



Minutes: 2017 Summer Business Meeting
Ohio Chapter of the American Fisheries Society
2:15 PM–3:15 PM, 06 October 2017

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:23 pm and a quorum was determined – Kristi Arend (KA), Chris Mayer (CM), Eugene Braig (EB), Maddie Tomczak (MT), and Jo Ann Banda (JB).
2. KA welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for helping with the Cleveland Urban Community School hands-on event that was held just prior to the meeting.
3. Officer Reports
 - a. President: Kristi Arend, Old Woman Creek NERR/ODNR Division of Wildlife - KA deferred to old and new business
 - b. President-Elect: Janice Kerns, ODNR Division of Wildlife - Nothing was reported.
 - c. Past President: Chris Mayer, University of Toledo - CM commented that there was good activity from the Toledo Rocket sub-unit including:
 - i. Helping with the event before the meeting
 - ii. Relocating mussels in Fremont two weeks ago after the dam was breached
 - iii. Holding a fund raiser fish fry on October 19, before the Lake Erie Center public seminar.CM will send video and pictures to Nick Radabaugh for the website.
 - a. Secretary/Treasurer: Jo Ann Banda, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - JB reported the following:
 - i. The current balance is \$5,030.69.
 - ii. There was \$260 in recent deposits for dues.
 - iii. Recent expenditures were \$508.94 for Stone Lab workshop scholarships and \$74.94 for checks.
4. Committee Reports
 - a. Ohio Fisheries Leadership: Nick Radabaugh – Nothing was reported.
 - b. Education/Continuing Education: Eugene Braig - EB reported that he gave out two scholarships for the Stone Lab Workshop: one to MT of the University of Toledo and one to Hannah Bereske of OSU. EB said that there were a lot of diverse attendees from lots of different universities. Historically he has only sent the essays to the Governing Board for selection of the recipients for these awards but plans to involve the Education Committee members in the future.
 - c. Value of Membership: Chris Aman – Nothing was reported, but there was discussion about starting to recruit someone for president elect. Several suggested were made. CM noted the names and will give the list to CA.
 - d. Rockets Subunit: Megan Niner - MT talked about the following list of activities:
 - i. Fish fry coming up on the 19th, where t-shirts will be sold and a 50/50 raffle will be held
 - ii. Stream cleanup this fall
 - iii. Beach cleanup in the spring
 - iv. A demo day of fishing in the Ottawa R. on campus
 - v. Visiting Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge on Monday
 - vi. A possible behind the scene tour of the Toledo AquariumAn inquiry was made about the number of members, and MT said that there are 15-20 members. She said that she would forward JB an e-mail to be sure that all the members

are on the chapters list of members. EB mentioned that it would be good to have the Buckeye Subunit do the same.

- e. Buckeye Student Subunit: Robert Reed - Nothing was reported, but EB mentioned that he was copied on an e-mail that was sent out recently and that a number of graduate students seem interested in getting more involved in the Buckeye Subunit.
- f. Meeting Special Committee: Joe Conroy and Curt Wagner
 - i. KA went over that the winter meeting is with the Ohio Aquaculture Association 1/26 – 1/27 at the Quest Conference Center in Columbus. There will be a few joint and separate sessions that include talks, and we will have our chapter winter meeting. KA will put out a reminder.
 - ii. KA stated that the 2019 winter meeting will be in conjunction with the Midwest meeting and that it will most likely be in January in Cleveland. There was discussion about the involvement of the Chapter. KA said that Rich Zweifel is in charge of the fisheries committee for the meeting and that he sent an email saying that he will be assigning division of wildlife people. In the e-mail he said that he would welcome our involvement and that people from the Chapter interested in being involved should contact him directly. EB and a couple other board members have said that the Chapter should be involved in some way with the planning committee. As Joe Conroy and Curt Wagner are the Meeting Special Committee chairs, KA agreed to contact them to see if they would be willing to be involved in the planning. If so KA will follow up with Rich and make the suggestion.
 - iii. It also was mentioned that the AFS meeting in 2020 and the North American Lake Management Society Meeting in 2018 also will be in Ohio.
- g. North Central Division Technical Committee Reports:
 - i. Centrarchid: Steve Tyszko - Nothing was reported.
 - ii. Esocid: Curt Wagner - Nothing was reported.
 - iii. Ictalurid: Ethan Simmons - Nothing was reported.
 - iv. Reservoir: Joe Conroy - Nothing was reported
 - v. Rivers & Streams: Jeremy Pritt – Nothing was reported.
 - vi. Salmonid: Kevin Kayle – Nothing was reported.
 - vii. Walleye: Matt Faust – Nothing was reported

5. Old Business

- a. Meeting Special Committee change to a Standing Committee: Kristi Arend

How to change the bylaws to make the Meeting Special Committee a standing committee was discussed. It was stated that it must be voted on and approved by National. The hope was that it could be voted on at the winter meeting. It was brought up that we could have the language done and vote at the winter meeting, but EB mentioned that we are supposed to have it circulated a month in advance. JB offered to look into it this further.
- b. Joan Duffy award: Kristi Arend

Last year it was determined that the announcement would be made earlier for the travel award to the Midwest Meeting so that the student who receives the award, who is also the nominee of the Chapter for the Joan Duffy award, would know before submitting an abstract that they will get the award. As the announcement did not get out before the abstracts were due, it will be done the same way this year. But the announcement will still be made earlier than last year and the decision can be made in mid-late November. KA pointed out that making the announcement before abstracts were due would mean that the procedure would need to be changed, as submitted abstracts are used as part of the application.

6. New Business

- a. Chapter annual reporting: Kristi Arend – KA recently found out that National has a new web based reporting procedure for activities related to the goals of their strategic plan. KA related that she has been filling it out for next year. KA will get it going and get it in shape so that we can turn it in next report period, but there wasn't time to get it in this year. She may be asking others for help filling in some of the information.
- b. Chapter insurance through AFS: Kristi Arend, Jo Ann Banda - Chapter insurance was discussed. It appears that the biggest advantage is that would it would cover events, but we are not hosting big events. The consensus was that we do not need the insurance.
- c. JB said that the Indiana Chapter paid all the bills for the joint meeting and that there was a loss of \$552.92/chapter. JB said that since the Indiana chapter has already paid all of the bills that we need to cut a check to them for \$552.92. CM motioned that the secretary/treasurer pay the Indiana chapter for our meeting losses. EB seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A roll vote was taken and all were in favor (i.e. CM, EB, JB, KA, & MT).

7. JB moved that we adjourn at 3:06 pm. All were in favor.

Action Items

- 1.) CM will send a video and pictures to Nick Radabaugh for the website.
 - 2.) CM will send the names suggested for president elect to Chris Aman.
 - 3.) MT will forward JB an e-mail from the UT Subunit.
 - 4.) KA will put out a reminder about the winter meeting with the Ohio Aquaculture Association.
 - 5.) KA will contact Joe Conroy and Curt Wagner to see if they would be willing to be involved with the planning for the Midwest meeting. If so KA will follow up with Rich Zweifel and make that suggestion.
 - 6.) JB will look into the procedure for getting the bylaws changed and getting it approved by AFS.
 - 7.) JB will send the Indiana chapter a check for \$552.92.
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