

# **Minutes from February 6, 2004 Annual Business Meeting Fawcett Center, 44<sup>TH</sup> Fish and Wildlife Conference, Columbus, OH**

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

The meeting was called to order by President Scott Hale at 9:30 a.m.; it was determined that a quorum was present (51).

## **Welcome, Introduction & Announcements:**

Attendance was recorded and the meeting agenda was distributed. Scott welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave an overview of the agenda.

## **Officer Reports**

***President:*** Scott Hale gave an overview of accomplishments from 2003

New Strategic Plan for 2005-2009

Revision of By-Laws

Revision of procedures manual

***Past President:*** John Navarro thanked everyone for attending the summer meeting at Stone Lab and told all of our awesome day of perch fishing.

***Secretary/Treasurer:*** Stacy Xenakis – Membership reimbursements from the parent chapter continue to be delayed. Please pay chapter dues at the annual meeting or send them to Stacy. Financially the chapter is stable (see attached treasurer's report). The balance as of 2/06/04 was \$6,705.14.

***WebMaster:*** Andy Burt – <http://www.biosci.ohio-state.edu/~ocafs/>. Andy reminded members to send web site information to him. He is looking for a volunteer to assist with web updates.

## **Standing Committee Reports**

***Awards:*** Glenn Trueb – (see attached Award's Committee Report)

***Historian:*** Richard Day / Mike Wilkerson- no report.

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

***Nominations:*** Carey Knight – Ken Cunningham and Ed Roseman volunteered to run for president. After sorting through the votes, Ken was chosen as the new president elect.

**Programs and Fund Raising:** Elmer Heyob – Elmer is continuing to work with vendors in preparation for the raffle next year.

**Resolutions:** Perry Orndorff – Perry introduced a resolution written by Ken Cunningham (see attached resolution). After some discussion and revision, the resolution passed.

## **Ad Hoc Committee Reports**

**Aquatic Education:** Phil Hillman – The educational videos are complete. Phil is interested in seeking OCAFS funding to copy and distribute them.

**Rivers & Streams:** Randy Sanders – Randy received a grant from EPA to cover the artist's copyright fees PDF conversion. The book will be posted on-line.

**Wetlands:** John Hageman – John (via Scott Hale) indicated that there is interest in a coastal wetlands workshop and he will follow up on this idea.

## **NCD Technical Committees Liaisons Reports**

Walleye – Debra Walters. The WTC chair has proposed that the summer meeting be held in Canada.

## **New Business:**

Committee Restructuring – There are now three standing committees: Information Transfer and Outreach, Member Services, and Aquatic Stewardship

Larry Goedde introduced the Hutton student that he mentored last summer. If interested in applying, the deadline is March 1. More information regarding the program can be found at [www.fisheries.org](http://www.fisheries.org)

Scott Hale discussed the student forum that will be held April 2<sup>nd</sup> at Battelle Darby. The committee set a goal of 12 abstracts; so far we have received 6.

Summer meeting – Scott Hale has planned to have the summer meeting at the Columbus Zoo. The first half of the day and lunch will be at the mussel propagation center. The second half of the day will be in the zoo.

## **Old Business:**

John Navarro presented Scott Hale with his past chapter president certificate. Installation of the new OCAFS President: Scott Hale passed the gavel to Mike Wilkerson, and Mike presented the OCAFS with the 2004 calendar (see attached)

## **Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn

<i>Ohio Chapter of the American Fisheries Society</i>		
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>		
December, 2003 --- December, 2004		
<b>Beginning Balance:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,860.86</b>
<b>Income:</b>		
New Members .....	\$	50.00
Dues from AFS .....	\$	557.00
Wetlands Workshop Registration .....	\$	150.00
Rebates from AFS .....	\$	159.60
Dues from OFWC .....	\$	490.00
Stream Book Deposit .....	\$	625.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,031.60</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Milt Austin Awards .....	\$	425.00
Award Plaque .....		25.00
Wetlands Workshop .....		164.58
Donation to AFS Raffle .....		50.00
Summer Meeting .....		177.54
Travel Grant .....		200.00
Stream Book: Tomelleri .....		625.00
Midwest F&W Conf Pres .....		420.20
Envirothon .....		100.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,187.32</b>
<b>Current Balance:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,705.14</b>
<i>Respectfully Submitted</i>		
Stacy Xenakis		
Treasurer		

## AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT

**2003 AWARDS** – Winner of the “Best Aquatic Paper Award” at the 2003 Ohio fish & Wildlife Conference was **D. Derek Aday**, The Ohio State University for his paper entitled “Growth, Sex, of Competition: What Causes Stunted Bluegill”. Winner of the “Best Aquatic Poster Award” was **Toriano A. Bowens**, Cleveland State University, entitled “Population Genetics and Invasive Risk Analysis of the Round Goby.” Congratulations to all!

### **Student Travel Grant Program:**

The Ohio Chapter participated in this program in 2003. The program is designed to provide funding for students to attend the annual North Central Division meeting who might no otherwise be able to attend the meeting. The 2003 Student Travel Grant winner was **James E. Bales**. Mr. Bales is currently a graduate student at Bowling Green State University.

### **Milt Austin Award:**

This is the seventh year the OCAFS has offered the Milt Austin Aquatic Science Award at the Ohio State Science Fair, which is held at The Ohio State University.

This was the first year of our new award bracket of two honorable mentions given to a seventh or eighth grade student.

1<sup>st</sup> place winner – **Mr. Mike Goetz**, a senior from Benjamin Logan High School in Bellefontaine.

2<sup>nd</sup> place winner – **Mr. Collin Dadosky**, a freshman from Purcell-Marian High School in Cincinnati.

3<sup>rd</sup> place winner – **Ms. Anna Gray**, a freshman from Zane Trace High School in Chillicothe.

Honorable Mention – **Mr. Robert Dahlhausen**, a seventh grade student from  
St. Andrew / St. Elizabeth A in Milford.

Honorable Mention – **Ms. Megan Keegan**, an eighth grade student from St. Mary ES in Marietta.

**RESOLUTION AWARDING GRANTS FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION COSTS**

**WHEREAS**, certification is widely practiced by the professions as one means of setting standards and guidelines for professional competence; and

**WHEREAS**, it serves to upgrade the professional image, is a mark of accomplishment, and is a mechanism to demonstrate responsible peer evaluation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ohio Chapter of the American Fisheries Society is committed to the continued professional development of its members; now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Ohio Chapter American Fisheries Society at its annual business meeting in Columbus, Ohio this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2004, commits to providing up to five grants annually, reimbursing two Ohio Chapter AFS members the cost associated with applying for AFS professional certification, and reimbursing three Ohio Chapter AFS members the cost associated with AFS professional recertification.

## OCAFS 2004 Calendar of Events

### **Spring 2004**

- o April 2<sup>nd</sup> – First Annual Student Life Sciences Forum
- o April 21<sup>st</sup> – Spring Governing Board Meeting at Gander Mountain in Reynoldsburg.
- o May 8<sup>th</sup> – Sponsor the Milt Austin Sciences Awards at the Ohio Academy of Science State Science Day.

### **Summer 2004**

- o July 23 – Summer Meeting at Freshwater Mussel Facility located at the Columbus Zoo.
- o Late August or Early September – Summer Fishing Trip to Lake Erie.

### **Fall 2004**

- o October – Co-Host a Seminar with the School of Natural Resources
- o October – Award the Midwest Travel Grant
- o November 17<sup>th</sup> – Fall Governing Board Meeting at Gander Mountain in Reynoldsburg.

### **Winter 2004-2005**

- o February – Annual Business Meeting and Raffle at OFWMA Conference.