

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

**MISSOURI NATURAL RESOURCES CONFERENCE--TAN-TAR-A RESORT
FEBRUARY 5, 2015**

Attendees:

Mike Smith, President	James Civiello	Jerry Wiechman
Jason Persinger, Past President	Bruce Drecktrah	Amy Meier
Amanda Rosenberger, President- Elect	Darby Niswonger	Carl Romesburg
Hope Dodd, Treasurer	Kyle Winders	Craig Paukert
Dave Michaelson, Secretary	Thomas Huffman	Nick Sievert
Craig Paukert	Blake Stephens	Scott Williams
Lee C. Redmond	Kathi Moore	Phil Pitts
Chris Vitello	Michael Allen	Tim Grace
Chad Tiema	Josh Ward	Sherry Fischer
Andrew Nigh	Christopher Kennedy	Mark Van Patten
Zane Harper	Denise Otto	Eric Rahm
Michael Corwin	Mary Scott	Kevin Hemen
Craig Scott	Kenda Flores	Ryan Little
Dara Taylor	Sarah Peper	Jake Colehour
Colby Brock	Dave Herzog	Scott Voney
Terry Gerke	Melissa Scheperle	Brian McKeage
Scott Lankford	Valerie Hentges	Terri Fike
Daniel Metcalf	Brian D. Canaday	Darren Thornhill
Bob Temper	Wes Swee	A.J. Pratt
Duane Chapman	Ben Havens	Allen Brandes
Adam McDaniel	Kara Tvedt	Nathan Recktenwald
Lawrance McGallagher	Pam Lanigan	Mike Gossett
Catlin Ames	Tom Priesendorf	Doug Novinger
Mike Bayless	Jeff Koppelman	Deb James
Paul Spurgeon	Marlyn L. Miller	Bill Mabee
Clint Hale	Craig Fuller	Haley Woelfel
Tom Whelan	Andy Austin	Kat Lackman
Sheldan Mifflin	Marsha Jones	John Fantz
Brad Farwell	Rodney Ivie	Matt Matheney
Chris Landstad	Travis Moore	Mark Zurbrick
Jacob Bancroft	Skyler Schlick	Andy Turner
Chelsea Ehret	Emily Pherigo	Jen Gironde
Alex Prentice	Brett Landwer	Vince Travnichek
Rick Cook	Ben Parnell	John Ackerson
Sierra Comer	Elisa Baebler	(plus two others in attendance whose names were illegible on the sign-in sheet)
	Leslie Lueckenhoff	
	Joanna Whittier	
	Paul Michaletz	

Introductions and Welcome:

Mike Smith welcomed everyone to the annual meeting, and announced that the Missouri Chapter had been selected as the American Fisheries Society's Outstanding Chapter and the North Central Division's Most Active Large Chapter during 2014.

Mike then introduced the MoAFS Executive Committee and the Committee Chairs. Past MoAFS Presidents were recognized, followed by North Central Division Officers and Past Officers, and finally individuals who had served as officers of the American Fisheries Society.

Jennifer Campbell-Allison stated that a quorum was in attendance, and Mike Smith called the meeting to order.

Dave Michaelson announced that the minutes of the 2014 annual meeting had been posted to the MoAFS website and asked the membership whether any changes or additions needed to be made to the minutes. Hearing no comments, a motion to accept the 2014 meeting minutes was made and seconded. The motion passed with all in favor.

Treasurer's Report

Hope Dodd reported that there was a decrease in the Student Support Trust Fund compared to last year. Expenses exceeded deposits due to low interest rates.

There was a large increase in the General Fund due to Special Projects (i.e. the Fly Rod Raffle) profits.

Hope also explained the process used to move funds among different Certificates of Deposit (as explained in the 7 November 2014 ExComm meeting minutes).

The expected budget for 2014 included profits of \$15,151.30; actual profits for the year were \$7,138.39. General Accounts increased by \$8,089.57.

The Student Support Trust Fund budget had \$2,142.38 available in January 2014, and in December 2014 there was \$794.17 available to roll over into the 2015 budget.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's report. The motion passed with all in favor.

A detailed narrative of the Treasurer's report was included in the attached 2014 Annual Report and is provided as Attachment 1.

Awards and Elections

Jason Persinger thanked everyone who agreed to run for ExComm positions. Clint Hale and Greg Pitchford ran for Chapter President, and Emily Tracy-Smith and Dave Michaelson ran for Chapter Secretary.

Mike Smith announced the following Letters of Recognition:

- Carl Romesberg for his work organizing an annual Niangua River cleanup and also his work with volunteers through the Stream Team Program.
- Kat Lackman for her work with electronic communications for the MoAFS Chapter.
- Ozark Flyfishers for their support of the MoAFS Fly Fishing Fundraiser.
- Missouri Department of Conservation's Protection Division and Special Investigative Unit for their work in dismantling a paddlefish poaching ring.

The Citizen's Award was presented to Debra James for her work with Rock Bridge Elementary School's (Columbia, Missouri) Day of Fishing for 5th graders.

The winners of the A. Stephen Weithman, Jr. Leadership Award ([Paul Calvert](#)) and the John L. Funk Award of Excellence ([Heidi Dunn](#)) were held until the MNRC awards banquet.

Anglers with Disabilities

Mary Scott reported that she had two upcoming events. On April 10, 2015 the committee will be hosting a fishing day at Maramec Springs Park, and on September 19, 2015 there will be a fishing event in Rolla.

Chapter Historian

The report was withdrawn as Joe Dillard was unable to attend the meeting. Please refer to the narrative provided in the attached Annual Report (Attachment 5).

Continuing Education

No report was provided at the annual meeting. However, please refer to the attached Annual Report for the narrative by Brad Farwell and Andy Turner.

Finance

Amanda Rosenberger presented her proposed budget (Attachment 2). She estimated approximately \$2,500.00 in profits from silent auctions, raffles, and sales at the MNRC. The chapter will be contributing \$500.00 to the Freshwater Mussel Conservation Society. The \$500.00 planned as a contribution to the AFS National Meeting was removed from the budget after it was clarified that each state's chapter sponsorship is expected only in years that they host the meeting.

Legislative and Environmental Concerns

Mark Zurbrick reported that the current legislature has launched one of the worst attacks on conservation in recent memory, as detailed in the attached Annual Report. He recommended that we support the Conservation Federation of Missouri (CFM) as our source of advocacy. They have more latitude and freedom to advocate in the legislature.

Action Item: The CFM has a new Legislative Updates feature on their website. By clicking on this link, you can sign up to receive updates via email.

Student Support Trust Fund Investment Strategies

Discussion: Mark Zurbrick gave a PowerPoint presentation that outlined the history of the Student Support Trust Fund and the current challenges associated with the chapter's attempts to generate sufficient annual returns to fund scholarships.

The following is a synopsis of the presentation:

- In 1990 the Student Support Committee was formed.
- In 1995 MoAFS received a gift of \$20,000.00.
- In 2000 the committee developed a strategy to use the original gift and over time reach a \$100,000.00 goal.
- In 2010 the \$100,000.00 goal was met.
- The original strategy was to use the interest on the \$100,000.00 to fund scholarships annually. In 2000, interest rates on Certificates of Deposit (CDs) were roughly 6.5%, which would generate around \$5,000.00 in dividends every year.
- To generate revenues safely, the committee agreed that at least 50% of the principal should be kept in low-risk investments.
- Since 2000, interest rates have declined substantially, resulting in returns ranging between \$700.00 and \$1,300.00 per year.

-At the fall 2014 ExComm meeting, a proposal to explore the idea of investing a portion of the \$100,000.00 with AFS was presented. Upon further analysis, this proposal was rejected by the investment team. Consequently, the investment team met and brought forward the following five options.

- A) Stay the Course. Keep the \$100,000.00 invested in money market accounts and CDs. This option has the benefit of having no risk to the principal, in keeping with the 2000 guidelines, but it is not meeting our goals.
- B) Stay the Course, but with laddered CDs. This strategy will yield about \$500.00 per year until the ladder is fully in place, which should take about 4 years. At that point, annual returns should increase to about \$1,200.00.
- C) Split the trust fund so that 50% is invested in Index Funds and 50% is in CDs. This plan will still allow us to adhere to the 2000 investment guidelines, but with more risk and more work for the chapter's treasurer. A higher return of about \$3,600.00 per year is expected.
- D) Allocate less in CDs and a higher percentage in Index Funds. This option would have more risk than option C, but would be more likely to attain our \$5,000.00 per year goal. This option also would deviate from the 2000 investment guidelines.
- E) Invest everything in Index Funds and nothing in CDs. Along with this strategy would be the need to have a larger "buffer account" to buoy the SSTF account during market downturns. This option would expect to yield \$5,900.00 per year and would have the highest risk of the five options and would deviate from the 2000 investment guidelines.

The membership was then provided paper ballots with the five options listed and instructed to vote for one of the options. Alternatively, members were given a sixth option (none of the above), which could be indicated by a slash drawn across the ballot.

The following is an accounting of the 98 votes that were cast:

- A) 0 votes
- B) 6
- C) 55
- D) 27
- E) 6
- F) 5 write-in votes

A comment was made during discussion that the investment committee consider adopting a 3-5% re-investment strategy to continue growing the principal.

A motion was made and seconded to move forward with Option C. The motion carried with all in favor.

Information Technology

No report was given at the meeting. Kat Lackman and John Fantz submitted a narrative for the attached Annual Report.

Membership

-Jennifer Campbell-Allison reported that MoAFS had 212 members at the end of 2014: 53 AFS members; 47 student members; and 53 life members. As of the 2015 annual meeting, there have been 118 renewals, 4 new members, and 1 life member.

-AFS currently has a lapsed membership drive and also a drive that offers 50% off regular dues for new members. Details are available at <http://fisheries.org>

-Action item: MoAFS members are reminded to complete their annual membership application. Members who pay their dues through AFS also should complete this form. This will allow for updating the email list and also to get a better accounting of the membership.

-Action item: Jennifer suggested that MoAFS try a membership drive similar to that of AFS, specifically that we offer lapsed members to re-join the chapter for half price. Reduced dues would be offered to new members and to those who have not been members since 2012. In addition to being offered at the MNRC, this membership opportunity could be offered through the website.

- Background on this topic: By Jennifer's count, there appear to be 44 non-student individuals whose last membership was in 2012. These former members are employed by consulting firms, non-governmental organizations, public sector, or are retired. A discounted membership and personal invitation to rejoin might entice these individuals to renew membership in the chapter.
- Discussion: One member doubted whether the \$10.00 annual chapter dues were preventing people from renewing their memberships.
- A motion was made to proceed with the reduced-price membership drive. The motion died, however, due to a lack of a second.

-Action item: Decide whether an additional MoAFS membership benefit should include discounts on popular outdoor brands that would result from the chapter's group membership to www.promotive.com.

- Background: There will be no cost to the chapter. The website is funded by the brands that want to increase sales and brand visibility by offering discounted products. Members

would receive discounts through the website on brands we tend to use while off duty. Numerous other natural resource agencies are members. A few include the State Fish and Game agencies in Wyoming, Alaska, California, Idaho, Montana, Washington, Oregon, Nevada, Arizona; the U.S. Department of Interior; and the U.S. Forest Service. Some of the brands offered include Carhartt, Beretta, Marmot, Advanced Elements, Bushnell, Timex, Browning, Ross Reels, Old Town Kayaks, Frogg Toggs, Yakima, Asics, New Balance, Red Wing Shoes, and Otter Box.

- Discussion: The group does not get the MoAFS membership list, but they are entitled to know how many members we have. One member raised the question as to whether participants in this program would be bombarded with junk emails. The answer to this question was unknown.
- A motion was made and seconded to move forward with this program. The motion carried with all in favor.

Additional information regarding the Membership Committee can be found in the attached Annual Report.

MNRC Steering Committee

John Ackerson was introduced as the steering committee chair.

-Action Item: To obtain relevant comments regarding the administration of the Missouri Natural Resources Conference. Include determining what went well and what would benefit from a different approach.

Student Support

Jen Girondo announced the following student award winners.

-Joan Duffy Travel Award (Midwest Fish & Wildlife Conference) – Kyle Bales (SEMO)

-Student Achievement Award – Sierra Comer (MU S&T) and Terry Gerke (UCM)

-MNRC Best Student Poster – Matthew Schrum (MU)

-MNRC Best Student Platform – Corey Dunn (MU)

-CFM Carl Morrow Graduate Scholarship– Matthew Schrum (MU)

-CFM Ed Stegner Natural Resource Scholarship– Mary Mabery (MU)

Additional information regarding the Student Support Committee can be found in the attached Annual Report.

Student Support Trust Fund Fundraisers

Andy Turner provided an overview of SSTF fundraising activities.

2014 Fly Fishing Raffle

-The goal of this raffle was to support the Student Support Trust Fund and reach out to people outside the MoAFS membership, while at the same time enable members to participate as well. The raffle brought in roughly \$4,550.00, had \$650.00 in expenses, and netted \$3,900.00 in profits.

-Several lessons were learned from this fundraiser: 1) the expectation of selling of 620 tickets was too high; 2) a ticket price of \$50.00 was too high; 3) we should have a goal of \$5,000.00 per year for this type of fundraiser.

2015 Fund Raiser

- Andy provided the following information regarding a potential fundraising effort for 2015.
 - Shift away from 31 fly rods and guided trips to 12 hunting guns (six rifles and six shotguns).
 - Use the same basic format of the fly fishing/fishing trip fundraiser with a set number of tickets and numerous large ticket items.
 - Cap the number of tickets at 400.
 - Reduce the cost of the ticket to \$25.00.
 - Selling all 400 tickets would provide a profit of \$5,440.00, which meets the annual needs of the Student Support Committee and would fund a large-sum student scholarship.
 - This year's fund raiser has the working title of "12 Days of Christmas MoAFS Student Support Fundraiser." One prize would be raffled during each of the 12 days of Christmas (December 25 to January 5).
 - Andy also requested that he be allowed a budget of \$500.00 to attend an outdoors event (to be determined) to sell tickets. This money would come from the amount raised from the raffle.

-Allocation of funds raised

- The proposed allocation of funds raised during these annual raffles would be as follows:
 - \$1,000.00 or 20% (whichever is less) would go toward the SSTF buffer account.
 - \$1,000.00 or 20% (whichever is less) would go toward current student support scholarships and awards.
 - The remainder would be allocated to the new large-sum scholarship that is currently being developed by the Student Support Committee.
- This breakdown is essentially the same as the Student Support Committee's proposed allocation of the 2014 fly fishing fundraiser monies.

Discussion: There was considerable discussion centering on the fact that we gave away only two prizes during the fly fishing raffle. Some were concerned that people who bought tickets regarded this raffle as a scam and that this type of fundraising strategy gives the chapter a poor image/reputation that could come back to haunt us and hinder future fundraising efforts. Others defended the actions taken saying that the 2014 fundraiser was run similarly to other groups and that everything was explained abundantly in the rules.

Discussion was halted when a motion was made and seconded to approve the 2015 fundraiser as proposed. Due to the nature of the discussion phase, voting was conducted by a show of hands. The motion carried 52 in favor to 16 opposed.

Student Support Trust Fund Budget

Jen Gironde presented the SSTF budget. Roughly \$3,900.00 was available via the fly fishing raffle. These funds were expended through the Student Achievement Award and the Duffy Award. A motion was made and seconded to accept the SSTF budget as proposed. There was some discussion regarding the possibility of changing the disbursement strategy for the

\$2,500.00 Student Achievement Award at some point in the future. Ultimately, the motion to accept the SSTF budget carried.

Student Colloquium

Kyle Winders presented the idea of a field day for students. The Wildlife Society (TWS) has hosted student colloquia in the past, and these events have typically cost about \$800.00 per year to run. MoAFS proposes to join with TWS this year and split costs. Expenses would include the cost of catering food and shuttling students. This year's colloquium will be a 3-day event held at Columbia Bottoms Conservation Area during the weekend of April 17-19, 2015.

Recognition of Students

Jen Girondo recognized each of the student sub-units in attendance at the 2015 MoAFS Annual Meeting. Representatives were present from the University of Missouri, Columbia; University of Central Missouri; Southeast Missouri State University; and Missouri State University.

Newsletter

Joe McMullen has published his last newsletter for the MoAFS at this time. The ExComm is currently seeking his replacement. Anyone who may be interested was encouraged to contact either Mike Smith or Amanda Rosenberger.

Publicity

Trish Yasger reported that \$1,016.00 had been raised thus far at the MNRC and that money was still being accepted for the raffle.

Members are encouraged to think about what they can donate or do to help raise money at next year's MNRC. The last time MoAFS hosted the national meeting, a lot of money was raised for the chapter. The 2016 AFS meeting is an excellent opportunity to do it again, so be thinking about possible fundraisers to utilize this new, bigger audience.

Rivers and Streams

Eric Rahm announced that the Rivers and Streams Committee will sponsor the *How to Involve Volunteers in Priority Geographies* workshop on Friday, February 6, 2015 in Salon B from 1015h to 1215h.

Eric also announced that he had been selected at the Rivers and Streams Committee Chair and Josh Ward was selected as the Committee Secretary.

Other Business

2016 American Fisheries Society Annual Meeting in Kansas City

Vince Travnichek stated that the conference theme has been selected and that, although several committee chair positions have been filled, many are still pending. Vince will send an email to the membership to solicit volunteers to serve on committees.

Committee Chair Vacancies

Mark Zurbrick is seeking a replacement for the Legislative and Environmental Concerns Committee, and the chapter needs a new newsletter editor effective immediately.

Election Results

Jason Persinger announced that the new MoAFS chapter President-elect is Greg Pitchford and Dave Michaelson will be serving a second term as chapter Secretary.

President's Final Comments

Mike Smith made his closing remarks and passed the gavel to Amanda Rosenberger.

Acknowledgement of Outgoing Officers

Amanda Rosenberger's first act was to present certificates of appreciation to Mike Smith as outgoing President and Dave Michaelson for completing his first term as Secretary.

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

Attachments

1. Treasurer's Report, Hope Dodd
2. Finance Committee, Amanda Rosenberger
3. Student Support Trust Fund Budget, Jennifer Girondo
4. MNRC Steering Committee Contacts, John Ackerson
5. 2014 MoAFS Annual Report, Mike Smith

(Secretary's note: the original Annual Report included the Treasurer's Report and SSTF Budget. These reports have been removed from the attached Annual Report and included in the minutes as separate attachments.)

Treasurer's Report 1/1/2014 - 12/31/2014

Account	Beginning Balance	Expenses	Deposits	Dividends	Current Balance
<i>General Fund Accounts:</i>					
Share - Type 00	\$5,592.87	\$5,241.26	\$6,723.00	\$19.49	\$7,094.10
Checking - Type 75	\$934.11	\$8,966.73	\$10,993.65	\$6.72	\$2,967.75
<i>Special Projects Checking - 77</i>	\$0.00	\$0.30	\$4,552.50	\$2.50	\$4,554.70
Total	\$6,526.98	\$14,208.29	\$22,269.15	\$28.71	\$14,616.55
<i>Student Support Accounts:</i>					
Money Market 78	\$77,039.33	\$13,721.51	\$13,495.07	\$229.30	\$77,042.19
Checking - Type 76	\$248.30	\$1,348.21	\$1,221.51	\$0.42	\$122.02
Share Certificate 1479 (12 mo @ 0.57%)	\$12,536.13	\$71.39	\$0.00	\$113.67	\$12,578.41
Share Certificate 1115 (36 mo @ 1.55%)	\$12,940.25	\$13,087.68	\$0.00	\$147.43	\$0.00
Share Certificate 1968 (24 mo @ 0.75%)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,500.00	\$23.63	\$12,523.63
Total	\$102,764.01	\$28,228.79	\$27,216.58	\$514.45	\$102,266.25

Based on the MOAFS 2014 budget, the chapter had a net income of \$6,732.39. However, the difference in beginning and ending balances for the savings, checking, and special project accounts show a growth of \$8,089.57. These amounts do not match due to some expenses for the Midwest conference being paid in the 2013 calendar year (but included on 2014 expenses in the budget) and those expenses for the Fly Fishing Calendar Raffle being paid in early January 2015 (see asterisk items below). The 2014 MNRC/Midwest Raffle showed a \$944.31 profit. The chapter made a profit of \$1,882.49 on the anniversary banquet, due to the generous donation of food from Vince and Becky Travnichek. The workshop held at the 2014 Midwest conference profited \$1,411.23.

MoAFS 2014 Budget

Income	2014 Budget	2014 Actual
MNRC/Midwest 2014 Raffle	\$1,000.00	\$4,737.76
MNRC/Midwest 2014 Silent Auctions	\$400.00	\$646.00
Fundraiser Pint Glasses (MNRC/Midwest 2014)	\$2,000.00	\$1,118.00
50th Anniversary Banquet Charge, incl. Pint Glasses (MNRC 2014)	\$2,000.00	\$3,275.00
Midwest workshop (January 2014)	\$2,000.00	\$3,058.19
Membership dues	\$400.00	\$410.01
Lifetime Membership dues	\$0.00	\$0.00
Membership dues and rebates from National	\$400.00	\$593.80
Account dividends	\$40.00	\$26.21
Other income	\$100.00	\$64.39
Fly Rod Calendar Raffle (in Special Proj Account)	\$31,000.00	\$4,552.20
Special Projects Account dividends (from calendar raffle)	\$0.00	\$2.50
Total Income	\$39,340.00	\$18,484.06
Expenses		
MNRC/Midwest 2014 Raffle and Supplies	\$4,018.70	\$3,532.45
Fundraiser Pint Glasses (MNRC/Midwest 2014)	\$800.00	\$1,571.24
50th Anniversary Banquet, incl. Pint Glasses (MNRC 2014)	\$2,000.00	\$1,392.51
Midwest workshop (January 2014)*	\$500.00	\$1,646.96
Anglers with Disabilities - equipment, fish , tackle, etc.	\$1,150.00	\$1,069.44
2014 Chapter Awards	\$400.00	\$372.70
Fenske award (Emily Pherigo)	\$250.00	\$250.00
Computer (Web hosting & software update)	\$500.00	\$0.00
Conservation Federation membership	\$270.00	\$187.00
Chapter Insurance	\$150.00	\$150.00
Postage, envelopes, stationary, printing, etc.	\$100.00	\$19.47
A.S. Weithman Best Paper Award contribution	\$50.00	\$0.00
Other Fundraising activity	\$500.00	\$0.00
AFS Meeting - Quebec Sponsorship	\$500.00	\$500.00
Fly Rod Calendar Raffle prizes (January 2015)*	\$13,000.00	\$653.90
Total Expenses	\$24,188.70	\$11,345.67
2014 Final		
	Budget	Actual
Income	\$39,340.00	\$18,484.06
Expenses	\$24,188.70	\$11,345.67
Net	\$15,151.30	\$7,138.39
Actual Account as of 12/31/2014		
	1/1/2014	12/31/2014
Checking Account	\$934.11	\$2,967.75
Savings Account	\$5,592.87	\$7,094.10
Special Projects	\$0.00	\$4,554.70
Total	\$6,526.98	\$14,616.55
Net Difference		\$8,089.57

*2014 Final Net Total and Account Net Difference do not match because some expenses for Midwest and Fly Rod Calendar were paid outside 2014 calendar year

MoAFS Student Support Trust Fund 2014 Budget

	2014 Budget	2014 Actual
2013 Income		
Unspent money over the \$100,000 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 5/2/13	\$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 email 2/28/13) transferred from GA budget 2013	\$268.00	\$268.00
Total Income (as of 12/31/2013)	\$2,142.38	\$2,142.38
2014 Expenses		
Duffy Award (given @ Midwest in 2015)	\$200.00	\$200.00
MO AFS student achievement award + AFS membership (\$25)	\$525.00	\$530.00
2014 MNRC Student Poster Award	\$25.00	\$30.00
2014 MNRC Student Paper Award	\$25.00	\$20.00
Specific Funding Request	\$525.00	
UMC travel to MNRC 2014		\$400.00
UMC Pizza with Professionals Event		\$168.21
Total Expenses	\$1,300.00	\$1,348.21
2014 Final	Budget	Actual
Income	\$2,142.38	\$2,142.38
Expenses	\$1,300.00	\$1,348.21
Net	\$842.38	\$794.17

Summary: The Student Support income for 2014 was \$2,142.38. Expenses for Student Support totaled \$1,348.21 for a net income of \$794.17 to be used for student support in 2015.

Finance Committee: 2015 Projected Finances

Income			Expenses	
MNRC 50/50 Raffle	\$2,000.00		MNRC Raffle and Supplies	\$50.00
MNRC Silent Auction/glasses	\$500.00		Anglers with Disabilities--equipment, fish, tackle, etc.	\$1,000.00
			Chapter Awards	\$400.00
			Conservation Federation membership	\$200.00
		\$2,500.00	Chapter Insurance	\$150.00
Membership dues	\$400.00		Postage, envelopes, stationery, printing, etc.	\$50.00
Lifetime Membership dues	\$0.00		A.S. Weithman Best Paper Award contribution	\$50.00
Membership rebates from AFS	\$500.00		Fenske Award	\$250.00
Account dividends	\$30.00		Computer (web hosting, software updates)	\$50.00
Other income/donations	\$100.00		Freshwater Mussel Conservation Society Contribution	\$500.00
			AFS Meeting - Portland Sponsorship	\$500.00
		\$1,030.00		
			Total Expenses	\$3,200.00
			2015 Final	Budget
Total Income	\$3,530.00		Income	\$3,530.00
			Expenses	\$3,200.00
			Net	\$330.00

MNRC STEERING COMMITTEE (last updated 2/12/2015)

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Missouri Chapter of the American Fisheries Society – 2015 Annual Meeting
Thursday, February 5, 2015 (3:30 – 6:00 pm)
Tan-Tar-A Resort – Osage Beach, MO
ANNUAL REPORT

President: Mike Smith

MOAFS success is an accumulation of the great work completed by our various committees. The following is a brief summary of the highlights for 2014

- All standing committees were active. There were no extended chair vacancies in 2014. There are some opportunities to become part of the leadership as a committee chair in 2015.
- 2014 Outstanding Chapter Award from the Society – Presented at the annual meeting in Quebec City, Quebec, Canada.
- 2014 NCD Most Active Large Chapter Award – to be presented at the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference in Indianapolis, IN.
- MOAFS did not maintain a physical address during 2014. Decision was made to formalize a “permanent” mail address at the University of MO.

Secretary’s Report: Dave Michaelson

- Minutes completed for the following meetings.
 - 2014 Annual Meeting (Minutes were posted on our website.)

Treasurer’s Report: Hope Dodd

- 2014 report (See Attachment One to this document.)

Anglers with Disabilities: Mary Scott

- A report for the Lion’s Club Park event in Rolla (April 10th, 2014) can be found in our newsletter [The Redd - Summer 2014](#) (page 6).
- A report for the Maramec Spring event (September 19th, 2014) near St. James can be found in our newsletter [The Redd - Winter 2014](#) (pages 3 and 4).

Awards and Elections: Jason Persinger

- Candidates
- Awards announcements at the business meeting
 - Letters of Recognition
 - Citizen’s Award
- Leadership and Excellence Awards to be announced later at the dessert social.
- A few things should be mentioned about the process and how many nominations.
- Results of current election (president-elect and secretary) will be announced before the conclusion of the business meeting.

Chapter Historian: Joe Dillard and Mark Zurbrick

Joe G. Dillard and Mark Zurbrick report the following accomplishments for 2014:

- A short summary of the development of the Chapter
- A complete listing of our meeting times and places

- A listing of past officers (listed chronologically)
- A summary of each meeting
- A scan of all meeting minutes
- A list of all of our resolutions
- A list of our awards (both given and received)
- A list and a scan of our guiding documents (below)
 - Bylaws
 - Procedures manual (pending update)
 - Advocacy policy
 - Stream resource policy
 - Mining in MO policy
 - Student support
 - Awards
 - MNRC 501(c)(3) document

Plans for 2015:

- Continue to collect, file and update Chapter records
- Update current records
- Incorporate MOAFS records on the Chapter's home page
- Begin to move Chapter records to the Western Historical Manuscript Collection at the University of Missouri for permanent storage

Continuing Education: Brad Farwell and Andy Turner

- Conducted two workshops at the Midwest F&W Conference that made around \$1,500.00.
- Presented the Qualifications, Interviewing and Career Possibilities workshop at the 2014 Missouri Natural Resources Conference. Twenty students attended.
- We will be presenting the Qualifications, Interviewing and Career Possibilities workshop again for the 2015 MNRC.
- Andy Turner and Brad Farwell were recently selected to serve on the North Central Division's continuing education committee. We are currently working with a few other professionals to provide two workshops at the 2015 Midwest F&W Conference. We have also been working on creating a more organized NCD continuing education committee. We are in the progress of creating a survey for NCD membership to assess members training needs on a more localized basis.
- We are in the planning stages for the 2016 AFS meeting.
- MOAFS (Quintin Phelps/Paul Michaletz/Vince Travnichek) organized a meeting focused on the history, status and future of freshwater fisheries management and ecology in Missouri. This session will be held on Wednesday, February 4th in conjunction with the MNRC.

Finance: Amanda Rosenberger

- 2015 draft budget (hand carried to the meeting)

Information Technology: Kat Lackman and John Fantz

- The new website format was rolled out in early December. The page now has a more modern look and numerous opportunities to showcase fisheries photos.
- We would like to keep things fresh and change out photos periodically, so please send your photos to the IT committee for possible inclusion on the website. High resolution photos are preferred.
- Members are now also able to pay their dues online using PayPal under the membership page.
- For the second year now the IT committee has utilized Survey Monkey for annual elections. This process has greatly streamlined the process of tallying votes in a timely manner.

Legislative and Environmental Concerns: Mark Zurbrick

Testimony during 2014 Missouri Legislative Session

During the January-May 2014 session of the Missouri Legislature, I attended four committee hearings and testified in regards to three bills. I also provided seven pages of written testimony and documentation for these same three bills.

SJR29 was a proposal to alter the four-person Conservation Commission to an eight-person commission with additional residency and term-limit provisions. Amazingly, it did not get out of the sponsor's (Senator Munzlinger) own committee.

HB1643 was a bill that would have allowed anglers to harvest blue catfish of any size anywhere in the state. The bill's sponsor exhibited little knowledge of fishing and not much enthusiasm for the bill, and as a result the bill never moved from committee to the full House for further consideration.

HJR57 was a bill that would have allowed the Legislature to review all MDC regulations. This bill was so controversial, that they were forced to have two hearings to accommodate all the folks wishing to testify against the bill. The bill was voted out of committee, but with wording that exempted the MDC. It subsequently died on the floor.

Ongoing 2015 Missouri Legislative Session

As of 1-15-2015, there have been 15 bills filed in the Missouri House and Senate pertaining to natural resource and conservation issues. Eleven of these bills would have negative and potentially **catastrophic** consequence for the cause of conservation in our state.

Three bills (HJR8, HJR27, and HJR28 sponsored by Representatives Redmon and Spencer) would abolish, reduce to 1/16%, or require a statewide vote every ten years to renew the Conservation Sales Tax. Counter to these anti-conservation efforts is HJR19 introduced by Representative Black whose bill would require a 2/3rd rather than a majority vote to change the Missouri Constitution as it pertains to forest, fish and wildlife.

Two bills (HB315 and HB317, sponsored by Representative Brown) would require MDC to test all road-killed deer for CWD and to pay drivers for deer/auto collisions. This same

representative also filed a bill (HB318) that prevents Conservation Agents from entering poultry barns without the owners' permission (yeah, I am shaking my head too).

In another head-scratching filing, Representative Brown (sponsor of last session's "any size anywhere blue cat" bill) has introduced HB316 that requires all Conservation Commissioners to file as lobbyists.

Senator Munzlinger has reintroduced a bill (SJR1) to increase the number of Conservation Commissioners to eight. This senator has also filed SB56 that would prohibit MDC from charging more than a \$2 "handling fee" for all hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses. And to top it off, this same senator is pursuing the "deer are livestock" legislation again with SB178. HB123 by Representative McGaugh would declare the whitetail deer as the state game animal (perhaps in response to the "deer are livestock" issue). Another refiled bill (HB184 by Representative Zerr) would take away hunting privileges from persons responsible for the death of someone in a hunting accident.

Two bills may have negative consequences for Missouri's streams. HB 92 (Representative Miller) changes the definition of "waters of the state" to include waters of the United States lying within the states boundaries. Senator Romine has introduced SB225 that would remove the permit appeal process from the appropriate state commissions such the Hazardous Waste Management, Mining, Safe Drinking Water, Air Conservation, or the Clean Water Commissions, and place it with the Legislature's Administrative Hearings Commission. This would allow politicians to override any permitting decision of the MODNR.

None of these bills have been assigned to committees yet, but that will no doubt change in the near future given that Senator Munzlinger is again chair of the Senate Agriculture, Food Production and Outdoor Resources Committee.

If members wish to follow these bills they can sign up for free updates at

<http://confedmo.org/programs/legislation/action-center/>

Support of the Conservation Federation of Missouri

The Conservation Federation of Missouri has been the most ardent and effective supporter of conservation and our aquatic natural resources for nearly eight decades. In this recent troubling time of increasing and vindictive attacks on conservation, it has been the CFM that has stood firmly at the forefront and said NO to those wishing to dismantle our rich conservation heritage and return the management of our state's forest, fish and wildlife resources to unscientific political cronyism. We as individual stewards of our state's abundant and wonderful aquatic resources need to stand alongside the 85,000 other Show-Me conservationist... not just philosophically, but also with our pocketbooks and letters to our elected officials. I urge all in MOAFS to become a member of this vital organization.

Membership: Jennifer Campbell Allison

- Current Membership.
 - MoAFS chapter membership was 212 by the end of December 2014, including: 53 society members; 47 student subunit members; 53 life members. Note: a few students were also society members.
 - As of January 22, 2015, there were 88 renewals across all categories.

- Membership List & Privacy.
 - It is MoAFS policy to protect your contact information contained in the membership list unless you express another preference. The Conservation Federation of Missouri (CFM) requests the MoAFS list annually because of MoAFS's affiliate status with CFM.
 - I request that all MoAFS members fill out the Membership Form to ensure accurate personal information and membership status. There is a need to correct faulty email addresses and contact information. In addition, this form provides us your instructions about whether your information should or should not be shared with the Conservation Federation of Missouri (CFM) or other organizations in the future.
 - Membership Forms will be available as fillable forms at the MoAFS website or as hardcopy forms at the MoAFS business meeting/MNRC booth.

- Member survey. This was designed and approved in 2009. The possibility of creating a free online survey was investigated previously, and at the time was deemed not possible. It will be my goal to move the survey forward, to the extent possible, without cost. Members can expect to receive further information via the listserv in the coming months. Consider forwarding to colleagues who work in the fisheries and aquatic sciences fields, but are not currently members. If you are a technology wizard, and have an interest in assisting with this exciting effort, contact me at Jennifer.Campbell-Allison@Mdc.mo.gov

MNRC Steering Committee: John Ackerson

- As Steering Committee Chair, I have been attending planning meetings as the MO Chapter of the Wildlife Society plans the MNRC on February 4th-6th, 2015 at Tan-Tar-A Resort in Osage Beach. The theme for this year is “Values of Conservation...Fostering Natural Resources Appreciation through Research, Management, and Outreach.”
- Plenary speakers will be Dr. Doug Tallamy (Dept. of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology, University of Delaware) and Dave White (Former Chief of the Natural Resources Conservation Service).
- Online registration began November 1st, 2014. An affiliated meeting request has been submitted on behalf of the MOAFS for the business meeting on Thursday, February 5th following the afternoon workshop sessions.
- Legal options against Acteva for lost revenue will continue to cost additional fees. General Counsel, Jennifer Frazier recommends not filing a default judgment suit and waiting on bankruptcy proceedings.
- Not for profit status for MNRC has been established with Steering Committee Chairs and Treasurers filing appropriate paperwork annually.
- I have worked on assembling the committee members; currently eleven professional committee members have committed to support MOAFS with their respective conference role. Committee members include John Ackerson (Steering Chair), Tom Whelan (Treasurer), AJ Pratt (Registration), Dave Woods (Program), Sheldon Mifflin (Exhibits/Sponsors), Clint Hale (Social), Dave Knuth (Visual Aids/Equipment), Blake Stephens (Workshops), Paul Spurgeon (Website), Andy Turner (Student Job Fair) and Mary Scott (Wellness Event). Other roles (Arrangements and Publicity) will be finalized soon.

- An additional session in advance of the MNRC is being organized as an affiliated meeting: The History, Status and Future of Freshwater Fisheries Management and Ecology in Missouri. It was scheduled for Wednesday, February 4, 2015 prior to the Missouri Natural Resources Conference
- The dates for MNRC 2017 are February 1st-3rd, 2017 and committee members will support the Show-Me Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society.

Student Support: Jen Gironde

- Thanks to all who have served on the award selection panels, judged presentations, served as advisors or MOAFS liaisons to the student groups, and supported student-led activities. And a special thanks to the students who have stepped to serve in leadership roles in their societies!
- Communications: continue via email and Facebook, continue about job opportunities, relevant fisheries info, conferences, scholarships, etc. (keep sending me stuff to pass around!). Student Support webpage is updated and membership lists kept current with membership chair.
- Awards;
 - Duffy Travel Award – Kyle Bales (SEMO), \$200 NCD + \$200 MOAFS
 - Student Achievement Award – 2 announced at business meeting; \$500 each from MOAFS, plus AFS & MOAFS/subunit memberships
 - CFM Morrow & Stegner Scholarships – announced at business meeting, \$1000 each from CFM
- Student Subunit Reports:
 - University of Central Missouri Fisheries chapter (Terry Gerke, president):
 - Helped TWS conduct their annual BioBlitz, a public event with several natural resource demonstrations. (AFS brought out a Stream Table and some kids fishing poles).
 - Participated in UCM's involvement fair to recruit new members to the society.
 - Assisted the Blind Pony Fish Hatchery in Paddlefish harvest.
 - Conducted Stream Team sampling along Post Oak Creek in Warrensburg.
 - Participated in a carnival fund-raiser for Special Olympics of Johnson Co.
 - Worked a fisheries booth at Fall Festival, displaying an aquarium of live specimens, Stream Team sampling gear, and preserved fish specimens from ichthyology class.
 - **Pizza with Professionals Night** – fisheries professionals came to Warrensburg and had a panel discussion about how to get into the field of fisheries, what their jobs entail and any advice that they may have for students as future professionals. **MOAFS sponsored by supplying pizzas (\$168.21), and we had 24 students and 7 panelists in the room.**
 - University of MO – Columbia (FASS) (Leslie Lueckenhoff)
 - FASS received a \$500 award from the Ag 100 Endowment Fund (through the MU Ag Alumni Association) towards the installation of a Native Fish Aquarium on Campus
 - Members participated in a biomonitoring event on Grindstone Creek.

- An Asian Carp Chili fundraiser raised \$325.61 from chili and pint glass sales.
 - Southeast Missouri State: (hope to have a report for the business meeting) (Kyle Bales)
 - Missouri State: (hope to have a report for the business meeting) (Jesse Kelly)
- SSTF Budget for 2015:
 - Usual awards (Student Achievement Award, Duffy Travel Award, Best MNRC presentation, misc. request funding)
 - Fly rod raffle income will allow additional funding - joint TWS-AFS Student Colloquium sponsorship, additional Student Achievement Award winner, and buffer/rollover fund
- Kyle Winder provided a summary for a proposed student colloquium:
 - Tentatively scheduled during April 17 -19, 2015 and will be held at the Columbia Bottoms CA.
 - The estimated costs of this workshop are \$800 which will be split between MOTWS and MOAFS.
 - Ted Seiler and I are working on a workshop flyer that can be distributed among the student subunits and will include information for registration. Students will be encouraged to preregister by the end of March. However, students will be able to register on site too.
 - During the workshop students will be divided into groups, but not into aquatic or terrestrial groups.
 - Each group will get to participate in all stations. I will be meeting with Ted Seiler, with MOTWS, at the MNRC to discuss workshop station ideas. Columbia Bottoms CA will offer great opportunity for large river stations which may include catfish sampling (i.e. electrofishing) and sturgeon sampling (i.e. trot lines, gill nets, trawling) and fish species identification.
- MOAFS could likely sponsor a fish fry for one of the dinner meals. The cost of the meals is included in the \$800.
- Andy Turner provided the following summary of the 2014 Fly Rod/Fishing Trip Fund Raiser:
 - Purpose of the 2014 Fundraiser
 - Complement Student Support Trust Fund income by providing additional funds for use by the student support committee.
 - Reach an audience outside of the MOAFS membership
 - Provide an additional fundraising option for student support activities
 - Provide an additional avenue for membership participation
 - Fundraiser details
 - The fundraiser consisted of a raffle of Sage fly rods and guided fly fishing trips. One for each day in December.
 - The number of raffle tickets included in the drawing was set at 620.
 - Tickets were \$50 each.

- This setup allowed for the odds to stay constant (1 in 20) for those purchasing raffle tickets and for MOAFS to be provided some protection from loss since the number of prizes won are proportionate to the number of tickets sold.
- Results of 2014 Fundraiser
 - We brought in \$4,550.
 - Our expenses were \$650.
 - Total income was \$3,900.
 - This method was successful in providing additional funds for student support activities
- Consideration for future fundraisers
 - A few changes need to be considered based on some lessons learned through the first year of the fundraiser
 - It was hard to predict the number of tickets that would be sold by the membership. The goal of 620 was not met and should be reduced in the future.
 - The price point of \$50 dollars likely limited the number of tickets sold and should be reduced.
 - Fly fishing rods and trips may have restricted sales by being focused on a small segment of the population.
 - In recent months the MOAFS EXCOM has had in depth discussions about funding goals for MOAFS Student Support. A general consensus has been around \$5,000. Future fundraisers should consider this goal when determining raffle ticket cost and number of tickets to be sold.

Newsletter: Joe McMullen

- Below are links to the two 2014 newsletters:
 - [The Redd - Summer 2014](#)
 - [The Redd - Winter 2014](#)
- Vince Travnichek and Tim Grace were our newsletter trivia question winners.
- Joe is stepping aside from this responsibility effective immediately.

Publicity: Trish Yasger

- **ACTION ITEM: Silent auction administration (amount raised, winners, who still needs to settle up their account).**
- **DISCUSSION:** You can purchase raffle tickets from Trish right up to the time of the drawing. The drawing will be supervised by Trish and the MOAFS President-Elect.
- **ACTION ITEM:** Fundraising ideas will be needed for the 2016 MNRC and 2016 AFS meetings. Be creative, think big!! Any suggestions now? If not, please let Trish and the EXCOM know sooner than later.

Rivers and Streams: Eric Rahm

- **Summer Meeting – 9/25/14 at Runge Nature Center, Jefferson City, MO**
 - Presentations

- **Low Water Crossing Maintenance Issues** John Fantz – Missouri Department of Conservation
 - **Low Water Crossing Replacements in the Little Niangua River Watershed** Craig Fuller – Missouri Department of Conservation
 - **AOP issues on the Upper Mississippi River** Joe McMullen – Missouri Department of Conservation
 - Business Meeting
 - Eric Rahm was selected as the committee chair
 - Josh Ward was selected as the committee secretary
- **2015 MNRC**
 - The Rivers and Streams Technical Committee will be sponsoring a workshop at the **2015 MNRC on Friday February 6th in SALON B from 10:15 – 12:15:**
 - **How to Involve Volunteers in Priority Geographies**
 - **Workshop Objective:** At this workshop panelists will discuss the opportunities that exist for Resource Managers to work with volunteers to help accomplish meaningful objectives in priority areas. You will learn about successful partnerships that have already occurred along with answers to questions you might have. There will be an open session for questions from the audience for the panel.
 - **Topics include:**
 - What volunteer organizations are out there?
 - Who do I contact?
 - What type of help is available?
 - What can be accomplished?
 - How much time will I have to spend coordinating projects?
 - How do I coordinate training volunteers?
 - What are the liability risks?
 - What are the do's and don'ts for successful projects?

Other MOAFS Business:

2016 AFS annual meeting: – Vince Travnicek

- Committee assignments for AFS 2016 in Kansas City are underway.

Restructuring of the Student Support Endowment: – Mark Zurbrick

- Considerable effort was placed toward a review of our current \$100K Student Endowment investment strategy and potential future investment strategies. A PowerPoint presentation was developed for use at the business meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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President