

MISSOURI CHAPTER, AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY  
13th ANNUAL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 13-14, 1975

(Minutes of Business Meeting)

- Location: Student Union Auditorium, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri
- President: Dean Rosebery called the meeting to order. Forty-four persons were in attendance. He called for a reading of the minutes of the 12th annual business meeting.
- Secretary-Treasurer: Lee C. Redmond read the minutes; Spencer Turner moved acceptance and John Funk seconded the motion and the minutes were approved for the record.
- President Rosebery: Asked for a treasurer's report.
- Secretary-Treasurer: The balance on February 8, 1974, as reported by Secretary-Treasurer Blake Grant was \$285.49. Additional dues received immediately after the 1974 meeting amounted to \$12.50 bringing the balance to \$297.99. Expenses incurred during the year, primarily for postage and envelopes for mailing approximately 125 copies of one Newsletter and 180 announcements of this meeting, amounted to \$97.88. Dues receipts to this point amounted to \$152.50 bringing the balance to \$352.61. This account is on deposit at Farmers Bank of Lohman, Lohman, Missouri 65053.
- John Funk: Moved acceptance; the motion was seconded and approved.
- President Rosebery: Discussed one item of old business, that being the matter of affiliate membership. Dean discussed this with Executive Secretary Richard Wade at the First National Black Bass Symposium at Tulsa last week. Mr. Wade stated that the parent society is concerned and many chapters are interested in this and this will be brought up at future executive committee meetings. There was no further discussion of this nor were there other items of old business brought up.

President Rosebery: In the way of new business, Dean called upon Dr. Don Kangas to report upon the activities of the Environmental Impact Statement Review Committee. The committee consisted of Dr. Kangas, Mr. William Dieffenbach and Dr. James Shaddy.

Dr. Kangas: Thanked Dr. Shaddy and especially Bill Dieffenbach who had served on the committee the previous year. Nine EIS were received this past year. Three were on Operation and Maintenance of three pools (21, 22, 23) of the Mississippi River but these also included dredging of some new areas. These were commented upon as one review. A total of seven letters of comment were sent. Another project commented upon was the EIS of the Mississippi River and Tributaries, New Levees and Channel Improvement. This covered over 450 miles of the river and was considered very inadequate. There was no information on where dredge material was to be deposited. The Jefferson City Wear's Creek EIS was reviewed. This contained much information and was considered the most unjustifiable project reviewed. The Clarence Cannon Reservoir Project EIS was also reviewed as was the Permit Application Statement of the St. Charles Quarry Company, Inc. Eleven statements were written by Dr. Kangas regarding this. These included comments by the other committee members. The tenth statement said that we thought allowing this company to have a permit to continue to do the things they have been doing for a number of years would encourage other companies to break the rules. This implied it was bad and Dr. Kangas added, after evaluating the economics they reported, that maybe we should permit it. Dr. Kangas felt that maybe he should not have made this last statement saying it should be permitted and should have ended the review with the tenth statement. The County Line Reservoir EIS was the seventh project reviewed.

When statements were received Dr. Kangas went back and reviewed what the National Environmental Policy Act said these statements were supposed to do. The second part of the purpose of NEPA made the biggest impression on Dr. Kangas. That was "to promote efforts that will prevent or eliminate damage to the environment and biosphere and stimulate the health and welfare of man". These EIS were reviewed then to see if these people were making sense out of the biological data they included and the economic data. Dr. Kangas tried to limit his analysis to seeing if the economics they reported were reasonable. Generally, they



Dr. Kangas: (continued) always had good arithmetic for the benefit but environmental costs appeared as though they were being seen through the wrong end of binoculars and they appeared very, very small or not even seen in terms of benefit-cost analysis. He felt that our input gave them things to consider but doubted if we had much effect on the projects. Lastly he pointed out that the assessment portion of the Clarence Cannon Project which was contracted to the Missouri Botanical Gardens, was a model project insofar as looking at as much detail as these people could gather. The second portion (the EIS), written by the Corps, left out several of these details. The Cannon Project had the lowest benefit-cost ratio of any project the committee reviewed - 1.2:1. Some projects had reported benefit:costs as high as 12 and 17 to 1, which the committee had a hard time believing. He welcomed any comments from members but felt communications should be improved.

President Rosebery: Any questions?

Frank Ryck: Asked what was the general text of our statement regarding County Line Reservoir?

Dr. Kangas: Stated he did not have this statement with him. Bill Dieffenbach did a large share of that report and he asked if Bill was present. Bill was in the other session.

Dr. Belshe: Asked if benefit-cost analyses were in line with Senate Law 91?

Dr. Kangas: Stated he was not familiar with it.

Dr. Belshe: Stated that was the law that shook the Corps initially. Many of their projects were dropped in the Washington Office because they could not meet the requirements of that law.

Dr. Kangas: Stated that many things left out, particularly in the Clarence Cannon Project, were the agricultural losses that were incurred by flooding the land. The cost of the land itself was included, but not the fact that it would be taken out of production. The Corps was asked if they could tell what this 6 million dollars a year represented in the budget. They could not. The Wear's Creek Project was about as bad because the corps project and urban renewal were tied together as well as other things and the benefits included all these things.

- President Rosebery: Thanked Dr. Kangas and suggested members review the assessment provided by the Missouri Botanical Gardens since it was designed to be a model project.
- President Rosebery: Called upon Arvil Ming for a report from the By-Laws Committee which included Otto Fajen and Dr. John Belshe.
- Arvil Ming: At the 1974 annual parent meeting in Hawaii, they adopted a new Constitution and By Laws for the Parent Society. The By-Laws Committee of the Missouri Chapter has not been instructed by the chapter to revise our by laws. At this time Arvil made the motion, seconded by Frank Ryck that the President instruct the committee to totally and completely revise the chapter by-laws in line with the by-laws of the parent society.
- President Rosebery: Called for discussion.
- Otto Fajen: Asked what would be the consequences if we didn't?
- President Rosebery: Stated he thought it was almost the question if we would continue to be the Missouri Chapter.
- He also expected the committee to be able to comment further after revision. It would then be up to the chapter to adopt or reject the changes.
- President Rosebery: Asked for a vote on the motion and it was approved unanimously.
- President Rosebery: Called for a report from the Resolutions Committee, chaired by John Funk. Drs. Kenneth Minter and Foster Mayer served on the committee with John Funk in 1974.
- John Funk: Stated that no resolutions were received and since the committee actually is not a resolutions committee as Joe Dillard pointed out last year, they had none to propose.
- President Rosebery: Called for discussion. There was none.
- President Rosebery: Called for a report from the Awards Committee which was chaired by Jim Fry. Dr. Robert Campbell, Paul Osborn, and Charles Hicks were the other members.



- Jim Fry: Stated the committee had met and selected a recipient and the award would be presented at the banquet that evening. (The Award of Excellence was presented to Bill Dieffenbach that evening in the form of a framed Schwartz print of the Mallards). The award was presented to Bill in recognition of his leadership in protecting the streams of Missouri.
- President Rosebery: Called for any other new business. There was none.
- President Rosebery: Called for a report from the Nominating Committee Chairman, Dr. Richard A. Schoettger. Charles Purkett and Gilbert Radonski also served on that committee in 1974.
- Dr. Schoettger: Stated that he was pleased to make the nominations for officers for 1975. President-elect Joe Dillard will automatically assume the Presidency upon completion and acceptance of the nominations. The committee also recommended that Lee Redmond continue as Secretary-Treasurer to maintain continuity in the business matters and in maintenance of the records. He has agreed to continue. For President-elect the Committee nominated Mr. Charles Phenicie, Director of the Kansas City Office, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. He has agreed to accept and sends his apologies that he could not be present at this meeting because of an unavoidable crisis. This concluded the report of the Nominating Committee.
- President Rosebery: Called for other nominations.
- George Fleener: Moved the slate be accepted as is and nominations be closed and these nominees be approved by acclamation. The motion carried unanimously.
- President Rosebery: Paid Joe Dillard compliments from himself and his wife for an enjoyable and informative program. He then asked Jim Fry and Arvil Ming to usher Joe Dillard to the podium.
- President Rosebery: Introduced Joe Dillard as new President and thanked Lee Redmond for capably carrying out his duties the past year.
- Incumbent President Dillard: Asked for a show of appreciation for the officers this past year and the group responded with applause.

- President Dillard: Said he looked forward to working with the other officers for the coming year, thanked the conference speakers, especially Bob Hartmann for making the trip to report on the Kansas Department's progress with SASNAK, and Mr. Funk and Mr. Russell, and the many people who made the meeting a success. He also asked for any suggestions or ideas to be expressed by the Chapter since the chapter should be responsive to the members. Joe called attention to the banquet to follow and the film "Planning for Floods" which would be shown in the auditorium after the banquet.
- Secretary-Treasurer Redmond: Commented upon the content and quality of the film, much of which was filmed near St. Louis.
- President Dillard: Commented upon the portion of the program to be presented the following morning and then asked for comments from the floor.
- Frank Ryck: Asked that Stan Michaelson be recognized for his work the past year as Missouri Membership Chairman on the Division Membership Committee. He also reminded Joe Dillard of his duty to appoint a new Membership Chairman and, since this is an important function, to carefully consider the possible appointees.
- President Dillard: Thanked Mr. Ryck and asked for further comments.
- Dr. Rosebery: Stated that the Executive Director even made comment about Missouri's Chairman on the Membership Committee.
- President Dillard: Commented upon the tragedy of the deaths of Judy Southern and Terry Wilson in the plane crash in Osage River last Monday while conducting a count of bald eagles wintering in Missouri. He asked for a moment of silence and then declared the meeting adjourned.