



**2011 Summer Business Meeting
Ohio Chapter of the American Fisheries Society
The Columbus Zoo & Aquarium – Powell, Ohio
10:30 am -12:00 pm, 30 September 2011**

- 1) Call to Order and Determination of Quorum – 23 OCAFS members were present and a quorum was present.
- 2) Welcome by President Curt Wagner welcomed the group and went over the logistics.
- 3) Officer Reports
 - i) President: Curt Wagner will attend the Midwest F&W Conference and represent OCAFS at the NCD business meeting.
 - ii) President-Elect: Joe Conroy deferred
 - iii) Past President: Nick Radabaugh deferred
 - iv) Secretary/Treasurer: John Navarro – Balance is \$5,658.39. Group voted to donate \$200 to the Zoo's North American Conservation Program as compensation for the use of the facility. Membership is at 202. Need to look at money in and money out to determine the amount of money we can allocate to support OCAFS activities.
- 4) Committee Reports
 - i) Member Services: Chris Aman – Chris is looking for help with this committee.
 - ii) Aquatic Stewardship: Eugene Braig asked OCAFS to support two scholarships for the fish sampling workshop which was approved.
 - iii) Information Transfer and Outreach: Kevin Kayle's duties as Web master have moved to Information Transfer and Outreach. He is keeping the Face Book and web site up to date and is always looking for new material.
 - iv) Buckeye Student Subunit: Adam Kautza pitched the student cookout to take place after the OCAFS Summer Meeting.
 - v) NCD Technical Committees:
 - (1) Centrarchid – Kevin Page attended MARK program.
 - (2) Esocid – Curt Wagner – 2006 Lake Placid Symposium is still available for \$30.
 - (3) Ictalurid – Rich Zweifel – Ethan Simmons will chair this committee.
 - (4) Walleye – Deb Walters – No report.
 - (5) Rivers and Streams – Kraig McPeck – No report.
 - (6) Salmonid – Kevin Kayle – Group is probably defunct.
- 5) Old Business
 - i) Ohio Academy of Science & OCAFS Partnership Update: Joe Conroy and others worked with OAC to sponsor three student registrations for the annual meeting. The best presentation will receive the \$400 Joan Duffy award (\$200 from OCAFS and \$200 from NCD) for travel to the Midwest F&W Conference. Both undergraduate and undergraduate students eligible. OCAFS needs to advertise through membership and other outlets. Please see attachment for more details.
 - ii) NCD Strategic Plan Update: Joe Conroy stated that he was involved in the process but that it is at an impasse.
 - iii) By-law changes: Joe Conroy has worked to update the OCAFS by-laws to align with the current strategic plan. Joe will get revisions out to the membership and we will then submit the revised document to the Parent Society.
 - iv) Awards–Committee Assignment & Alignment: Curt Wagner and Joe Conroy

- (1) OCAFS Scholarship to support an Ohio graduate student to attend/present at Parent AFS Annual Meeting per Dr. Sullivan: Curt Wagner opened a discussion of our current awards. We will evaluate the list (attached) and determine which ones to continue to support.
 - v) OCAFS Membership Survey: Chris Aman discussed the membership poll and will send out a summary of results.
 - vi) Discussion of President-Elect Nominations: Curt Wagner and/or Nick Radabaugh discussed the need for members to step up to the plate and serve on the Executive Committee. We need to remove barriers and also develop a nomination process where we will ask for suggestions of viable candidates.
- 6) New Business
- i) Cleveland Metroparks – OCAFS et al. Ohio Stream Book Reprints: Curt Wagner discussed the demand for the stream guide and we will have them contact the printing company directly. Also discussed having OCAFS print and sell for a slight profit.
 - ii) Strategy for Contributing to NCD Mainstream Newsletter: Curt Wagner will become more engaged with the newsletter.
 - iii) OCAFS Support (\$) for AFS 2012: Curt Wagner discussed desire to support and the membership voted no.
 - iv) OCAFS Science of the Seas VHS → DVD or MP4 for OCAFS website and Facebook: Curt Wagner discussed and Joe Conroy will look into the different versions.
 - v) Future OCAFS-Sponsored Workshop Ideas: Curt Wagner discussed possible ideas and Eugene brought up the idea of a trawl workshop sponsored by Great Lakes SeaGrant. Also discussed was a fish identification workshop with Brian Zimmerman from OSU. Also discussed a summer meeting at Stone Lab in 2013.
 - vi) Other: The development of a new OCAFS logo was discussed similar to the one developed by the Student Subunit. Also discussed an OCAFS symposium in partnership with The Wildlife Society. Joe will investigate both of these ideas.
- 7) Adjourn – meeting adjourned for tours of the aquarium and manatee facilities.