



Annual Winter Business Meeting Minutes

Ohio Chapter of the American Fisheries Society

Fawcett Center Assembly Hall, Columbus, OH

9:30 – 10:30 a.m., February 2, 2007

- 1) 9:57 a.m. Meeting was called to order. It was determined that a quorum was present (39 total attendees).
- 2) Welcome by President Eugene Braig
- 3) Officer Reports
 - i) President Eugene Braig
 - ii) President-Elect Andy Burt: The DVD 'Fish Management, Science of the Seas' has been distributed to each DOW district and station. This video is intended for outreach programs targeting middle/high schoolers. The next step will be finding a way to segment the video and make it available as streaming video on the website.
 - iii) Past President Ken Cunningham
 - iv) Secretary/Treasurer Eric Weimer: The chapter currently has \$5,693.13 in the account. Membership for 2006 was 110, and we're hoping to maintain this year.
 - v) Webmaster Kevin Kayle: Website has been improved in 2006, but more suggestions are always welcome. Currently, we'd like to have relevant photos of fisheries-related activities, so send them in. Website address is <http://www.biosci.ohio-state.edu/~ocafs/>.
- 4) Committee Reports
 - i) Member Services (John Navarro via Eugene): John wanted to remind the membership of the AFS Professional Certification grants that the chapter offers; more details on the website. OCAFS is in charge of the OFWMA raffle next year; John will need lots of help from the membership to solicit/collect raffle items. Finally, the 2008 Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference will be held in Columbus, Ohio. The DOW is taking the lead on the planning, and we'll see how the chapter can help.
 - ii) Information Transfer and Outreach (Open Chair): We need a new chair for this committee. Mike Wilkerson announced award recipients. Best Aquatic Paper went to Stacy Xenakis and Scott Hale for their presentation "Updating Ohio's reservoir maps." Best Aquatic Poster went to Rich Zweifel, Scott Hale, and Andrew Gascho-Landis for their poster, "Evaluating the accuracy of an existing walleye bioenergetics model for estimating prey consumption of saugeye." Recipients of the Ohio Aquatic Sciences Scholarships and Milt Austin Awards were listed, and a full list is available on the website.

iii) Aquatic Stewardship (Patrick Kocovsky): The Aquatic Stewardship Committee is looking for one more member before it begins work, preferably one with an inland lake/reservoir or stream background.

iv) NCD Technical Committees

-Centrarchid – Kevin Page: The CTC is trying to summarize management regulations across states and their effectiveness, as well as a summary of habitat improvement projects.

-Coldwater – Kevin Kayle: Recently re-activated; the group has begun planning a future workshop.

-Esocid – Matt Ward: Several issues relevant to Ohio esocids have been discussed by the ETC, such as musky die offs in the Great Lakes. For those interested, a summary of the ETC summer meeting is available at:

<http://www.ncd-afs.org/Pages/32/ETCMeetingSummary08-06.pdf>. Matt also mentioned that if he is unable to attend the summer meeting this year, he will be sending out a plea for someone to go in his place.

-Ictalurid – Rich Zweifel: Hal Schramm's survey has been completed and summarized. Planning is underway for the 2nd International Catfish Symposium, June, 2010, in Memphis, Tennessee.

-Rivers and Streams – John Navarro

-Walleye – Deb Walters: The WTC needs a new chair, anyone with interest can contact Deb for further information. Last summer's meeting in Ontario was cancelled; this year's meeting will be held July 24-26 at the University of Minnesota's Forestry Research Center in Cloquet, MN; cost will be \$120/person. Additional information is available at:

<http://www.ncd-afs.org/Default.asp?mid=23&sid=33>.

5) Old Business

i) Commercial Fishing Resolution (Perry Orndorff): Perry read the revised version of the resolution. After little discussion, Deb Walters moved that the resolution be adopted; Carey Knight seconded; the resolution was adopted unanimously.

ii) Tri-Chapter (OH-MI-IN) Meeting 13-15 February 2007 @ Pokagon State Park, IN

iii) Statistics Workshop (14-15 August 2007): Ken Cunningham will begin finalizing details after the OFWMA Conference

6) New Business

i) Election Results (Carey Knight): Rich Carter and Eric Weimer were elected to President-Elect and Secretary/Treasurer, respectively. Both were unopposed.

ii) Andy Burt was installed as President.

7) Kevin Kayle moved to adjourn; Phil Hillman seconded; adjourned at 10:32 a.m.