

OCAFS Summer Meeting Summary, July 23, 2004

Columbus Zoo Mussel Research Facility, Columbus, OH

EXCOM Attendees

Mike Wilkerson, President; Ken Cunningham, President Elect; Scott Hale, Past President; and Andy Burt, Web Site Editor.

Welcome: President, Mike Wilkerson distributed welcomed the attendees. We had introductions and a quorum was present (17 members). Mike handed out the 2004 calendar of events.

Mussel Facility Tour: Eric from the Columbus Zoo gave a tour of the mussel facility.

OFFICER REPORTS

President: Mike discussed the need to work on membership (numbers and diversity). He also reported that the trawl comparison workshop is complete and that Carey Knight will provide an abstract for the web.

President Elect Report: Ken had nothing to report.

Past President: Scott received credit for setting up the summer meeting.

Treasurer: Stacy was not present but Mike stated that the balance is approximately \$9000. The need to keep the balance from getting too high was discussed.

Web Site: Andy reported that the web site was recently updated. There is a compatibility problem between Microsoft XP and JAVA internet navigation tool that needs to be resolved. A link to JAVA.com may resolve the problem. Please visit the site and make suggestions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Member Services: John Navarro discussed three efforts: 1) the OCAFS brochure has been updated and will be posted on the web; 2) The OCAFS presentation has been updated and will be posted on the web; 3) We are moving ahead on co-sponsoring the Cool Water Culture Conference (January 9-11, 2005 in Newark).

IT/Outreach: No report.

Stewardship: Mike discussed the need for a chair for this committee; possible candidates include Perry Orndorff or Chris Vandergoot. Randy Sanders reported that the *Streams Guide* is on the ODNR web site and that it needs to be linked to the OCAFS web site. Randy received the Directors award for his work in producing the guide.

OLD BUSINESS

First Annual Student Forum Update: Mike recapped the student forum. For the first try, it was viewed as a success but need to build on attendance for next year. Need to have the professors that attended call other professors to persuade them to bring students next year. The location, AV, prizes, and lunch worked well. Presenters will be given a free membership to OCAFS. Need to determine the best time of year to hold the forum. Need to have the IT/Outreach Committee get together in November to work on logistics (1st call for papers and logistics).

Educational Video: Mike said that Phil has been using the video with school groups. Need to convert to DVD and distribute to schools. Phil needs to bring a copy to the next EXCOM meeting at Gander Mountain for viewing.

Certification Reimbursement: Mike is working on a brochure that advertises recertification reimbursement that we can hand out and put on the web. Need to determine the number per year that will be sponsored (certification is \$100 and recertification is \$50).

NEW BUISNESS

Stone Lab Grant: Mike discussed options for the grants. We can tie it in with the winner of the Ohio Academy of Science Milt Austin award, have a separate contest, or give money to Stone Lab and have them disburse the award. Need to work on timing of award so that the winner can get registered by the deadline. Need to determine if we are going to give a full scholarship (room/board and tuition) or a partial scholarship. Need to look into possible matching from clubs (OHMC, OCBS). Scott will talk with clubs about possible matching and he will talk with Sea Grant about our scholarship options.

2005 OFWMA Raffle: Elmer will work on getting raffle items for the OFWC in February.

OFWMA Meeting Topics: Ken will look into the cost and need for a separate meeting room for the OCAFS business meeting. There was a discussion of the lack of continuity in planning for the OFWC. There is turnover every year so the chair of the membership committee (currently John Navarro) will attend the OFWC planning meetings with the President Elect (currently Ken Cunningham).

Starter Kits for Kids Fishing: Due to lack of interest, we are not going to pursue this effort.

Lake Erie Fishing Trip: OCAFS is planning on a fall charter fishing trip. Possible dates are September 10th and 17th. We need a commitment by August 15th and attendees will need to make a deposit (ex. \$10) so that we have a better estimate of attendance. We are looking at moving further east (ex. Wildwood Marina out of Cleveland). Roger Knight was interested in conducting a hooking mortality study along with this charter.

Stream Restoration Workshop: Looking into a stream restoration workshop for the summer of 2005. There is a possible tie in with the SWCD meeting. We could tie the workshop in with the Macochee restoration project in District 1. This could possible be a hands-on project. We will work with Randy Sanders and Elmer Heyob on this workshop. There was talk about doing an age/growth workshop but the streams workshop seemed like a better choice.

2005 Student Forum: This was discussed previously.

The meeting was adjourned for lunch and a tour of the zoo.

ACTION ITEMS

- Mike Wilkerson will do the following: get the trawl workshop abstract on the web, finalize the Certification Reimbursement brochure, find a chair for the Stewardship Committee, set up the fall fishing charter, and work on the stream restoration workshop.
- Stacy Xenakis will monitor the OCAFS account balance to prevent it from getting too high
- Andy Burt will fix the compatibility problem between Microsoft XP and JAVA and link the Stream Guide to the OCAFS web site.
- OCAFS members need to visit the web site and make suggestions.

- John Navarro will do the following: get the OCAFS brochure and the OCAFS presentation on the web, work on the Cool Water Culture Conference, attend the OFWC planning meetings with Ken Cunningham, and work with the Member Services Committee to increase numbers and diversity of membership.
- The IT/Outreach Committee will get together in November to work on the logistics for the next Student Forum. Items they will address include: when to hold the meeting, 1st call for papers, logistics, and getting better attendance (ex. have professors that attended call other professors to persuade them to bring students next year).
- Phil Hillman will convert the Aquatic Education Video to DVD for distribution to schools and bring a copy to the next EXCOM meeting at Gander Mountain for viewing.
- Scott Hale will work on the Stone Lab matching grants and work with Sea Grant on scholarship options.
- Elmer will work on getting raffle items for the next OFWC.
- Ken Cunningham will look into the cost and need for a separate meeting room for the OCAFS business meeting at the OFWC and he will inform John Navarro about their next meeting.