



MEETING MINUTES: 2012 FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Ohio Chapter of the American Fisheries Society
Grange Insurance Audubon Center*—Columbus, Ohio
10:00 am–12:00 pm, 2 November 2012

1. Call to Order and Determination of Quorum – Sixteen people were present so there was a quorum.
2. Welcome by President Joe Conroy – Welcomed the group and went over the agenda.
3. Grange Insurance Audubon Center Overview – A representative from the Audubon Center gave an overview of the Centers history, mission and amenities.
4. Officer Reports
 - a. President: Joe Conroy - Deferred
 - b. President-Elect: Tony Sindt - Deferred
 - c. Past President: Curt Wagner - Deferred
 - d. Secretary/Treasurer: John Navarro – Reviewed the budget which is currently at about \$4,500 which is below the \$6,000 level that we were at historically. **We are currently looking for a replacement for Secretary-Treasurer.**
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Ohio Fisheries Leadership: Kevin Kayle – Will continue to post minutes and announcements. **We are looking for a replacement Chair for this committee.**
 - b. Education/Continuing Education: Eugene Braig – Mike Sovic (OSU) championed the OCAFS resolution in support of amendments to the Lake Erie Water Withdrawal Bill. Eugene wants to redesign the OSU Fish Management Class with the assistance from Rich Carter (ODNR) and Holly Tucker (OEPA) to make it more in line with the Fish Management profession. OSU is also looking for new professor in SENR and Eugene hopes for a Fish Management focused candidate. Jeremy Shechter received the OCAFS award for the Fisheries Techniques workshop at Stone Lab.
 - c. Value of Membership: Chris Aman – No business.
 - d. Buckeye Student Subunit: Justin Woods (via email) – Subunit activities centered on fundraising to support travel to attend the conclave. Doug Sweet from London State Fish Hatchery discussed hatchery operations. The subunit will be hosting more fisheries speakers starting after January 7th. Working with Terra Aqua to arrange a river cleanup along the Olentangy River. The Chapter is also running the raffle to be held at the OFWC in February.
 - e. North Central Division Technical Committee Reports
 - i. Centrarchid: Kevin Page – Stepping down so **we need replacement.**
 - ii. Esocid: Curt Wagner – Working on a symposium for 2015.
 - iii. Ictalurid: Ethan Simmons – No report.
 - iv. Rivers and Streams: Kraig McPeck – Has moved to Illinois so **we need a replacement.**
 - v. Salmonid: Kevin Kayle – No report.
 - vi. Walleye: Vacant – **Need a representative.**
6. Old Business
 - a. Economic sustainability: Joe Conroy – We need to assess what OCAFS can sustain financially so that we maintain a healthy balance.
 - b. Membership tracking: Joe Conroy – We also need to determine our current membership and develop a system to track our active membership. Reached out to NCD members on development of a membership database. Also getting database

format from Michigan and West Virginia. We want a one-stop shop for tracking membership. Also want to send out reminders to the OCAFS members to maintain their status.

- c. Fisheries Science Partnership Award: Joe Conroy – OCAFS will sponsor support for attending the OAS conference (\$65) but no interest shown to date. Jesse Filbrun won the best paper and will get support for travel to the Midwest FWC (\$200 OCAFS/\$200 NCD). We may need abstract judges but the date is fast approaching.

7. New Business

- a. 2013 Joint Meeting of the Ohio and West Virginia chapters of AFS (“Partnering Today for Challenges Tomorrow”, February 19th – 21st Marshal University): Joe Conroy et al.
 - i. Plenary session – Wednesday morning: Duane Chapman (USGS) and Tom Bridgeman (University of Toledo).
 - ii. Workshops – Ichthyoplankton, harmful algal blooms, acoustic applications in fisheries management.
 - iii. Call for papers, posters – Coming out soon.
 - iv. Logistics – OCAFS will help sponsor the conference and may generate income if we get sponsors. Travel has been approved for Division of Wildlife staff; please share rides and rooms when possible. The OCAFS business meeting will be at this joint meeting as opposed to the OFWC in February. May try to have a joint TWS/OCAFS meeting next year.
 - b. Recruitment – Need people to step up into these positions. Look at organizations outside ODNR (ex. OEPA, USGS, ORSANCO)
 - i. President-Elect
 - ii. Secretary/Treasurer
 - iii. Ohio Fisheries Leadership Committee Chair
 - iv. Centrarchid, Rivers and Streams, and Walleye NCD Technical Committees
 - c. Workshop/Outreach event brainstorming – Last one was communications and was well attended; need to develop the next one.
 - d. 40th anniversary planning – Do we want to have an event in 2014 to celebrate the 40th anniversary of OCAFS (est. 1974)?
8. Adjourn for lunch and a presentation by Dan Imhoff – Dan presented on his Ohio to the Gulf kayak trip. There were many interesting stories related to this adventure.

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