



**2010 Annual Winter Business Meeting
Ohio Chapter of the American Fisheries Society
Fawcett Center Assembly Hall, Columbus, OH
4:00-5:00 pm, 5 February 2010**

- 1) Call to Order and Determination of Quorum – 19 members present.
- 2) Welcome by President Nick Radabaugh – Stressed the importance of attending the annual business meeting.
- 3) AFS Presentation: Gwen White, NCD Representative – Want to engage with chapters but the weather prevented her attendance.
- 4) Officer Reports
 - i) President: Nick Radabaugh – The Buckeye Student Subunit was certified by AFS. Updated the OCAFS Strategic Plan. Had a successful summer meeting with the yellow perch bait study.
 - ii) President-Elect: Curt Wagner – Deferred to later in the meeting.
 - iii) Past President: Rich Carter – Deferred to later in the meeting.
 - iv) Secretary/Treasurer: John Navarro – Balance is at \$6,000 and holding. Currently have 150 members. OCAFS has raffle next year so we need to start planning now.
 - v) Webmaster: Kevin Kayle – Continues to post information as it comes in. Discussion on getting OCAFS started with a social media outlet and the group decided to pursue Face Book. NCD now has a Face Book page. This will allow more interaction with the membership.
- 5) Committee Reports
 - i) Member Services: Perry Orndorff – Perry got a late start as the committee chair. Discussed that recruitment for officer positions is always a struggle. People should see the value in serving as OCAFS President. We could add Secretary/Treasurer as an elected position. In the past, this position was a stepping stone to President and gave people time to become familiar with the organization.
 - ii) Aquatic Stewardship: Eugene Braig – Discussed a draft resolution on the removal of the 5th Avenue Dam. This resolution will be sent to the membership for comment and then go out for a vote.
 - iii) Information Transfer and Outreach: Kevin Page – Kevin gave an update of OIT activities.
 - iv) NCD Technical Committees:
 - a) Centrarchid – Kevin Page – Group met at MFWFC in Springfield. Next meeting in Lacrosse, WI July 27-29 as a joint Centrarchid, Esocid, and Walleye Technical Committee meeting and will include an age and growth workshop hosted by Dan Iserman (UWSP) and Brian Graeb (SDSU).
 - b) Esocid – Curtis Wagner – Group met at MFWFC in Springfield. ETC plans to host a symposium on cool water fishes at the 2010 MFWFC in Minneapolis, MN.
 - c) Ictalurid – Rich Zweifel – Planning on for Catfish 2010 in St Louis.
 - d) Rivers and Streams – John Navarro – Stream Restoration Workshop planned in March in Milan Illinois.
 - e) Salmonid – Kevin Kayle – Group has been in hibernation but possible trout workshop in future.

- f) Walleye – Deb Walters – New AFS publication on saugeye and walleye biology in the works.
- 6) Old Business
- i) Stream Fish Guide Update: John Navarro – Brian Zimmerman is moving ahead with the publication and it will be unveiled at the 2011 Wildlife Diversity Conference.
 - ii) Ohio Academy of Sciences Partnering Update: Nick Radabaugh – Need to make a decision on the number of presenters we will sponsor (\$45/ea) and if we will give a cash award to the best presentation. We will continue to investigate.
 - iii) Award Participation (Joan Duffy): Nick Radabaugh – May tie in with best presentation at the Ohio Academy of Science meeting.
 - iv) 2010-2014 Strategic Plan: Nick Radabaugh – The final draft was posted on the OCAFS web site for 30 days with no comments. Group voted to accept plan.
 - v) OCAFS OSU Academic Subunit Update: Subunit representative – Buckeye subunit is official. This group is a mix of both fish and wildlife students and has about 20 members. Buckeye Chapter is looking for activities to do for outreach (ex. kid fishing event or electrofishing demonstration).
 - vi) Other
- 7) New Business
- i) Awards (2009 best poster, Milt Austin Awards, Stone Lab workshop): Mike Wilkerson – Rich Carter was given a plaque for past service as president. Lindsay Pierce won best poster last year. Milt Austin and Stone Lab award winners are posted on the web.
 - ii) Evaluation of 2010 OFWC: Curt Wagner – Presentations were good and attendance was over 200. OFWMA will be asking for feedback on the conference. OCAFS members should send comments pertaining to OFWMA to Curt Wagner. Need to move the Society meetings to the morning to facilitate participation.
 - iii) YEP Study Results: Curt Wagner – Produced a Sea Grant publication with the results on bait preference of yellow perch (publication on the web).
 - iv) Election Results/Installation of New President – Joe Conroy ran unopposed and was installed as the President-Elect of OCAFS.
- 8) Adjourn – Meeting ended at 5:15.