

Minutes
Missouri Chapter Of The American Fisheries Society
43rd Annual Meeting

February 3rd, 2005
Tan-Tar-A Resort, Osage Beach, Missouri
3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Sherry Fischer, Chapter Secretary

Welcome

Call to Order and Determination of a Quorum – Al Buchanan

Recognition of past officers, guests, and dignitaries.

Approval of 2004 Business meeting minutes (sent out on the web by Lisa Bonneau): approved.

Treasurer's Report – Dave Michaelson: approved

CFM Presentation – Dave Murphy thanked the chapter for their support of the recent fundraising event. The rifle that was raffled for the University of Missouri's School of Natural Resources raised over \$200,000.

He reminded us of current challenges to conservation authority including handfishing. CFM thanks MoAFS for becoming an affiliate and looks forward to a successful parenership. They will call on us for expertise and contacts of catfishermen on the noodling issue. He also mentioned that Matt Blunt has spoken out in support of MDC's sales tax.

Committee Reports (more information is available on the MoAFS web site)

Nominating - Harold Kerns reported that the newly elected Secretary is Sherry Fischer and President Elect is Vince Travnichek.

Awards – Charlie Rabeni presented Letters of Recognition to Larry O'Donnell (Stream Team volunteer and Little Blue Watershed Association President) and Dennis Steward (MDC Protection Division Administrator for crayfish conservation work).

Citizens Award was presented to James Huckins.

Award of Excellence and Leadership awards were presented at the dessert banquet that same evening.

Finance - Duane Chapman presented his proposed budget for 2005. Donna Menown made a motion to approve and Charlie Rabeni seconded the motion. Discussion followed regarding proposed deficit spending. All plans are to be in the black by year's end. Al Buchanan noted that the affiliated membership amount should be corrected to \$150. Vote - passed.

Anglers with Disabilities - Mary Palmer reported \$216 was spent on a special fishing clinic in Rolla. 80 people attended and 160 fish were harvested. This year she is proposing the same type of clinic and volunteers are needed to help the anglers fish, clean fish, and cook fish. This year's event will be September 24, 2005. Mary also gave some history of the disabled angler development and our goal to sponsor at least one clinic per year. Contact Mary if you'd like to volunteer to help with this committee.

Information Technology - John Fantz reported that group emails usually end up with approximately 60 undeliverable messages. Most names are blocked when they come back to him so he is unable to resend. Some MDC members have had trouble receiving complete emails. If you're email is blank, hit "view" and the html and message should appear. Call John with questions or to volunteer to help with this committee.

Legislative and Environmental Concerns - Duane Chapman presented information on recent involvement. Gravel mining: final rules were ok'd and bills to exempt miners were not passed. It was a successful year. MoAFS was a big part of making this happen. New legislature and governor this year but more battles are expected on this issue.

Other issue: no involvement on Bagnell dam relicensing due to a lack of time.

Brian Canaday will take over as Legislative chair and will need help meeting our needs next year (ie. Status reports of bills are needed for each newsletter). Step forward if you can volunteer.

MNRC Steering - Andy Austin reported that 902 registered for the conference this year; 150 were MoAFS members. Next year we will be the hosting society with a great steering committee in place. A list of chairs is available from Andy. They are welcome to suggestions. Next year's plenary will be on the Public Trust Doctrine. Dr. Bill Geist and Susan Horner will be featured speakers.

Newsletter - Leanna Zweig - no report.

Rivers and Streams - Brian Canaday reported that help is needed on legislative issues. Membership involved in this committee is down and we need to rejuvenate this committee. Please attend if you are interested. Issues and involvement this year included tire reimbursement, glass container law, sand and gravel, NCD RSD, Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference, Stream Conservation Guide, Displays at Festivals and Missouri River Conference, and educational presentation during summer meeting. Incoming officers are Tom Priesendorf, chair and Kenda Flores, secretary.

Student Support – Travis Moore reported good participation in the job fair. He encourages membership to work with F.A.S.S. (Fisheries and Aquatic Science Society at UMC) when possible.

A Certificate of Achievement was presented for an undergraduate student research project to Sabrina Griffith and Eric Rahm. Their project was on invasive crayfish species.

New chair for this committee will be Louise Malden.

Continuing Education - Mike Smith reported participation in putting together workshops for this year's MNRC.

Membership – Suzanne Femmer went home ill. Trish Yasger reported raffle finals. Al Buchanan won the fly rod donated by Mark Van Patten.

UMC FASS - Greg Snellen reported that the money donated by the chapter was used to help students attend the MNRC. Events this year have included: Stream Team cleanup, Ag week fish try (\$300 earned), mussel education, scavenger hunt, guest speakers, and a chili cookoff. Guest speakers are always needed. Contact them if you are interested.

Looking for Volunteers - VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR ALL COMMITTEES!
PLEASE STEP UP AND VOLUNTEER!

Old Business

MoAFS logo - Changes were recommended to make the chapter logo more Missouri specific. 2 samples were shown. What is our next step? Duane Chapman made a motion that we vote on whether we want to change the logo, Steve Eder seconded the motion. Much discussion followed and Harold Kerns reminded membership that his original suggestion was to include the state and ideas were supposed to be in by May 2004. Vote: withdrawn.

Chris Vitello made a motion that several new options will be put on the web for members to vote on by May 1. Greg Stoner will be asked to add a couple more options and Al Buchanan will approach Scott Faiman as well. It was agreed that our present logo will be one of the options available to vote on. Leanna Zweig agreed to be the lead on this project and Travis Moore agreed to check on embroidery capabilities for the new options. Harold Kerns seconded the motion and the vote passed.

Resolutions Committee - A motion was made by Duane Chapman to dissolve this committee and create a new CFM Liaison Committee. Gary Novinger seconded and the vote passed with no discussion.

CFM Liaison Committee Formation - this recommendation came from the ExComm. We are now an affiliate with CFM and will work with them on issues. Give support to them

on issues and ask for support on new issues. We need to attend their meetings and all applicable committee meetings. Much discussion followed. MoAFS could still testify and write letters on issues, all the responsibility would not be left to CFM. Motion was made by Joe Dillard to create the new committee and seconded by Harold Kerns. After more extended discussion, the vote passed. Duane will take any volunteers to serve on the new committee.

Request from AFS Equal Opportunity Section - The ExComm will vote on this issue.

Other Business

A presentation was made by Peggy Lemons regarding Envirothon contributions. Our past contribution has been \$300 for the state competition t-shirts. This year they are requesting money for the national competition. \$500 - \$1000 is requested with an added challenge to match the Soil and Water Society's contribution of \$1500. Funding is needed by June. The ExComm will vote on this issue.

Duane Chapman mentioned that it was brought up by the Parent Society that we need to check our bylaws on an issue. He will investigate and bring to the membership at the next meeting.

Vince Travnichek announced that there is a \$500 line item in the budget to help support the development of an annual Midwest student fisheries colloquium. Vince plans to organize one for this fall with some student help, and then in following years have the students organize and plan the entire meeting themselves. A couple students have already volunteered to help, and have approached the NCD about additional support, and they will likely help out financially. Vince plans to continue contacting all NCD chapters as well for support.

Chris Vitello announced that Kara Tvedt needs help with Envirothon and that the SEAFWA meeting in St. Louis is coming up at the Melinium Hotel in October. 1st call for papers has already gone out.

A plaque was presented to Lisa Bonneau for her 2 terms served as secretary. The gavel was passed from Al Buchanan to Duane Chapman. A past presidents plaque was also presented to Al.

Respectfully submitted by: Sherry Fischer, Chaper Secretary