

OCAFS Meeting Summary

April 22, 2004

Gander Mountain, Reynoldsburg, OH

Attendance

Mike Wilkerson, President; Ken Cunningham, President Elect; Scott Hale, Past President; John Navarro; Stacy Xenakis, Sec./Treas.; Debbie Walters; John Deller.

Welcome: President, Mike Wilkerson distributed rebate receipts from AFS, and letters for award winners from the OFWMA meeting. He also congratulated all organizers on making the Student Forum a success.

OFWMA Planning: President Elect, Ken Cunningham has confirmed that preparations for next years OFWMA meeting have begun.

2003 OCAFS Summer Meeting: Past President, Scott Hale has arranged for the 2004 Summer Meeting to be held at the Columbus Zoo on July 23. Members will meet at the mussel propagation facility at 10am. The day's activities include the business meeting and a tour of the mussel facility, followed by lunch. After lunch there will also be a tour of the zoo grounds. Scott will meet with the zoo people in June with details will follow.

Budget: Treasurer, Stacy Xenakis stated that the balance is \$9000.85. We have received funding to sponsor the Coolwater Workshop. We have also received membership rebates from AFS.

Web Site: Web Site Editor, Andy Burt could not attend. It was noted that updates on the officer's page are needed.

Committee Reports: Mike Wilkerson will approach individuals to serve as chair** for each committee.

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**

Workshop Development: Carey Knight and Jeff Tyson expressed interest in developing a catch at age analysis workshop related to the Lake Erie trawling.

There is still interest in sponsoring a stream restoration workshop; however, an annual winter meeting on this topic has been well attended. It was decided that we should attend this meeting to ensure that we did not duplicate that effort.

Old Business

Educational videos – Phil is exploring copy and cost options. It was noted that DVD is likely the cheapest option and the easiest to distribute.

Equal Opportunities Section Travel Awards Committee – A donation of \$100 will be contributed to assist with funding for student travel to the AFS annual meeting in Madison, WI.

Action Items

➤ **June 1**

- John Deller will mail membership cards and a summer meeting flyer.
- John Navarro will update brochure to include committee overview and committee chair contacts and send to Student Forum attendees.
- Scott will send Andy approved by-laws to post on web.

➤ **June 15**

- Member service committee will develop a Fisheries Certification reimbursement application together to address the resolution that was passed at the annual business meeting. Important to note that applicants must be chapter members.
- John Deller will send summary of Trawl Workshop to *Fisheries*
- Scott Hale will send overview of Student Forum to *Fisheries*.

➤ **Topics of Discussion at the Summer Business Meeting**

- Discuss stream restoration topic. Is there a different approach related to fish habitat that we could present?
- Should Student Forum participants receive a free membership?
- Can we bundle memberships or provide incentives to purchase memberships?
- Should we provide “Starter Kits” for kids fishing event?
- Should we provide a scholarship for one or two high school students to attend a Stone Lab class?

Upcoming Meetings

- **July 23, 2004: OCAFS Summer Meeting**