

# Annual Business Meeting Minutes

February 7, 2003

Fawcett Center, 43<sup>rd</sup> Fish and Wildlife Conference, Columbus, OH

## **Call to Order. Determine Quorum:**

The meeting was called to order by President John Navarro at 1:00 p.m.; it was determined that a quorum was present (53).

## **Welcome. Introduction & Announcements:**

Attendance was recorded and the meeting agenda was distributed. John welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave an overview of the agenda. He also welcomed and introduced Steve Fisher, President-Elect from the NCD.

## **Officer Reports**

**President:** John Navarro – John summarized the chapter's strategic plan, and explained that he would have more to say regarding the student colloquium when we discussed old business later in the meeting.

**President Elect:** Scott Hale – Scott described the meeting modifications and his role in planning this year's meeting.

**Past President:** John Deller – John thanked everyone for attending the summer meeting at Pickerel Creek. The meeting went well and the field trip to the Castalia Fish Hatchery was very interesting.

**Secretary/Treasurer:** Stacy Xenakis – Financially the chapter is stable (see attached treasurer's report). The balance as of 2/07/03 was \$6,860.86. Membership reimbursements from the parent chapter continue to be delayed. Please pay chapter dues at the annual meeting or send them to Stacy.

**Webmaster:** Andy Burt – <http://www.biosci.ohio-state.edu/~ocafs/>. Andy reminded members to send web site information to him.

## **Standing Committee Reports**

**Awards:** Glenn Trueb – In Glenn's absence, Debbie presented Kwee Tew and Matt White with plaques for the 2002 Ohio Fish & Wildlife Conference "Best Aquatic Paper" and "Best Aquatic Poster", respectively. The 2003 Ohio Fish & Wildlife Conference winners were **D. Derek Aday** of The Ohio State University for his paper entitled "*Growth, Sex, or Competition: What Causes Stunted Bluegill*" and **Toriano A Bowens** of Cleveland State University for his poster, entitled "*Population Genetics and Invasive Risk Analysis of the Round Goby*." Congratulations to all!

**Student Travel Grant Program:** The grant is designed to give students the opportunity to attend the annual North Central Division meeting. This year's NCD meeting was a

business meeting; therefore, we sought permission to use the grant money to send a student to the AFS annual meeting. Permission was granted, and the 2002 Student Travel Grant winner was Diane Kisner. Ms. Kisner is currently a Master's student in Biological Sciences with a concentration in aquatic ecology at Kent State University.

**Milt Austin Aquatic Science Award:** For the sixth year, OCAFS offered the Milt Austin Aquatic Science Award at the Ohio State Science Fair. The Fair is open to students in grades 7-12, and was held at the Schottenstein Center. The award is given to the student judged to have best project in fisheries or aquatic science with second and third places also being awarded.

The judges, John Navarro, Glenn Trueb, and Stacy Xenakis named Smith Nagaraja, as the first place winner. Samantha Zimmerman, and Ryan Farr were awarded second and third places, respectively.

**Historian:** Richard Day – Dick is still consolidating information. He plans to complete this project in 1 – 2 years.

**Membership Committee:** John Deller/John Navarro – Membership cards will be sent out with summer meeting announcements.

**Nominations:** Carey Knight – no elections at this time.

**Programs and Fund Raising:** Elmer Heyob – Elmer is maintaining his contacts for the raffle in 2 years.

**Resolutions:** Perry Orndorff – Perry introduced a resolution to support and maintain funding for the Division of Wildlife. The resolution outlines the Division's request to increase license fees and change senior licenses from free to a half price fee. Those born after 1937 would be "grandfathered in" and continue to get free licenses. This resolution was voted on and accepted. Motions to vote were made first by Larry Goedde and seconded by Kevin Kayle.

### **Ad Hoc Committee Reports**

**Aquatic Education:** Phil Hillman – The educational videos are complete and Phil will be reviewing the videos the week after the conference.

**Rivers & Streams:** Randy Sanders – Randy is trying to get permission from the stream book artists to put the book on the web-site. Tommeleri is charging \$125 per year to use his artwork. Randy is applying for a grant to cover this fee and pay for the conversion to a PDF.

**Wetlands:** John Hageman –

### **NCD Technical Committees Liaisons Reports**

Centrarchid – Tom Hall. No meeting

Esocid – Dick Day. Dick has requested that we find a replacement  
Salmonid – Kevin Kayle. No meeting

Walleye – Debra Walters. The WTC is in the process of surveying committee members to determine the direction of the committee. The WTC special publication is now available. Contact Tim Gomen or go to the MCD or WTC committee web sites for more information.

Ictalurid – Ken Cunningham. This group is now a committee and sponsoring a symposium at this year's Midwest meeting.

**Steve Fisher** - President Elect of the NCD from Missouri. Steve provided information regarding a contest that the NCD is holding to increase parent society membership. The chapter with the largest percentage of its members who are both parent and chapter members by the annual meeting will win a prize. He also gave an over view of the Hutton Program. This will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> year for the Hutton program to be funded through the parent society. The program is geared toward women and minority High School students; however, this is not a requirement to receive the scholarship. The parent society pays students \$3000 (+ insurance) for the summer. The deadline for applicants is March 1. The AFS and OCAFS web-sites have more information on how to apply as a student or mentor. Last year they had 56 students involved.

### **New Business:**

Workshop – Stream Restoration/ Geomorphology Workshop. We plan to hold this workshop in the spring. There will be more information in the coming months. The itinerary will include a lecture and travel to nearby streams.

Planning for the Spring Student Colloquium - tabled

Wetland Workshop Update

Ohio Chapter Liaison – John Navarro is still trying to determine if this is a possibility.

Stone Lab Scholarship – Details for this scholarship need to be decided upon before it can be brought to the membership for a vote.

Summer meeting – John Navarro suggested returning to Stone Lab. Elmer added that we could charter a head boat to go walleye fishing. The members voted to return to Stone Lab.

### **Old Business:**

Installation of the new OCAFS President: John Navarro passed the gavel to Scott Hale, and John Deller presented John Navarro with his past chapter president certificate.

### **Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn