup>	\$500.00	\$4,000.00
MFWFC Workshop Expenses	\$500.00	\$676.92
MoAFS 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner Expense	\$2,000.00	not avail.
50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary pint glasses	\$800.00	\$1,995.98
50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary plaques and pins	\$500.00	not avail.
Fenske Award—student to MFWFC—AFS matches <sup>4</sup>	\$500.00	\$250.00
Additional student travel to AFS in Arkansas	\$200.00	\$0.00
MFWFC Sponsorship & booth <sup>5</sup>	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
Arkansas National AFS Sponsorship	\$500.00	\$500.00
Miscellaneous (MNRC starter funds, parking passes)	\$0.00	\$270.00
MFWFC president's lunch	\$600.00	\$0.00
MoAFS Survey (Siepker)	\$0.00	not avail.
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$9,970.00</b>	<b>\$10,582.64</b>

<sup>1</sup>Did not spend this year per September 2013 ExComm meeting.

<sup>2</sup>Weithman contribution. Paid from AFS Operations instead of Student Support per 10/24/2013 Persinger/ExComm email.

<sup>3</sup>Additional \$250 for raffle approved via 8/6/2013 ExComm email.

<sup>4</sup>Fenske Award: reduction in needed funds from \$500 to \$250.

<sup>5</sup>Additional \$500 for MFWFC sponsorship and booth approved via 8/6/2013 ExComm email.

<b>Student Support Trust Fund 2013 Budget</b>		
<b>2012 Income</b>	<b>2013 Budget</b>	<b>2013 Actual</b>
Unspent money over the \$100,100 minimum from 2012 budget	\$333.94	\$333.94
Money Market – interest	\$460.11	\$460.11
Share Certificate 1064 (\$12,500) – Matured 7/7/2012	\$313.44	\$313.44
Share Certificate 1162 (\$12,500) – Matured 11/22/2012	\$347.50	\$351.76
Share Certificate 22 (\$12,500) – Matures 1/27/2013	\$0.00	\$0.00
Share Certificate 1026 (\$12,500) – Matures 5/2/2013	\$0.00	\$0.00
Share Certificate 1115 (\$12,500) – Matures 9/13/2014	\$0.00	\$0.00
Share Certificate 1479 (\$12,500) – Matures 5/3/2014	\$0.00	\$0.00
Checking 76 interest	\$1.35	\$1.35
<b>Total Income (as of December 31, 2012)</b>	<b>\$1,460.60</b>	<b>\$1,460.60</b>
<b>2013 Expenses</b>		
MoAFS student achievement award	\$525.00	\$500.00
MNRC student poster award	\$25.00	\$20.00
MNRC student paper award	\$25.00	\$20.00
Specific Request Funding	\$525.00	\$0.00
Duffy Award	\$200.00	\$200.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,300.00</b>	<b>\$740.00</b>
<b>2013 SSTF Budget, as of 12/31/2013</b>		
	Budget	Actual
Income	\$1,460.60	\$1,460.60
Expenses	\$1,300.00	\$740.00
<b>Net</b>	<b>\$257.90</b>	<b>\$720.60</b>

<b>SSTF 2013 Income (available for 2014 budget)</b>		
<b>2013 Income</b>	<b>2014 Budget</b>	<b>2014 Actual</b>
Unspent money over the \$100,100 minimum from 2013 budget	\$720.60	\$720.60
Money Market – interest	\$280.41	\$280.41
Share Certificate 22 (\$12,500) – Matured 1/27/2013	\$368.58	\$368.58
Share Certificate 1026 (\$12,500) – Matured 5/2/2013	\$504.53	\$504.53
Share Certificate 1115 (\$12,500) – Matures 9/13/2014	\$0.00	\$0.00
Share Certificate 1479 (\$12,500) – Matures 5/3/2014	\$0.00	\$0.00
Checking 76 interest	\$0.26	\$0.26
2013 MNRC AFS portion of raffle ticket sales (Persinger 2/28/2013 email) transferred from GA budget 2013	\$268.00	\$268.00
<b>Total Income (as of December 31, 2013)</b>	<b>\$2,142.38</b>	<b>\$2,142.38</b>

<b>Status of Accounts – December 31, 2013</b>					
<b>Treasurer Report: 1/1/2013 – 12/31/2013</b>					
Account	Beginning Balance	Expenses	Deposits	Dividends	Balance
<b>General Fund Accounts</b>					
Share--Type 00	\$6,314.45	\$3,988.00	\$3,239.00	\$27.42	\$5,592.87
Checking--Type 75	\$641.49	\$4,285.85	\$4,502.04	\$1.43	\$859.11
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,955.94</b>	<b>\$8,273.85</b>	<b>\$7,741.04</b>	<b>\$28.85</b>	<b>\$6,451.98</b>
<b>Student Support Accounts</b>					
	Beginning Balance	Expenses	Deposits	Dividends	Balance
Money Market 78	\$64,117.53	\$13,000.00	\$25,641.39	\$280.41	\$77,039.33
Checking--Type 76	\$20.04	\$540.00	\$768.00	\$0.26	\$248.30
Share Certificate 22 (matured 2013)	\$12,786.87	\$12,829.23	\$0.00	\$42.36	\$0.00
Share Certificate 1026 (matured 2013)	\$12,740.52	\$12,781.30	\$0.00	\$40.78	\$0.00
Share Certificate 1115 (matures 2014)	\$12,742.88	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$197.37	\$12,940.25
Share Certificate 1479 (matures 2014)	\$12,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$114,907.84</b>	<b>\$39,150.53</b>	<b>\$26,409.39</b>	<b>\$561.18</b>	<b>\$102,727.88</b>

**MNRC STEERING COMMITTEE (last updated 03/22/2013)**

	<b>Chair 4<sup>th</sup> yr</b>	<b>Vice Chair 3<sup>rd</sup> yr</b>	<b>Secretary 2<sup>nd</sup> yr</b>	<b>Member 1<sup>st</sup> yr</b>
<b>Chair Title</b>	<b>AFS 2014</b>	<b>TWS 2015</b>	<b>SAF 2016</b>	<b>SWCS 2017</b>
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**Ongoing 2014 Legislative Session**

To date, 12 bills have been introduced in the current session of the legislature pertaining to the right to hunt and fish, Ozark National Scenic Riverways, non-resident hunting and fishing permit fees, Conservation Commission, wastewater discharge permits, and groundwater contamination monitoring. All these bills could have implications for conservation in general or aquatic resources in particular.

**RIGHT TO HUNT AND FISH LEGISLATION**

***SJR28 No Title***

Sponsor: Senator Munzlinger and 0 co-sponsor

***HJR55 Right to Hunt and Fish***

Sponsor: Representative Hicks and 23 co-sponsors

***HJR59 Right to Hunt and Fish***

Sponsor: Representative Hansen and 38 co-sponsors

The right to hunt and fish became an issue in the state legislature beginning in 2001. Right to hunt and fish bills were introduced in the seven legislative sessions between 2001 and 2007, primarily in response to animal rights groups' efforts to restrict or ban these forms of recreation. Not one of the six House and four Senate-sponsored bills proposing to amend the state constitution made it past an initial committee hearing. No bills regarding this issue were filed the following three years. The issue was resurrected in the past three sessions. The 2013 effort was voted out of the house committee, but failed to move any further in the legislative process. More details of past legislation wording and MOAFS concerns can be found in past REDD newsletters.

SJR28 has been assigned to the Senate Agriculture, Food Production and Outdoor Resources committee chaired by the bill's author, Senator Munzlinger, who has sponsored and supported past legislation that could have had a negative impact on conservation had the bills been voted into law. HJR55 and HJR59 have identical wording. The two house bills had public hearings in the House's Agricultural Policy and Agricultural committee on January 28, while the senate bill was heard on January 22. I was unable to attend these hearings given the short notice of the hearing and other personal obligations.

This legislation has many hurdles, namely, passing votes in the House and Senate, followed by the Governor's signature, before finally being put to a vote of the citizens of Missouri.

**OZARK NATIONAL SCENIC RIVERWAYS (ONSR) PLAN**

***SCR22 No Title***

Sponsor: Senator Cunningham and 0 co-sponsors

***HCR8 Riverways***

Sponsor: Representative Richardson and 18 co-sponsors

***HCR9 No Title***

Sponsor: Representative Cookson and 3 co-sponsors

All three of these non-binding resolutions ask that the National Park Service (NPS) adopt the “no-change” alternative in the draft General Management Plan for the ONSR. SCR22’s sponsor goes as far as asking that the ONSR be returned to the state. The NPS favors the adoption of an alternative that would allow for moderate adjustments in the park’s management to better maintain the natural resources of the park while maintaining quality recreational opportunities.

Public hearings were held in the Senate Rules and Resolutions committee (SCR22) and the House Tourism and Natural Resources committee (HCR 8 and 9) on January 28 and 30, respectively. I did not attend these hearings given the non-binding nature of the legislation and a personal conflict-of-interest issue.

### **NON-RESIDENT STUDENT HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES**

***HB1047 Hunting and Fishing Licenses*** Sponsor: Representative Miller and 0 co-sponsors

A freshman representative from central Missouri first filed this legislation in 2013, but then withdrew it. He has reintroduced the same bill this year and it has been assigned to the House Tourism and Natural Resources committee but has yet to be scheduled for a hearing. The bill would allow any nonresident student enrolled full-time in a public or private college, university, or technical school in Missouri to purchase resident hunting, trapping and fishing licenses.

The problem with this bill is not its intent. A majority of the states adjacent to Missouri allow out-of-state students to buy resident permits. The problem lies in that the passage of such legislation would be in direct conflict with the Missouri Constitution that grants the Conservation Commission, (CC) the sole authority for the control, management, restoration, conservation and regulation of the bird, fish, game, forestry and all wildlife resources of the state” “and states that “the administration of all laws pertaining to, shall be vested in a conservation commission.” The determination of who can have hunting and fishing licenses and how much permits will cost is vested in the CC, not in the legislature.

### **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

***SJR29 No Title*** Sponsor: Senator Munzlinger and 0 co-sponsors

Over the past nine years, there have been eight bills filed that would alter how the selection and composition of the Conservation Commission (CC) is achieved. Five of these bills were filed in the past two sessions. Fortunately, only one of these bills received a public hearing before failing to be voted out of committee. This session’s bill is worded exactly the same as the one that failed to even receive a public hearing last year. SJR12 proposes to increase the number of commissioners from four to eight, require commissioners to reside and represent specific regions, and limits the number of terms a commissioner may serve. If passed by the general assembly, the issue would be placed on the ballot as an amendment to the Missouri Constitution. While some might view the proposal to be rather innocuous, many professional conservationist

and private citizens view this effort as yet another “back-door” attempt to insert politics back into the CC.

Given that Senator Munzlinger is chairman of the Senate Agriculture, Food Production, and Outdoor Resources committee, that the bill has been assigned to, there is no doubt that a public hearing will be held. Written testimony against this legislation will be submitted when a hearing is scheduled.

## **WASTEWATER DISCHARGE PERMITS**

***HB1074 Wastewater Discharge Permits*** Sponsor: Representative Miller and 2 co-sponsors

***SB664 No Title*** Sponsor: Senator Brown and 0 co-sponsors

These two similarly worded bills would modify the authority of the Clean Water Commission so that it may only modify water quality standards for certain permits upon the completion of an independent study commissioned by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) finding that there is an environmental and economic need for such modifications.

This is the first time that this legislation has appeared. While most would approve of studies (if they are science-based) regarding any discharge of pollutants into our waterways, there is a possibility that the intended or unintended purpose of this legislation would harm the DNR’s ability to regulate discharge in a timely and scientific manner. The wording of the legislation does not stipulate who would do the “independent” studies, and could allow economics to trump environmental concerns.

Both bills received public hearings on January 16 and February 4 respectively. The senate bill has not passed out of committee yet; however, the house bill was voted out of committee as “Do Pass”.

## **GROUNDWATER MONITORING**

***SCR25 No Title*** Sponsor: Senator Sifton and 0 co-sponsors

This resolution is similar to two bills submitted last session, neither of which gained a public hearing. The resolution urges the DNR to require groundwater monitoring of new and existing coal ash ponds and require clean-up of leaking coal ash ponds.

The bill has been assigned to the Senate Rules and Resolutions committee, but has yet to be scheduled for a public hearing.

## **CATFISH REGULATION**

***HB1643 No Title*** Sponsor: Representative Brown and co-sponsor Representative Miller

This bill was introduced on the 30<sup>th</sup> of January by the representatives whose districts incorporate most of the Lake of the Ozarks and Truman Reservoir. The bill reads as follows: “The department of conservation shall not impose any fine or other penalty for a violation of any rule or regulation implementing length limits on blue catfish in the state if the person in violation caught the catfish for human consumption. The department shall not seize any blue catfish due to violation of length limits if the catfish is intended for human consumption. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to limit the department of conservation’s authority to impose daily, possession, and length limits of blue catfish caught during fishing tournaments.”

The bill has yet to be assigned to a committee.

### **STAYING INFORMED**

To read the full bills and follow them through the legislative process go to:  
<http://www.house.mo.gov/billcentral.aspx> and type in the bills number or title in the “search” box.

To contact or find information on your particular state legislators go to:  
<http://www.house.mo.gov/member.aspx>  
<http://www.senate.mo.gov/12info/senalpha.htm>

If any member has any other concerns, questions, or comments regarding legislation, or would like a copy of written testimony presented on the behalf of MOAFS during past public hearings, please let me know.

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## MOAFS Rivers and Streams Technical Committee

The MOAFS RSTC summer meeting was held July 31<sup>st</sup> at the Runge Conservation Nature Center auditorium in Jefferson City with 40 people in attendance. At this meeting, presenters from the University of Missouri and the University of Central Missouri provided updates on their current research related to river and stream resources as follows:

**Impacts of invasive crayfish on macroinvertebrates in Ozark streams**

Brandye Freeland, University of Central Missouri – [btj32860@ucmo.edu](mailto:btj32860@ucmo.edu)

**A predictive temperature model for a thermally heterogeneous stream system**

Jacob Westhoff, University of Missouri - [WesthoffJ@missouri.edu](mailto:WesthoffJ@missouri.edu)

**Movement of riverine smallmouth bass in a thermally heterogeneous stream system**

Jacob Westhoff

**Vulnerability, Distribution, and Conservation Status of Missouri's Stream Fish**

Nick Sievert, University of Missouri – [nas4tf@mail.missouri.edu](mailto:nas4tf@mail.missouri.edu)

**Seasonal Fish Community in the lower Osage and Gasconade rivers, 2012-2013**

Emily Pherigo, University of Missouri - [ekpvx8@mail.missouri.edu](mailto:ekpvx8@mail.missouri.edu)

**Efficacy of orangespotted sunfish (*Lepomis humilis*) as spawning associates of the Topeka shiner (*Notropis topeka*)**

Alex Prentice, thesis from University of Central Missouri, [Alex.Prentice@mdc.mo.gov](mailto:Alex.Prentice@mdc.mo.gov)

The business meeting mostly dealt with workshop topics at the upcoming MNRC. Topic ideas included Fish Passage, Ecological Flow, Forests to Faucets, Black River / Tom Sauk case history, and Invasive Species. A membership survey (Doodle Poll) has been sent out to decide what the topic will be for our MNRC workshop. The poll closes at 5:00 pm on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

The Missouri AFS Rivers and Streams Technical Committee currently has 119 members on the committee email group.

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