

Minutes from November 17, 2004  
Fall Governing Board Meeting  
Gander Mountain, Reynoldsburg, OH

**Call to Order, Determine Quorum:**

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Wilkerson at 1:00 p.m.;  
A quorum was present (8).

***Treasurer Report:*** Currently we have \$9,311.64. This sum includes \$2,239 that will be used for the Coldwater Workshop we are co-sponsoring.

***Stone Lab Scholarship:***

Scott Hale spoke with Jeff Reutter and Andrea Penetta of OSU/Ohio Sea Grant, regarding sponsorship of a student scholarship to attend Stone Lab. Scholarships are routinely provided to high school students enrolled in introductory courses and college students that enroll in regular courses. Both groups receive college credit for their enrollment. The introductory courses run one week, and cost about \$920 (room and meals=\$308, tuition=\$552, lab fees=\$20, OSU application=\$40), and the regular course cost considerably more because they run five weeks per course. High school scholarships/grants range from \$100-328 per student (average=\$225) and college scholarships/grants range from \$100-2,240 per student (average=\$493). Decisions for each year's recipients are made around March.

Scholarships/grants can be established in a variety of ways and applied to meet student costs in a variety of ways. Typically scholarships target housing so we won't lose our money if the student chooses not to attend (tuition checks are sent directly to students). Jeff Reutter suggests that we be rather specific about our interests if we decide to sponsor a student. There are several issues we should discuss.

Should we pursue a Stone Lab scholarship/grant program?

- Should this be an annual program?
- Do we establish a high school or college fund?
- Do we target a "fisheries" student, or other?
- Do we sponsor, or more students each granting period?
- How much should we contribute?
- Do we partner with the Ohio Bass Chapter Federation to share costs (i.e. 50/50)? (I have contacted OBCF and they are discussing the idea at their November Executive Board Meeting).

We decided that we were interested in exploring the following options:

- Tie it to an Academy of Science award for a high school student for a 1 week Intro to Biology course (~\$308).
- Partner with 1 or 2 other associations to provide housing for a college student 5 week course (~\$1,200).

- Stacy will provide the governing board with an overview of annual expenditures and profits to estimate whether we can afford to do either or both and at what frequency of occurrence.

**2005 OFWMA:** no updates

***Fisheries Certification reimbursement apps.***

- **Procedure:** Deadline of Jan 15; Applications go to member services committee for award to be announced at Annual Business Mtg

***Student Forum Planning:***

Stacy will contact Dr. Hoggarth of Otterbein College determine his conflict date. Mike will then send out call for papers.

***OCAFS Membership Diversity Drive***

Discussed the possibility of sending postcards to past members of OCAFS and University student forum contacts to boost attendance at the OFWMA and in turn OCAFS membership

- Stacy will send Mike a list of addresses of former members
- Mike will send postcard invitation to annual mtg, possibly with prize to be redeemed at meeting.

***Coolwater Workshop 1/9-11:*** OCAFS is co-sponsoring the event with the Division of Wildlife. OCAFS will also sponsor a social on Sunday at \$200.00.

**Old Business:**

We had the opportunity to view the educational video that Phil Hillman along with Skip Trask had recently completed. The group had some comments and also thought we should get copies on DVD.

**Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn