

**MINUTES OF THE  
MISSOURI CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION  
DISCOVERY ROOM, SEDALIA  
18 DECEMBER 2017**

**ATTENDEES:**

Tom Priesendorf, President	Trish Yasger
Clint Hale, President-Elect	John Fantz
Alex Prentice, Treasurer	Kat Lackman
Brandon Baumhoer, Secretary	Joe Dillard
Emily Tracy-Smith	Eric Rahm
Greg Pitchford	John Ackerson

**INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME**

Tom Priesendorf called the meeting to order at 1010h. It was determined that there was a quorum, and the meeting proceeded.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Alex Prentice reported that 2017 was a great year for MOAFS and the Student Support Trust Fund (SSTF). Since its inception, the SSTF investment has gained \$9,335.81 (7.8% return rate). Since January 2017, the investment has increased \$6,810.32 with \$3,683.93 to aid in funding the 2018 budget.

Alex announced a Certificate of Deposit (CD) matured in November and yielded of \$206.49 for the SSTF.

The MOAFS and SSTF 2017 budgets can be found in appendix A.

**ANGLERS WITH DISABILITIES COMMITTEE**

Clint Hale mentioned adding another event at the Sheppard of the Hills hatchery in 2018.

**CHAPTER HISTORIAN**

Joe Dillard reported that the first 50 years of MOAFS history is in the reviewing and editing phase at this time. Joe also noted that a cover has not been selected for the publication, and will be seeking creative ideas for the cover.

**CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

No new information to report at this time.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Clint Hale proposed multiple fundraising events for MOAFS. He proposed MOAFS host two fishing tournaments in Southwest Missouri, with the help of two local fishing guides. The local fishing guides would help sponsor and coordinate the events as they have experience with

tournament fishing. The hope is to host a bass fishing tournament on Table Rock Lake, and a trout tournament on Lake Taneycomo. Dates for these tournaments have not been finalized. These tournament fundraisers will require some “start-up” money for initial expenses; therefore, a placeholder (dollar amount not yet determined) may be set within the budget. After the “start-up” money has been returned to the budget, the remaining amount raised will be used for student support.

In addition to the fishing tournaments, Clint suggested having a MOAFS membership gathering at the Lake of the Ozarks in the fall of 2018. All active members will be welcome to attend as well as non-members who may be interested in joining MOAFS. The event will consist of fishing during the day for those interested, followed by a fish fry/social event in the evening. Clint is looking into renting a Boy Scout camp on the day of the event for a place to host the social, and a place for members to stay the night if they choose.

Clint also reported the Missouri Disabled Sportsmen Association is interested in partnering with MOAFS to host fishing events for disabled sportsmen throughout the state.

#### **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

Kat Lackman reported that the Digital Media position form has been submitted, and MOAFS is currently trying to fill the position. Interested applicants should contact Trish Yasger.

#### **LEGISLATIVE AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE**

Emily Tracy-Smith reported that the committee is looking for ways MOAFS can be more involved at various advocacy workshops. Emily suggested that MOAFS may be able to have a student ran booth at the Conservation Federation of Missouri’s (CFM) Conservation Day. Emily is going to check if MOAFS’s participation in CFM Conservation Day would be possible.

Emily also proposed to update the MOAFS membership directory. The update would consist of members documenting their areas of expertise in the directory. The directory will become a resource members can use to search for knowledgeable people on specific issues.

#### **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

Tom Priesendorf reported that Jennifer Campbell is resigning from the membership committee chair after 3 years of service. Tom will be responsible for appointing a new committee chair.

#### **MNRC STEERING COMMITTEE**

John Ackerson reported the MNRC 2018 will be from January 31st through February 2nd at Tan-Tar-A Resort in Osage Beach. The theme will be Resource Users/Resource Managers and our plenary speakers will be Dr. Stanley Temple (Aldo Leopold Foundation) and Dr. Mark Morgan (University of Missouri). The conference will have great opportunities for student development and educational workshops.

John also said there will be 16 fisheries talks presented Thursday afternoon and Friday morning. The six student presentations will be from 1-3 on Thursday, and the professional presentations will take place on Friday.

Despite the change in ownership, Tan-Tar-A will remain the name of the resort until Spring 2019. There are improvements underway including the exterior, restaurants and sleeping rooms. The MNRC steering committee is exploring other venue options after 2019.

#### **PUBLICITY COMMITTEE**

Trish Yasger reported that MOAFS is searching for volunteers to work the MOAFS booth at MNRC 2018. Anyone interested in volunteering to work the MOAFS booth should contact Trish.

#### **RIVERS AND STREAMS COMMITTEE**

Eric Rahm announced the committee is searching for members who would be willing to assist with the Hydrilla problem in the Pomme de Terre watershed.

#### **STUDENT SUPPORT COMMITTEE**

No updates to report at this time.

#### **NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE**

Emily Tracy-Smith stated the newsletter committee will gather information for the newsletters in March and September. The newsletters will be published in April and October. All newsletter worthy information should be sent to Emily Tracy-Smith in March and September.

Emily also announced that Nick Sievert has joined the newsletter committee.

Lastly, there was a quick discussion about changing the newsletters name "The Redd". It was determined the name could be changed, and the committee is now searching for creative names to rename the newsletter. If you have any suggestions, please contact Emily Tracy-Smith.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Greg Pitchford has continued discussions with University of Missouri officials about the importance of retaining funding for fishery/wildlife education in Missouri. He was pleased to report that there have been positive conversations up to this point. Efforts are being made to begin similar conversations with the faculty at Missouri State University and University of Central Missouri.

Greg also recommended that MOAFS submit paperwork suggesting a resolution from CFM regarding the importance of restoring funding for fisheries and wildlife education at the university level. The Undergraduate White Paper could be condensed to one page as background material for the resolution. Greg made a motion to begin the resolution process regarding undergraduate education. The motion was seconded and passed all in favor.

Greg Pitchford announced CFM is accepting nominations from affiliates to serve on a CFM board of directors. A selection committee will vote in up to 12 members. Mark Zurbrick has agreed to be MOAFS's nominee. Mark has previously been involved with CFM on issues regarding the Legislative and Environmental Concerns Committee, and will be a great representative for MOAFS if he is selected to the board. A motion to submit Mark Zurbrick as a

nominee to become a CFM board member was made and seconded. The motion passed all in favor.

Tom Priesendorf announced that MOAFS was asked to make a donation to the Southern Division to help fund a Paddlefish publication. The subject has been tabled until the 2018 budget has been proposed at the annual meeting in February.

Tom made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1250h. The motion was seconded and passed all in favor.

**Appendix A**  
MOAFS and SSTF 2017 Budgets

## MOAFS 2017 Budget

Income	2017 Budget	2017 Actual
MNRC Outdoor Adventures Auction	\$1,400.00	\$1,440.00
MNRC 2017 Silent Auction	\$500.00	\$293.00
Fundraiser Fish Pint Glasses and T-shirts	\$100.00	\$0.00
Membership dues	\$400.00	\$370.00
Lifetime Membership dues	\$0.00	\$0.00
Membership dues and rebates from National	\$500.00	\$580.00
Account dividends	\$30.00	\$32.09
Other income (donations)	\$100.00	\$13,346.24
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$3,030.00</b>	<b>\$16,061.33</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
MNRC Raffle and Supplies	\$50.00	\$0.00
Anglers with Disabilities - equipment, fish , tackle, etc.	\$1,200.00	\$879.24
2017 Chapter Awards	\$400.00	\$984.00
Fenske award (did not contribute in 2015)	\$0.00	\$0.00
A.S. Weithman Best Paper Award contribution	\$50.00	\$0.00
Computer (Web hosting & software update)	\$500.00	\$600.00
Conservation Federation membership	\$200.00	\$224.00
Chapter Insurance	\$150.00	\$150.00
Postage, envelopes, stationary, printing, etc.	\$50.00	\$0.00
Undergraduate education initiative	\$500.00	\$0.00
Missouri Conservation Federation Liason	\$500.00	\$0.00
Other Expenses	\$0.00	\$9,699.34
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,600.00</b>	<b>\$12,536.58</b>
<b>2017 Final</b>	<b>Budget</b>	
<b>Income</b>	<b>\$3,030.00</b>	\$16,061.33
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,600.00</b>	\$12,536.58
<b>Net</b>	<b>(\$570.00)</b>	\$3,524.75
<b>Actual Account</b>	1/1/2016	12/26/2017
Checking Account	\$8,428.04	\$13,079.20
Savings Account	\$8,477.11	\$8,525.49
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,905.15</b>	<b>\$21,604.69</b>
<b>Net Difference</b>		\$4,699.54

## SSTF 2017 Budget

	<b>2017 Budget</b>	<b>2017 Actual</b>
<b>2016 Income</b>		
Unspent money over the \$100,000 minimum from 2016 budget	-\$643.55	\$0.00
Money Market - interest	\$14.97	\$14.97
Share Certificate 2381 (\$12,500) - Matures 11/15/2017	\$0.00	\$206.49
Share Certificate 1479 (\$12,500) - Matures 5/5/2018	\$0.00	\$0.00
Share Certificate 2382 (\$12,500) - Matures 11/15/2019	\$0.00	\$0.00
Share Certificate 2720 (\$12,500) - Matures 12/6/2020	\$0.00	\$0.00
Checking 76 interest	\$10.06	\$10.06
Other income/donations	\$1,399.10	\$3,771.29
Transfer from MM Buffer to fund 2017 budget	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$2,280.58</b>	<b>\$4,002.81</b>
<b>2017 Expenses</b>		
Student Achievement Award (Grad) + AFS & Subunit Membership	\$530.00	
MNRC Student Poster Award (MNRC reg, AFS & stud. unit memb)	\$67.00	\$67.00
MNRC Student Paper Award (MNRC reg, AFS & stud. unit memb)	\$67.00	\$67.00
Duffy Award (for 2018 Midwest)	\$230.00	
2017 Student Colloquium contribution	\$400.00	\$250.00
J.G. Dillard "Outstanding Undergraduate Scholarship" + AFS & subunit member	\$2,530.00	
<b>Specific Request Funding</b> (normally \$500 + \$1500 "extra")	<b>\$175.00</b>	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,999.00</b>	<b>\$384.00</b>
<b>2016 Final</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>\$2,280.58</b>	<b>\$4,002.81</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,999.00</b>	<b>\$384.00</b>
<b>Net</b>	<b>-\$1,718.42</b>	<b>\$3,618.81</b>