

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

**MISSOURI NATURAL RESOURCES CONFERENCE--TAN-TAR-A RESORT
FEBRUARY 6, 2019**

Attendees

Clint Hale, President	Shane Bush	Scott Williams
Tom Priesendorf, Past President	Hadley Boehm	Scott Lankford
Andy Turner, President- Elect	John Brant	Dan Metcalf
Darby Niswonger, Treasurer	Brett Landwer	John Schulte
Brandon Baumhoer, Secretary	Amy Meier	Sheldon Mufflin
Alex Prentice	Laura Ruman	Josh Hartin
Jen Girondo	Chris Brooke	Aaron Geheber
Eric Rahm	Paul Michaletz	Ben Thomas
Matt Matheney	Wes Swee	Christopher Hockaday
Mark Zurbrick	Moses Ong	Leslie Martin
Jordan Heiman	Kenda Flores	Cole Foster
Hannah Whaley	Kara Tvedt	Kelly Hoyer
Trang Indigo Tran	Jason Walker	Daniel Akin
Blake Stephens	Daniel Loken	Brian Todd
Mary Culler	Trish Yasger	Tom Boersig
Brad Farwell	Ben Havens	Kyle Winders
Paul Sturgeon	Travis Moore	Tom Foster
Josey Ridgway	John Kallis	Kendall Ivey
Dan Scoggin	Jason Goeckler	Rich Cook
Heich Dunn	Jennifer Campbell	Bruce Drecktrah
Andy Austin	Joe McMullen	Craig Paukert
Zach Ford	David Ford	Michael Moore
Jason Peringer	Craig Fuller	Kathi Moore
Sarah Peper	Elisa Baebler	Jesse Kelly
Doug Novinger	Cassandra Messer	Jeff Williams
Duane Chapman	Jake Colehour	Hope Dodd
Sherry Fischer	Eddie Sterling	Olivia Jackson
Jenna Stiek	Kylie Sterling	Joe Chilton
Paul Blanchard	Terri Fike	Rachel Heth
Ben Parnell	Scott Voney	Rory Mott
	Brian McKeage	

Introductions and Welcome

Clint Hale called the meeting to order at 1539h and it was determined there was a quorum. Clint acknowledged the current committee chairs and the past presidents and officers of MOAFS, the North Central Division (NCD), and the American Fisheries Society (AFS).

Clint updated membership on various activities MOAFS was involved in throughout the past year.

- The membership appreciation day at Lake of the Ozarks was a good time for all who participated, and Clint hopes participation will continue to grow in upcoming years.
- The trout tournament on Lake Taneycomo was a success as all participating boats landed fish throughout the day. Clint hopes the tournament will grow in upcoming years.
- Shepherd of the hills hatchery hosted an anglers with disability event.
- The Wildlife Society (TWS) and MOAFS hosted a joint successful student workshop.
- Joe G. Dillard, Amanda Rosenberger, and Emily Tracy-Smith published a book entitled “Still Hooked, : Our First 50 Years” detailing the first 50 years of MOAFS. The book can be purchased from the MOAFS website.
- A MOAFS facebook page has been created to increase the chapter’s online presence.
- The MOAFS membership database has been updated to include member’s areas of expertise.

Guest Speaker: Jeff Kopaska

Clint Hale introduced Mr. Kopaska who is the NCD president-elect and works at Iowa DNR as a biometrician. Jeff presented an angler survey conducted in Iowa, and also spoke about Iowa’s successful Trout Program.

Jeff provided membership with an update on the NCD and the parent society. He expressed the importance of frontline employees joining the parent society. Jeff urged current parent society members to challenge colleagues to join the parent society. Lastly, Jeff stressed his dedication to improving the NCD and parent society.

Anglers with Disabilities Committee

Eric Rahm provided an update for Mary Scott. Eric reported the committee will host two events this upcoming year. The first will be at Meramec State Park in April, with the second being held in Rolla sometime in September.

History Committee

Vince Travnichek reminded members to take photos at MOAFS events in an effort to further document MOAFS history. Photos should be sent to Vince or Joe Dillard to be archived. Vince also encouraged members to purchase Joe Dillard’s book entitled “Still Hooked, : Our First 50 Years”. It summarizes in detail the first 50 years of MOAFS. Lastly, Vince reported the parent society is encouraging each chapter to submit a report detailing their chapter’s history. Thanks to Joe and all those who contributed to the book, MOAFS history is now concisely documented and can be viewed by the parent society.

Continuing Education Committee

Brad Farwell reported the committee once again participated in the Missouri Natural Resources Conference (MNRC) job fair. The committee also participated in a video presentation at NCD continuing education workshop. A knowledge seeker award was presented at the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference. The award recipient received \$200.00 to help cover costs associated with attending future meetings.

Information Technology Committee

Alex Prentice reported that the mailing list has been filtered and the membership list updated. Alex said the MOAFS email account is temporarily out of service and offline. The committee is working towards storing all photos on the online catalog.

Legislative and Environmental Concerns Committee

Emily Tracy-Smith submitted the following report for the committee.

The legislative and environmental concerns committee is working on ways to engage MOAFS membership and keeping everyone well informed. The 2019 Legislative session started January 9th through May 17, 2019, so far bills have been proposed concerning land acquisition, the right to hunt and fish, the conservation sales tax, development permits in floodplains, and changing laws regarding use of plastic bags. Committee members will be watching these bills closely and attend any upcoming hearings. Sources to follow legislative bills include the Legislative Action Center hosted by CFM (www.confedmo.org/lac/) and Stream Teams United, Legislative Lookout (<http://mstwc.org/advocateforwater/>). Additional resources to stay informed and get involved include Missouri Science & Technology (MOST) Policy Fellows (<https://mostpolicyfellows.org>), and Missouri Collegiate Conservation Alliance (<https://mccamo.com/>).

At this year's MNRC, we collaborated with CFM, MOST and MCCA to host a two-day advocacy workshop aimed at bridging the gaps between conservationists and policy makers. We hope to collaborate on future workshops about the policy making process and how to get involved.

Upcoming events the committee will be participating in include the Conservation Federation of Missouri Annual Convention (Jefferson City, March 8-9). Emily Tracy-Smith serves as Chair for the *Rivers, Streams, and Fisheries Committee* and Nick Sievert (Vice-Chair). Many other MOAFS members are involved in the committee including Edward Sterling, Corey Dunn, Michael Moore, and Greg Pitchford. The committee will be seeking out presentations from MOAFS members during the Rivers and Streams Committee meeting. We will also attend **Conservation Day at the Capitol** (April 3, from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.).

Other opportunities mentioned to get involved with advocacy in water resources, include joining or starting a local stream team and purchasing a Stream Teams United specialty license plate "The Great Rivers State" which helps support education, advocacy and stewardship efforts.

Newsletter Committee

Emily Tracy-Smith recognized the newsletter committee members for their hard work in creating all MOAFS newsletters.

Membership Committee

John Lisek has taken a leave of absence from the membership committee until October. Hope Dodd will be filling in during John's absence.

MNRC Steering Committee

Blake Stephens reported 718 people registered for MNRC and 781 room nights were booked. Blake said a post conference satisfaction survey would be sent out to all conference attendees.

The MNRC Steering Committee contact list can be found in Attachment 1.

Publicity Committee

Trish Yasger was delighted to announce the silent auction and outdoor adventure auction raised a total of \$921.00 for MOAFS. Trish also announced 42 members paid dues at MNRC, and 4 copies of "Still Hooked, : Our First 50 Years" were sold at the conference.

Rivers and Streams Committee

Eric announced there may be a potential opportunity to help Stream Team United and the opportunity would be presented during the "New Business" portion of the meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Darby Niswonger announced that 2018 was a subpar financial year for MOAFS and the Student Support Trust Fund (SSTF). The general checking account started with \$25,390.34 and ended with \$22,751.25.

The SSTF did not perform well in 2018. The SSTF mutual fund investments lost a total of \$5,746.69 in 2018, while the CD's did experience a slight gain of \$81.07 this year. Even though the stock market was poor in 2018, it should be noted the overall investment strategy is working. Since the investment strategy began in 2014, the stock market index funds and CD's have yielded a profit of \$16,305.24.

In summary, the general accounts in 2018 started with a balance of \$25,390.34 and ended the year with \$22,751.25 for a loss of \$2,639.09. The SSTF accounts in 2018 started with a balance of \$115,411.69 and ended with \$114,895.97 for a loss of \$515.72. Detailed account balances and budgets for the Treasurer's Report can be found in Attachment 2.

Finance Committee

Jen Girondo presented the 2019 budget (Attachment 3). The budget is similar to 2018 with two exceptions. The line item "Fishing Tournament- Taneycomo" was removed from the budget. This line item was assigned \$800.00 in 2018. The "Account Dividends" line item was increased from \$30.00 to \$50.00 due to the increase of dividends in 2018.

The Student Support budget for 2019 does not differ from the 2018 budget (Attachment 4)

Clint Hale made a motion to approve the proposed 2019 MOAFS and Student Support budgets, which was seconded. The motion passed with all in favor.

Award Presentation

Clint Hale presented Don Rahm with a MOAFS letter of recognition for his continued involvement in the Discover Nature-Fishing Program. Don has contributed countless hours volunteering with the Fishing Program and his efforts have undoubtedly contributed to the success of the program.

Student Support Committee

Jen Girondo began by announcing the recipients for the following rewards.

- Joan Duffy Award- Elisa Baebler
- Student Achievement Award- Jeff Williams
- MNRC Best Student Poster Award- Mike Thomas
- Joe G. Dillard Award- Colton Hampton
- MNRC Best Student Platform- Jeff Williams

Jen then took a moment to recognize all the student sub-unit groups for their involvement with MOAFS.

In addition to the awards presented at MNRC, the Conservation Federation of Missouri's Ed Stegner and Carl Morrow Scholarships in fisheries will be presented at CFM's annual meeting March 8-10, 2019. Joe Dillard and Bob DiStefano reviewed candidates for the awards and recommend the following:

- Ed Stegner- Kiah Wright
- Carl Morrow- Corey Dunn

Past-President's Report

Tom Priesendorf began by reminding everyone to attend the awards banquet following the annual meeting, where the Lee Redmond Citizen's Award, Stephen Weithman Award, and John L. Funk Award of Excellence would be presented.

Before announcing the MOAFS officer election results, Tom urged members to nominate peers for these positions. Tom explained this year's nomination period had to be extended due to a lack of nominees. Tom then announced the officer election results.

- Secretary- Brandon Baumhoer
- Membership Intern- Hope Dodd
- President-Elect- Eric Rahm

New Business

Clint Hale thanked officers and committee members for their work throughout the year. Clint also said he will always remember his time as MOAFS President as enjoyable.

Clint then passed the gavel to incoming president Andy Turner.

Andy's first order of business was to present Clint with a certificate of appreciation as outgoing President.

Andy also spoke about how he is looking forward to serving as MOAFS President. He also urged members to become more involved with the chapter because membership involvement is key to MOAFS' success.

Mary Culler of Stream Team Watershed Coalition announced it will be the 30th anniversary of Steam Team United. A celebration will be held at Echo Bluffs on November 23rd, 2019. Mary invited membership to the event and promised a dashing time. She then asked if MOAFS would be willing to donate/purchase a sponsorship of \$100.00. The donation would help fund Stream Team Student Scholarships. Andy Turner asked Mary if she could submit a written request to the Treasurer. Andy noted a decision would be made in a few weeks, due to the need for an Executive Committee vote.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. The motion passed all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 1728h.

Attachments

1. Treasurer Report, Darby Niswonger
2. Finance Committee Report, Jen Girondo
3. MNRC Steering Committee Contacts, Blake Stephens
4. Student Support Committee Budget, Jen Girondo

MNRC STEERING COMMITTEE (last updated April 2017)

	Chair 4 th year TWS 2019	Vice Chair 3 rd year SAF2020	Secretary 2 nd year SWCS 2021	Member 1 st year AFS 2022
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Attachment 1
MNRC Steering Committee Contacts
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MOAFS 2018 General Checking Account Balance

	Beg. Balance	Withdrawals	Deposits	12/31/18 Balance
General Fund Accounts:				
Share Draft	\$8,527.66	--	--	\$8,554.71
Checking	\$13,091.43	\$2,485.37	\$3,363.81	\$14,008.55
Special Projects Checking	\$3,771.25	\$4,100.00	\$424.47	\$97.99
Total	\$25,390.34	\$8,320.37	\$5,623.28	\$22,751.25

2018 Student Support Trust Fund Balance

	12/31/17 Balance	Withdrawals	Deposits	Dividends/ Earnings	12/31/17 Balance
Student Support Accounts:					
Money Market – 78	\$15,477.92	\$4,300.00	\$3,814.85	\$68.07	\$15,060.84
Checking – 76	\$4,020.40	\$3,584.32	\$9,039.81	\$9.86	\$9,485.75
CD	\$51,060.95	\$639.81	\$0.00	\$720.88	\$51,142.02
Stock Market Index Fund	\$44,954.05	\$2,736.39	\$0.00	\$886.69	\$39,207.36
Total	\$115,513.32	\$11,260.52	\$12,854.66	\$1,685.50	\$114,895.97

2018 Account Balances Summary

Account	Begin 2018 Balance	End 2018 Balance	Change
General Accounts	\$25,390.34	\$22,751.25	\$2,639.09
SSTF Accounts	\$115,411.69	\$114,895.97	\$515.72
Total	\$140,802.03	\$137,647.22	\$3,154.81

MOAFS 2018 Budget

Income	2018 Budget	2018 Actual
MNRC Outdoor Adventures Auction	\$1,100.00	\$975.00
MNRC 2018 Silent Auction	\$500.00	\$515.00
Fishing Tournament- Taneycomo	\$800.00	\$100.00
Membership dues	\$400.00	\$360.00
Lifetime Membership dues	\$0.00	\$200.00
Membership dues and rebates from National	\$500.00	\$1082.00
Account dividends	\$30.00	\$57.43
Other income (donations)	\$100.00	\$175.00
Total Income	\$3,430.00	\$3,464.43
Expenses		
MNRC Raffle and Supplies	\$50.00	\$0.00
Anglers with Disabilities - equipment, fish , tackle, etc.	\$1,200.00	\$555.00
2018 Chapter Awards	\$400.00	\$250.00
Fishing Tournament- Taneycomo	\$100.00	\$0.00
Annual Membership Appreciation Event- Operations	\$500.00	\$220.00
AFS Southern Division Paddlefish Publication	\$250.00	\$0.00
A.S. Weithman Best Paper Award contribution	\$50.00	\$0.00
Computer (Web hosting & software update)	\$800.00	\$475.00
Conservation Federation membership	\$200.00	\$280.00
Chapter Insurance	\$150.00	\$150.00
Postage, envelopes, stationary, printing, etc.	\$50.00	\$30.00
Undergraduate education initiative	\$250.00	\$0.00
Missouri Conservation Federation Liason	\$250.00	\$183.00
Membership drawing- Gift Cards	\$0.00	\$100.00
Total Expenses	\$4,250.00	\$2,243.00
2018 Final	Budget	
Income	\$3,430.00	\$3,464.43
Expenses	\$4,250.00	\$2,243.00
Net	\$820.00	\$1,221.43

MOAFS 2019 Budget

Income	2019 Budget
MNRC Outdoor Adventures Auction	\$1,100.00
MNRC 2019 Silent Auction	\$500.00
Membership dues	\$400.00
Lifetime Membership dues	\$0.00
Membership dues and rebates from National	\$500.00
Account dividends	\$50.00
Other income (donations)	\$100.00
Total Income	\$2,650.00
Expenses	
MNRC Raffle and Supplies	\$50.00
Anglers with Disabilities - equipment, fish , tackle, etc.	\$1,200.00
2019 Chapter Awards	\$400.00
Annual Membership Appreciation Event- Operations	\$500.00
A.S. Weithman Best Paper Award contribution	\$50.00
Computer (Web hosting & software update)	\$500.00
Conservation Federation membership	\$300.00
Chapter Insurance	\$150.00
Postage, envelopes, stationary, printing, etc.	\$50.00
Undergraduate education initiative (travel stipend)	\$250.00
Missouri Conservation Federation Liason (travel stipend)	\$250.00
Other Expenses	\$110.00
Total Expenses	\$3,810.00
2019 Final	
Income	\$2,650.00
Expenses	\$3,810.00
Net	\$1,160.00

SSTF 2018-2019 Budget

2018 Final	
Income	\$2,120.00
Expenses	\$4,900.00
Net	\$2,780.00
	2019 Budget
2019 Income	
Money Market - interest	\$60.00
CD Matures	\$550.00
Checking 76 interest	\$10.00
Other income/donations	\$0.00
Sale of Index Fund Shares (estimate)	\$1,500.00
Total Income	\$2,120.00
2019 Expenses	
Student Achievement Award (Grad) + AFS & Subunit Membership	\$530.00
MNRC Student Poster Award (MNRC reg, AFS & stud. unit memb)	\$230.00
MNRC Student Paper Award (MNRC reg, AFS & stud. unit memb)	\$230.00
Duffy Award (for 2019 Midwest)	\$230.00
2019 Student Colloquium contribution	\$400.00
J.G. Dillard Outstanding Undergraduate	\$2,530.00
Hutton Scholar Donation	\$250.00
Specific Request Funding	\$500.00
Total Expenses	\$4,900.00
2019 Final	Budget
Income	\$2,120.00
Expenses	\$4,900.00
Net	\$2,780.00