

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

**MISSOURI NATURAL RESOURCES CONFERENCE--TAN-TAR-A RESORT
FEBRUARY 5, 2020**

Attendees

Andy Turner, President	John Lisek	Sheldon Mufflin
Clint Hale, Past President	Craig Paukert	Kyle Winders
Eric Rahm, President- Elect	Wes Swee	Tom Boersig
Darby Niswonger, Treasurer	Caleb Skinner	Roderick May
Brandon Baumhoer, Secretary	Kenda Flores	Adam McDaniel
Jen Girondo	Kara Tvedt	Brandon Brooke
Matt Matheney	Raymond Hunter	Jacob Griffin
Blake Stephens	Scott Lankford	Mike Mitchell
Mary Culler	Austin Mueller	Bruce Drecktrah
Paul Sturgeon	Ben Havens	Andy Austin
Hannah Whaley	Travis Moore	Allen Brandes
Joe Chilton	Jonathan Twyman	Henry Jaxson Priest
Jeff Kopaska	Dan Metcalf	Katelyn Bebee
Kendall Ivey	Samantha Holcomb	Quinton Phelps
Kiah Wright	Mary Scott	Elaine Ewigman
Jane Rogosch	Annie Kentschke	Colby Gainer
Michael Moore	Rick Horton	Brain McKeage
John Brant	Chris Brooke	April Sevy
Paul Calvert	Michael Allen	Blake Friedrich
Sherry Fischer	Kelly Hoyer	Nick Girondo
Jenna Stiek	Eddie Sterling	Rory Mott
Paul Blanchard	Kylie Sterling	Emily Tracy Smith
Shane Bush	Elizabeth Mulhall	Ashley Stanley
Brian Todd	Benjamin Thomas	Josh Bruegge
Laura Ruman	Cory Blackwelder	Valerie Hentges
Phillip Pitts	Kieran Payne	Kathi Moore
Amy Meier		

*(plus two in attendance whose names were illegible on the sign-in sheet)

Introductions and Welcome

Andy Turner called the meeting to order at 1538h and it was determined there was a quorum. Andy acknowledged the current committee chairs and the past presidents and officers of MOAFS, the North Central Division (NCD), and the American Fisheries Society (AFS).

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

- The membership appreciation day was held on September 14th and consisted of a float trip on the Eleven Point River followed by a potluck dinner. Andy encouraged all members to attend the membership appreciation day this upcoming year.
- MOAFS made money contributions to a variety of causes this year including: Catfish 2020: 3rd International Catfish Symposium, AFS Hutton Program, AFS Socioeconomic Section: Weithman Award, and to the Missouri Stream Team Watershed Coalition.
- MOAFS has continued to work with the Conservation Federation of Missouri (CFM). MOAFS served as a representative at the affiliate summit, supported affiliates in opposing changes to Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MoDNR) listing methodology of the Section 303(d) list, and provided a nominee and voted for CFM affiliate board members. MOAFS was also featured in the March issue of the CFM magazine as the affiliate spotlight.

Guest Speaker: Jeff Kopaska

Andy Turner introduced Mr. Kopaska who is the NCD president and works at the Iowa DNR as a biometrician. Jeff provided membership with an update on the NCD and the parent society. AFS President, Scott Bonar and AFS Executive Director, Doug Austen, were both in attendance at the 150 year celebration of AFS in Columbus, Ohio. At the 150 year celebration, Scott spoke about the importance of communicating science to climate change. Jeff also reported that AFS has been very active in opposing the new Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) ruling.

Jeff also shared several highlights from the NCD business meeting.

- A technical committee has been created to focus on increasing urban fishing in public waterbodies.
- The creation of 'Hero of Fisheries' stickers. These fish stickers were distributed to fisheries professionals as a small token of appreciation from one professional to another.
- MOAFS won an award presented by NCD for best communication. The award acknowledges the MOAFS bi-annual newsletter, *The Redd*. Jeff presented the award to Andy Turner.

Lastly, Jeff presented a statewide angler survey conducted in Iowa. The survey is conducted every 10 years and asks a variety of questions regarding overall angler satisfaction.

Anglers with Disabilities Committee

Mary Scott reported the committee will host two events this upcoming year. The first will be at Meramec Spring Park on April 10th, with the second being held at the Rolla Lions Club Park on September 19th.

Mary was also pleased to announce, the committee applied for and received the David Risberg Memorial Affiliate Grant through CFM. The grant has a value of \$500.00 and will help fund the cost of t-shirts for the two events being held this year.

History Committee

There were no updates to report at this time.

Continuing Education Committee

Andy Turner provided an update for Brad Farwell. The committee participated in the Missouri Natural Resources Conference (MNRC) job fair, approximately 120 students attended. The NCD AFS continuing education committee presented the knowledge seeker award at the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference. Brad has also been working on the 2020 SEAFWA meeting, which will be held in Springfield, MO.

Information Technology Committee

There were no updates to report at this time.

Legislative and Environmental Concerns Committee

Emily Tracy-Smith reported that over 1700 bills have been introduced throughout this legislative session. The committee is monitoring multiple bills that could have a negative impact on Missouri's natural resources. Emily encourages all membership to utilize several resources available to stay up to date on advocacy issues. Stream Teams United (STU) has a newly updated website which posts information about relevant environmental issues at the local, state, and national level. Users can also subscribe to the STU email list to receive updates. Emily also urged membership to sign up for the CFM Legislative Action Center. The action center is an easy way to stay informed on legislative issues and provides users with the ability to submit comments to local representatives regarding proposed bills.

Newsletter Committee

Emily Tracy-Smith recognized Dan Metcalf for his awesome creativity with the newsletter. Emily also asked membership to submit photos and descriptions of MOAFS activities to be included in the newsletter. If you have any questions, contact any of the committee members.

Membership Committee

John Lisek reported that the revamped membership tracking method is working well.

MNRC Steering Committee

Blake Stephens reported 700-750 people registered for MNRC and 733 room nights were booked. Lastly, Blake mentioned MOAFS will host the 2022 MNRC meeting. If you have any positive or negative comments about this year's conference or suggestions for 2022, please contact Blake or another steering committee chair.

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

Publicity Committee

Eric Rahm provided an update for Trish Yasger. Eric thanked all those who worked in the MOAFS booth, and those who donated auction items. The outdoor auction raised \$1145.00, and the other auction items yielded \$325.00.

Rivers and Streams Committee

Tom Boersig announced there will be a short meeting after the conclusion of the annual meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Darby Niswonger announced that 2019 was a great financial year for MOAFS and the Student Support Trust Fund (SSTF). The general checking account started with \$22,751.25 and ended with \$23,223.19.

The SSTF also performed well in 2019. The SSTF mutual fund investments gained a total of \$5,814.27 in 2019, and the CD's gained \$672.73 this year. Darby noted that the investment strategy is working. Since the investment strategy began in 2014, the stock market index funds and CD's have yielded a profit of \$21,560.40.

In summary, the general accounts in 2019 started with a balance of \$22,751.25 and ended the year with \$23,223.19 for a gain of \$471.94. The SSTF accounts in 2019 started with a balance of \$114,895.94 and ended with \$120,710.24 for a gain of \$5,814.30. Detailed account balances and budgets for the Treasurer's Report can be found in Attachment 2.

Finance Committee

Eric Rahm presented the EXCOM approved 2020 budget (Attachment 3). The budget is similar to 2019, with a few exceptions. The CFM David Risberg Memorial Affiliate Grant was added to the income budget, which will be used to purchase t-shirts for upcoming disabled angler events. The expense line item for computer software was increased from \$500.00 in 2019 to \$970.00 in 2020 to account for the rising cost of computer software. Lastly, the A.S. Weithman Best Paper Award Contribution line item was raised from \$50.00 in 2019 to \$75.00 in 2020.

Jen Girondo presented the SSTF budget for 2020. The 2020 budget does not differ from the 2019 budget (Attachment 4).

Eric then asked if anyone has additional budget needs. Jeff Kopaska reported the Walleye Technical Group may be sending request for funding to each state chapter.

Eric then made a motion to approve the proposed 2020 MOAFS and Student Support budgets, which was seconded. The motion passed with all in favor.

Award Presentation

MOAFS and the Stream Team Program presented a letter of recognition to STU for helping enhance citizen efforts in protecting watersheds. STU Executive Director, Mary Culler, accepted the award.

MOAFS presented a letter of recognition to Dennis Keller for his leadership in the assessment, cleaning, and repairing of Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) boat ramps after the 2019 flood. Dennis was present to accept the award.

Student Award Presentations

Jen Gironde began by recognizing all student leaders that were present at the annual meeting.

Jen then announced the recipients for the following awards.

- Joan Duffy Award- Mike Thomas
- Student Achievement Award- Lauren Mott
- MNRC Best Student Poster Award- Mike Thomas
- Joe G. Dillard Award- Kia Wright
- MNRC Best Student Platform- Michael Moore

Past-President's Report

Clint Hale began by sharing how much he enjoyed his MOAFS duties the past three years. Clint reminded 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.

New Business

Andy Turner asked membership if there was any new business to discuss; there was none. Andy proceeded to display the MOAFS work chart and pointed out several vacancies within committees. Andy encouraged people to join a committee and become more active in MOAFS. Lastly, Andy thanked all officers and committee members for their work throughout the year.

Andy then passed the gavel to incoming president Eric Rahm.

Eric's first order of business was to present Andy with a certificate of appreciation as outgoing President, and Darby Niswonger as outgoing Treasurer.

Eric then announced the MOAFS officer election results.

- Treasurer- Joe McMullen
- President Elect- Kyle Winders

Eric thanked excom and committee members for their continued work with MOAFS, and also Jeff Kopaska for providing the NCD/AFS update.

Lastly, Eric encouraged membership to attend the membership appreciation event. The event will likely be held near Bennet Spring State Park in late summer or early fall. Activities include floating, fishing, games, and potluck/dinner.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. The motion passed all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 1714h.

Attachments

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

MNRC STEERING COMMITTEE (last updated December 5th, 2019)

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MOAFS 2019 General Checking Account Balance

	Beg. Balance	Withdrawals	Deposits	12/31/19 Balance
General Fund Accounts:				
Share Draft	\$8,554.71	--	--	\$8,561.85
Checking	\$14,008.55	\$2,728.49	\$3,167.49	\$14,563.14
Special Projects Checking	--	--	--	\$98.20
Total	\$22,563.26	\$2,728.49	\$3,167.49	\$23,223.19

2019 Student Support Trust Fund Balance

	Withdrawals	Deposits	Dividends/ Earnings	12/31/19 Balance
Money Market – 78	--	--	\$75.55	\$20,515.51
Checking – 76	\$4,136.22	--	\$10.30	\$5,360.29
CD	--	--	\$672.73	\$51,236.63
Stock Market Index Fund	--	--	\$4,706.39	\$43,597.81
Total	\$4,136.22	--	\$5,464.97	\$120,710.24

2019 Account Balances Summary

Account	Begin 2019 Balance	End 2019 Balance	Change
General Accounts	\$22,751.25	\$23,223.19	\$471.94
SSTF Accounts	\$114,895.97	\$120,710.24	\$5,814.27
Total	\$137,647.22	\$143,933.43	\$6,286.21

MOAFS 2019 Budget

Income	2019 Budget	2019 Actual
MNRC Outdoor Adventures Auction	\$1,100.00	\$575.00
MNRC 2019 Silent Auction	\$500.00	\$348.00
Membership dues	\$400.00	\$480.00
Lifetime Membership dues	\$0.00	\$0.00
Membership dues and rebates from National	\$500.00	\$720.55
Account dividends	\$50.00	\$58.76
Other income (donations)	\$100.00	\$110.00
Total Income	\$2,650.00	\$2,292.31
Expenses		
MNRC Raffle and Supplies	\$50.00	\$0.00
Anglers with Disabilities - equipment, fish , tackle, etc.	\$1,200.00	\$436.00
2019 Chapter Awards	\$400.00	\$155.00
Annual Membership Appreciation Event- Operations	\$500.00	\$286.00
AFS Southern Division Paddlefish Publication	\$250.00	\$0.00
A.S. Weithman Best Paper Award contribution	\$50.00	\$75.00
Computer (Web hosting & software update)	\$500.00	\$287.00
Conservation Federation membership	\$300.00	\$166.00
Chapter Insurance	\$150.00	\$0.00
Postage, envelopes, stationary, printing, etc.	\$50.00	\$0.00
Undergraduate education initiative	\$250.00	\$320.00
Missouri Conservation Federation Liaison	\$250.00	\$0.00
Other Expenses	\$110.00	\$750.00*
Total Expenses	\$3,810.00	\$2,475.00
*Donation STU 30 th Anniversary Banquet (\$250.00)		
*Sponsor donation to 2020 Catfish Symposium (\$500.00)		
2019 Final	Budget	
Income	\$2,650.00	\$2,292.31
Expenses	\$3,810.00	\$2,475.00
Net	\$1,160.00	\$182.69

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Income	2020 Budget
MNRC Outdoor Adventures Auction	\$1,100.00
MNRC 2020 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
CFM David Risberg Memorial Affiliate Grant	\$500.00
Total Income	\$3,150.00
Expenses	
MNRC Raffle and Supplies	\$50.00
Anglers with Disabilities - equipment, fish , tackle, etc.	\$1,200.00
2020 Chapter Awards	\$400.00
Annual Membership Appreciation Event- Operations	\$500.00
A.S. Weithman Best Paper Award contribution	\$75.00
Computer (Web hosting & software update)	\$970.00
Conservation Federation membership	\$300.00
Chapter Insurance	\$150.00
Postage, envelopes, stationary, printing, etc.	\$50.00
Missouri Conservation Federation Liaison (travel stipend)	\$250.00
Other Expenses	\$110.00
Total Expenses	\$3,945.00
2020 Final	Budget
Income	\$3,150.00
Expenses	\$3,945.00
Net	\$795.00

SSTF 2020 Budget

2019 Final	
Income	\$2,120.00
Expenses	\$4,900.00
Net	\$2,780.00
	2020 Budget
2020 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
2020 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 Midwest)	\$230.00
2020 Student Colloquium contribution	\$400.00
J.G. Dillard Outstanding Undergraduate	\$2,530.00
Hutton Scholar Donation	\$250.00
Conference Travel Support	\$500.00
Total Expenses	\$4,900.00
2020 Final	Budget
Income	\$2,120.00
Expenses	\$4,900.00
Net	\$2,780.00