



**2017 Spring Governing Board Meeting Minutes  
Ohio Chapter of the American Fisheries Society  
2:00 PM–3:00 PM, 19 June 2017**

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1. It was determined that there was a quorum – Kristi Arend (KA), Janice Kerns (JK), Eugene Braig (EB), and Jo Ann Banda (JB) were present in person and Chris Arman (CA), and Megan Niner (MN) were on the phone. Chris Mayer (CM) joined, via phone, shortly after the meeting began.
2. Welcome by President
3. Officer Reports
  - a. President: KA, Old Woman Creek NERR / ODNR Division of Wildlife – deferred to old and new business.
  - b. President-Elect: JK, ODNR Division of Wildlife – had no updates.
  - c. Past President: CM, University of Toledo (UT) – was not yet on the phone.
  - d. Secretary/Treasurer: JB, USFWS reported the following:
    - i. The bank balance is \$5,244.33. There was a decrease of \$95, consisting of a \$5 deposit from Amazon Smile and an expenditure of \$100 travel award to Andrew Bade. The recent Milt Austin awards were not included in the reported balance and neither was a recent deposit of \$510, which was a check from the parent society for membership dues. JK said that we should let people know that there we have Amazon Smile so that a portion of sales can go to our chapter.
    - ii. JB reported that we are low on checks and that it would be about \$40 to order new checks. The expenditure was approved by CA, JK, JB, and CM.
    - iii. The \$500 donation for the Fishes of Ohio book was discussed. JB reported that only two voted. EB motioned that we make a \$500 contribution, and JK seconded the motion. All were in favor.
4. Committee Reports
  - a. Ohio Fisheries Leadership: NR – had nothing to report.
  - b. Education/Continuing Education: EB – has gotten two other who are willing to serve. Thus the committee now has three members (i.e. EB, Tori Gabriel, and Mike Durkalec.
  - c. Value of Membership: CA – had no updates.
  - d. Student Subunits: Buckeye Subunit, no report from Robert Reed; Rockets Subunit, MN reported that the Lake Erie unplugged took place and that in the future years they may run it in the fall to try to get a bigger turnout. She reported that the subunit did raise some money.
  - e. Meeting Special Committee: Joe Conroy, Curt Wagner – were unable to attend, but sent in an update:
    - i. They reported that we netted \$175 from the joint meeting.\*
    - ii. The planning for the in-state joint meeting in 2018 with the Ohio Aquaculture is progressing. The meeting will be Jan. 26-27, at the Quest Conference Center in Columbus, Ohio. It will consist of a mix of fisheries and aquaculture talks, a poster sessions and a banquet on Friday night. They think that it will cost about \$100 for professionals and will include meals. They included a draft agenda.
    - iii. The 2019 meeting will be in conjunction with the Midwest meeting. We don't know what our involvement will be in planning the meeting. KA will try another e-mail asking how they would like us to be involved and asking that they let us know ahead of time.

- iv. The national meeting will be in Ohio in 2020. Having the summer meeting with the AFS conference and having a small winter meeting was discussed.
- v. EB noted that the North American Lake Management Society meeting also will be held in Ohio in 2018.
- f. North Central Division Technical Committee Reports:
  - i. Centrarchid: Steve Tyszko – there was no report.
  - ii. Esocid: Curt Wagner (CW)
    - (a) CW sent an e-mail reporting that the summer joint NCD technical meeting is coming up and includes Walleye, Esocid, and Centrarchid technical committees. CW will not be attending. JK is the Esocid chair and said that the meeting will be the week of July 18, in Isle, MN. She said that the Esocid (and she believes the Walleye and Centrarchid) reports are due during the winter at the Midwest meeting.
    - (b) All of the manuscript revisions should be complete and in page editing stage for Muskie symposium AFS special publication, and it should be out in late 2017.
  - iii. Ictalurid: Ethan Simmons – there was no report.
  - iv. Reservoir: Joe Conroy – there wasn't anything to report.
  - v. Rivers & Streams: Jeremy Pritt – there was no report.
  - vi. Walleye: Matt Faust – did not have any updates.

## 5. Old Business

- a. The approved changes to the OCAFS Procedures were completed.
- b. EB gave the Milt Austin awards for the State Science Fair entries that were in the e-mails that were sent. Jeff Gordon helped. JB reported that she sent out the checks.
- c. There was discussion at the winter meeting about changing the Meeting Special Committee to a Standing Committee: It was discussed that it requires a by-law change, and would have to put out a notice 30 day prior to a meeting and requires a 2/3 majority approval of members voting, and then it needs to be reviewed by the society. KA will get the notice out so that there can be a vote at the summer meeting.

## 6. New Business

- a. KA said that she would like a service component to the summer meeting and bring students in who aren't frequently exposed to the type of work that we do. She would like to have hands on activities and maybe talk about our jobs. Through her education program they have contacts in Cleveland and Sandusky. JK said that she has had contact with students at Fairport high school. KA said that they could either go to the students or they could have them at Old Woman Creek and that if we bring them there we might need to provide busing. At Old Woman Creek they can take 5<sup>th</sup> graders and up on the canoes and younger kids to the vernal pools and wet areas to look at bugs and water quality. EB mentioned that although it is too late for this year we might want to add an event Farm Science Review programming (due about three weeks ago) and that doing so would include built in advertising. It was discussed that September would be a good time and that we should target high school or younger kids. CM will check with the Lake Erie Center education coordinator. JK could help the day of the event. JB and EB will help out as they are able. KA will try to keep that moving forward. MN will see if anyone from the UT group can help.
- b. KA wants to get a better idea of what people do that would fall under the umbrella of chapter activities that could highlighted. Meetings and awards would be included, but asked about including other things that we do but don't necessarily fund or run by the chapter. CM said that Lake Erie Unplugged would qualify. The strategic plan includes

- things that we don't do, but that our members are doing. EB teaches workshops and classes. It was noted that the fish sampling workshop that we give scholarships to should likely be included.
- c. The Fish Sampling Techniques Workshop that will be held September 23 and 24, at Stone Lab was discussed. In the past students have submitted a one or two page statement of why they deserve a scholarship and how it might contribute to their profession goals. The board then reviews them and awards one or two scholarships. The fee this year is \$217. JB said that there were enough funds to give two scholarships. JK made a motion that we give two registrations to attend the workshop at Stone Lab. It was seconded by CM. There was no discussion, and all were in favor. EB abstained.
  - d. JK said that she has been a part of a multitude of state groups and that for our size we have a well-rounded group in terms of our activities. EB said maybe we should submit ourselves for an award from the parent society.
7. EB moved to adjourn.
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\* Subsequent to the meeting Curtis Wagner reported that after receiving the final (updated) bill for catering services and a few corrections to the ledger, each chapter will have a loss of \$552.92