

MOAFS RIVERS AND STREAMS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kyle Winders

Attendees included: Kyle Winders, Phil Pits, Amy Meier, John Fantz, Kenda Flores, Eric Rahm, Mike Smith, Jennifer Gironde, Scott Williams, Jennifer Campbell-Allison, G. Travis Lyon, Darby Niswonger, Joe McMullen, Craig Fuller, Kat Lackman, Buck Brooks

The business meeting was preceded by presentations describing Aquatic Organism Passage issues in Missouri. The presentations were as follows:

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

Old Business

Kyle Winders asked for a review of the Winter RSTC meeting minutes. Eric Rahm informed the group that due to weather, the length of the MO AFS Business meeting, and the upcoming MNRC mixer, there was no Winter RSTC meeting.

Matt Matheney was unable to make it to the meeting to provide a summary of the 2014 NCD Rivers and Streams Meeting. Eric Rahm informed the group that he would contact Matt Matheney to get that summary and email it out to everyone.

John Fantz asked if the RSTC meeting announcements could be sent out to the MO AFS membership email list. Mike Smith also suggested adding it to the Calendar of Events on the MOAFS webpage. It was agreed that both these ideas should be done in the future.

New Business

Kyle Winders opened a discussion about MNRC workshop topics. The workshops at MNRC are scheduled for 2 hours which equals 6: 20-minute talks. He suggested the possibilities of: Climate Change or More on AOP.

John Fantz informed the group that the MDC Stream Unit had discussed a workshop or panel discussion about how Stream Teams can be used in Priority Geography work.

Mike Smith suggested a workshop title of: Citizen Involvement on a Landscape Scale

Mike Smith also suggested using examples of how it is done and what can be done.

Mike Smith and Craig Fuller suggested including other NGO's. Such as, Brandon Butler of Conservation Federation of Missouri, Nature Conservancy (Midwest), Holly Neill of Missouri Stream Team Watershed Coalition, Watershed Associations, James River Basin Partnership, Lake Ozark Watershed Alliance.

Kat Lackman suggested including presentations all the way down to the local teams. The Stream Team work with Craig Fuller was an example.

A discussion about what speakers might be available for the workshop topic of Climate Change. Suggestions were, USGS, Fish and Wildlife Co-Op at MU

John Fantz asked what categories should be covered with the Climate Change workshop?

A suggestion about a workshop topic covering Large River work was presented.

Darby Niswonger suggested an open Rivers and Streams workshop session open to all topics.

Jennifer Gironde asked who has the MNRC this year. Wildlife. Are student presentations limited? Do we need a student session?

Kenda asked who is the MNRC program chair. How do we know if student presentations are limited?

Mike Smith opened a discussion about if RSTC should create a standalone meeting for students to present? It was suggested that if done it should be on the weekend. The concept of a Student Colloquium (inter-/intra- state). How do we get students plugged into and stay plugged into AFS?

Jennifer Gironde asked how do we maintain our Professional interest in topics at MNRC.

Mike Smith said that he will ask the MNRC committee if students will have an opportunity to present.

Kyle Winders said he thinks a colloquium will have student interest with fisheries or fish and wildlife.

Jennifer Gironde said that for student events you have to get University advisors and faculty buy-in to push the students to attend. Weekends work best and March is probably the best time to do it.

It was mentioned that the North Central Division of AFS was doing some work with student colloquiums.

Ideas for a student colloquium were a field day, presentations by students or professionals, a combination of things.

Should there be a poll of the Student Sub-Units to see what they would want? When would it work best? Will they be involved with organizing it?

Mike Smith said that MOAFS needs to do a better job of showing what does MOAFS do.

The group was informed that MNRC workshop proposals are due October 16th

It was suggested that RSTC should sponsor a workshop for students to present. If that is not needed then the workshop would be a Rivers and Streams general topics workshop.

It was asked if MOAFS Student Support or MOAFS could sponsor a Student Presentation Workshop at MNRC?

It was agreed upon that MOAFS would look into a Student Presentation Workshop and RSTC have a Citizen Involvement Workshop.

Kyle Winders opened the floor for nominations for Chair and Secretary of the RSTC.

Eric Rahm self-nominated and Craig Fuller seconded.

Jennifer Gironde nominated Josh Ward for Secretary and Kyle Winders said that he would verify with Josh on the nomination.

Kyle Winders said that he would send out an announcement for any other nominations.

Other Business

Joe McMullen reminded everyone that he will be stepping down as Newsletter Chair

It was stated that MOAFS members should be looking for ways to involve people who are not involved.

The MOAFS Excom meeting is Friday, November 7th

Eric Rahm stated that he and John Fantz will work with Kyle Winders on the RSTC workshop for MNRC.

The meeting was adjourned