

Summary Minutes from August 22, 2003

Summer Meeting at South Bass Island

Call to Order, Determine Quorum:

OCAFS President Scott Hale called the meeting to order. Twenty-four members were present, indicating a quorum. Members Present:

Scott Hale, President	John Navarro, Past President
Stacy Xenakis, Sec./Treas.	Mike Wilkerson, President Elect
Phil Hillman	Richard Day
Larry Goedde	Perry Orndorff
Roger Knight	Gary Isbell
James Bales	Sara Thomas
Don Arcuri	John Deller
Carey Knight	Jeff Miner
Joel Plott	Tim Cox
Dan Isermann	Travis Hartman
Mary Lundquist	Steve Graham
Elmer Heyob	John Hageman

Resolution Passed to Amend Bylaws (REVISIONS IN RED)

Section 2. MEMBERSHIP

...Affiliate Members (Ohio Chapter only) may attend Chapter meetings as non-voting participants, **will be subscribed to the OCAFS website**, and may serve as committee members but not as chairpersons. Only active members may serve as Chapter officers.

Section 3. MEETINGS

...The Chapter shall hold **an annual business meeting, a summer meeting, and a spring and fall EXCOM meeting** at a time and place designated by its Executive Committee.

Section 4. OFFICERS

- (a). The officers of the Chapter shall consist of, at least, a President, a President-Elect, a Secretary/Treasurer, and a **Webmaster**.
- (b). Officers shall be elected by mail, **e-mail, or fax** ballot received by members at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting. Officers shall serve for one year; however, the Secretary/Treasurer **and Webmaster** may serve more than one term consecutively...

Section 5. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- (a). ... the President **will prepare articles for Fisheries** regarding Chapter activities.
- (d). **The Secretary/Treasurer may disperse funds of up to \$200 with complete approval of all three of the following officers: Past President, President, and President-elect. The Secretary/Treasurer must submit a record of receipts and disbursements of these funds at the annual business meeting.**
- (e). **The Secretary/Treasurer may disperse funds exceeding \$200 with approval of a meeting quorum. The Secretary/Treasurer must submit a record of receipts and disbursements of these**

funds at the annual business meeting.

(g.) The President will edit and distribute the newsletter and prepare articles for *Fisheries*

Section 8. VOTING AND QUORUM

(b.) A quorum at any meeting for transaction of official business shall be one-third of the Chapter membership or a minimum of 8 members.

2005-2009 Strategic Plan

Work on the 2005-2009 OCAFS Strategic Plan continues:

- Drafts of a plan addressing each goal (1. Information Transfer/Outreach; 2. Member Services; and, 3. Aquatic Stewardship) will be discussed by each team in an early October, 2003 meeting.
- OCAFS members will review the draft plans, revise, and consolidate them by February, 2004.
- OCAFS will seek external review of the plan during 2004.
- Following external review the plan revised and voted on in February, 2005 and submitted to AFS.

Teams working on the plan are as follows:

Information Transfer / Outreach

Andy Burt
Stacy Xenakis
Deb Walters

Member Services

John Navarro
Matt Wolfe
Mike Wilkerson
Ken Cunningham

Aquatic Stewardship

John Hageman
Scott Hale
Elmer Heyob
Chris Vandergoot

2003 Wetlands Conference

The 2003 Wetlands Conference focused on “Compatible Use of Delineated Wetlands with Fishes”. The Conference was held at the OSU Museum of Biological Diversity on May 9, 2003 from 10:00-3:00. There were approximately 27 people in attendance. Attendance was lower than the previous conference and may be attributed to the change in venue due to alert status at Davis-Besse. There is interest in having another conference to continue discussions; however, no immediate work has been completed.

2003 OCAFS Summer Meeting

John Navarro did a great job organizing the meeting location and especially the perch fishing trip!! A great time was had by all. Check out photos on the web-site.

Lake Erie Trawl Calibration

Carey Knight provided an update on the progress of the trawl calibration which will standardize catches among all Lake Erie sampling boats. All agencies involved are beginning operations to complete Stage 2 on August 25, 2003. Carey will post a summary article on the web-site upon completion.

Historical Information

Richard Day asked the members to provide direction on how to store the historical information. This topic will be discussed during the Fall EXCOM meeting.

Other Business

Randy Sanders got permission to use the artwork in the Ohio Streams Book for website distribution.

Action Items

- Post summary article on Trawl Calibration upon completion.
- Each Strategic Planning team should complete a draft for their respective goals for the October EXCOM meeting.
- Post perch fishing photos
- Make decision regarding historical information at the October EXCOM meeting.

Upcoming Meetings ➤ **October (date TBA):** EXCOM meeting.

Officer Reports

President Elect: Scott Hale indicated that progress continues in planning the 2003 Ohio Fish & Wildlife Conference. This year the planning is lead by Scott Hull, OFWMA. The conference will be held February 7, 2003 at the OSU Fawcett Center for Tomorrow. Hale reported that Leonard Brennan, Endowed Chair in Quail Research at the Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Institute has accepted as the keynote speaker. The program theme will be, "Managing Overabundant Species in Terrestrial and Aquatic Ecosystems: a 21st Century Conservation Dilemma". In addition to Brennan, Dave Culver, The Ohio State University, as accepted an invitation to also speak on the plenary session with Brennan to broaden the program. Culver will provide an update on changes in Lake Erie nutrient dynamics and food webs related to the role of invading species such as zebra and quagga mussels. Hale indicated that he was also seeking an additional speaker with some expertise in cormorant issues. Past President John Deller suggested Mike Bur, USGS, and provided a bit of background and contact information.

Secretary/Treasurer: Stacy Xenakis provided an update on the OCAFS account, which is currently hovering near \$6,200. Since the last report, no particular expenditures of note have been made, and the chapter remains in good financial standing. Later in the meeting, she further indicated that progress continues on an update of a membership list and that updated information will be stored in an MS ACCESS database and provided to the membership. This lead to a discussion about distribution of the current list, and the matter was left at only providing the names of officers for general distribution.

Newsletter Editor: Andy Burt provided some background on housing the OCAFS web site on the OSU server at no cost and availability of the site through search engines that are free to non-profit organizations. Everyone was pleased that the web site succeeded in attracting a new member to our meeting. Andy also solicited suggestions for web site improvement.

Standing Committee Reports

Awards: Annually, a Student Travel Grant is awarded to a student attending the Midwest AFS Meeting in Iowa. Due to the cancellation of the Midwest Meeting, Debbie Walters is trying to determine if the grant will be awarded to attend the NCD Committee meetings in December.

The Milt Austin Aquatic Science Award will again be awarded at the Ohio Academy of Science, State Science Fair at the Schottenstein Center. The allocation and structural changes that were voted on at the annual business meeting will take place in April 2003. Awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place recipients were increased to \$150, \$100, and \$50 respectively. Additionally, there will be two \$25 honorable mention awards for 7th and 8th graders.

Several members had ideas on how we could use the state science fair to increase student interest in aquatic sciences. John Deller provided information about the AFS Hutton Scholarship. The scholarship amounts to \$3,000 / summer for a student to shadow a mentor who works in aquatic sciences. Gary Isbell suggested that we seek funding from sportsman's clubs to sponsor a scholarship for a summer course at The Ohio State University's Stone Lab. This scholarship could be coupled with the 1st place award at the state science fair. These suggestions will be further discussed at the upcoming ex-comm meeting.

Historian: Richard Day

Membership: John Deller mailed OCAFS membership cards and corrected the membership list. Stacy Xenakis and Scott Hale are developing a membership database to be housed on the division's M:\ drive, likely in a Navarro folder.

Nominations: Ray Petering/Marc Smith

Programs and Fund Raising: Elmer Heyob – not active at this time

Resolutions: Perry Orndorff –

Ad Hoc Committee Reports

Aquatic Education: Phil Hillman indicated that the aquatic education videos are in the final editing stage and are almost complete.

Great Lakes: Carey Knight –

Rivers & Streams: Randy Sanders has committed to a final printing of the Stream Book.

NCD Technical Committees: *most committees are inactive*

Centrarchid: Tom Hall –

Esocid: Richard Day –

Great Lakes: Carey Knight – The gear comparison workshop is ongoing. Weather permitting, Ohio's Sandusky boat and one of Canada's boats will be collecting data this month.

Rivers & Streams: Randy Sanders –

Salmonid: Kevin Kayle –

Walleye: Deb Walters –

Parent Society News: none reported

Old Business: Plans are developing for a Stream Restoration Workshop! John Deller has contacted Randy Hoover and Jeff Tyson to discuss possible ½ day activities and topics to present. John will present a few options at the next ex-comm meeting.

New Business: John Navarro presented an overview of the OCAFS Strategic Plan review team meeting held on May 28th, 2002. During the meeting, three main topics were discussed. The mission statement, a review of the 1998-2002 strategic plan, and where do we go from here. Following our review, we decided to propose using the 1999-2004 AFS Strategic Plan as a guide for developing and implementing a 2002-2004 OCAFS Operations Plan. This approach would allow us to focus on a few key strategies in the OCAFS 1998-2002 Strategic Plan that have not been fully addressed, and develop a new OCAFS Strategic Plan for 2005 and beyond that would be aligned with the next AFS Strategic Plan. The review team's recommendations were outlined in the handout from the meeting.

John Deller suggested that we add an Ad Hoc position, AFS Liaison. The primary responsibility of this position would be to establish and maintain communication with the parent society and North Central Division of the AFS. Matt Wolfe expressed his interest in this position. Both John Navarro and Scott Hale invited Matt to attend the next ex-comm meeting.

Motion to adjourn

Adjourn