



Ohio Chapter of the American Fisheries Society
Spring Member Meeting - Minutes
9:00 to 10:00 am April 26th, 2019

The Heffner Wetland Research And Education Building
352 West Dodridge Street, Columbus, Ohio 43202

1. Call to Order
 - a. Quorum was determined.
 - b. Meeting called to order at 9:12 a.m.
 - c. Attendance included Curt Wagner, Joe Conroy, Bryan Kinter, Eugene Braig, Nick Radabaugh, Mike Wilkerson, Kristi Arend, Janice Kerns, Suzanne Gray and Jo Ann Banda.
2. President welcomed everyone.
3. Officer Reports
 - a. President: Suzanne Gray (SG) deferred to new business.
 - b. President Elect: Bryan Kinter (BK) had no report.
 - c. Past President: Janice Kerns (JK)
 - i. Reported that Scott Hale is interested in having AFS involved in a fisheries videos with a Lake Erie focus. It needs to be finalized in the next 2 weeks. JK will follow up.
 - ii. JK has been sitting on the AFS Oversight Planning Committee. They are working to improve communication and working out some kinks that still exist. One example is that they are discussing whether or not to hold meetings at a limited number of cities on a rotating basis.
 - d. Secretary/Treasurer Jo Ann Banda (JB) reported the following
 - i. Current balance is \$2,914.70.
 - ii. Awards that posted to the account were \$650.
 - iii. There was one deposit of \$18.86 for dues from PayPal.
 - iv. There was discussion that roughly \$700-\$800 is coming in for dues and that roughly \$1,000-\$1,200 is going out in student awards. Further discussion on the matter was tabled until later in the agenda.
 - e. Student Subunit Representatives
 - i. UT Rockets – there was no report.
 - ii. OSU – SG reported that the subunit held a passport to fishing event and that about 40 children and their parents showed up to learn to fish.
 - iii. BGSU – there was no report.
 - iv. Student subunits get one vote on the board. It was mentioned that the procedures had been updated previously. Joe Conroy will re-investigate what the procedure is for subunit voting.
4. Standing Committee Reports
 - a. Ohio Fisheries Leadership / Webmaster: Nick Radabaugh (NR) had nothing new to report.
 - b. Education/Continuing Education: Eugene Braig (EB)

- i. There was one application for the Stone Lab Workshop. In early October EB will be again asking for the Board to give two scholarships.
 - ii. The state science fair is coming up and EB could use volunteers to help judge. He will send out an announcement and SG will then send it out to the membership.
 - c. Value of Membership: Kristi Arend (KA)
 - i. KA thought mentorship might fall under the Value of Membership Committee.
 - ii. SG and KA will work together to get the student groups together.
 - d. Meetings and Events: Curt Wagner (CW)
 - i. Discussed that it was previously decided to incorporate the meeting committee duties into existing standing committee, which would be a procedural change rather than bylaw changes and not a bylaw change. It will likely be included in the Leadership Committee. It was further discussed that committee structures may change following changes to National bylaw changes.
 - ii. In May CW and JK are meeting with Shawn from AFS at the convention center.
- 5. North Central Division Technical Committee Reports – there were no technical committee reports.
 - a. Centrarchid (Steve Tyszko)
 - b. Esocid: Curt Wagner (CW)
 - c. Ictalurid (Ethan Simmons)
 - d. Reservoir: Joe Conroy (JC)
 - e. Rivers and Streams (Jeremy Pritt)
 - f. Salmonid (Kevin Kayle)
 - g. Walleye (Matt Faust)
- 6. Old Business
 - a. Option to make Meetings and Events committee a standing committee was resolved. JC will revise the procedures, which will get membership approval.
 - b. There have been issues tracking student membership and keeping track of who are the officers for the subunits.
 - i. A Standard Operating Procedure will be developed by SG and JB related to having the student subunit secretary/treasurer provide their current membership list.
 - ii. Currently no e-mail is sent annually to renew membership. Currently if they haven't joined the parent society or e-mailed the secretary/treasurer in the current or previous year, they are dropped from the e-mail/membership list.
 - iii. It was noted that either the president or vice president must be AFS members.
 - c. Logo contest - SG will send out an e-mail to the members to vote on four submitted logos.
- 7. New Business
 - a. There was a request from NCD to address discrepancies between the chapters and AFS memberships, so JB will send the information.
 - b. AFS 2020: Curt Wagner and Janice Kerns

- i. There will be an AFS 150th Team Leaders Meeting 10:00 – 11:30 am, followed by lunch at North Market and tour of Convention Center
 - ii. There will be exhibits at the meeting, state or fisheries history, for the 150th Celebration Event. We discussed tying the 150th anniversaries of OSU and AFS be tied together. SB will investigate funding for our exhibit. It will focus on Ohio fisheries.
 - c. In addition to the secretary/treasurer registering with the Ohio Attorney General (AG), the previous secretary/treasurer suggested that each president also register. To determine what is involved, JB will investigate what has to be done.
 - i. KA motioned that in addition to the secretary/treasurer, the president also register with the Ohio AG.
 - ii. JK seconded the motion.
 - iii. The motion was passed unanimously.
 - d. The Buckeye Subunit held a silent auction. If the cash from the subunit is deposited into our account, the Ohio AG suggested that it could be considered fiscal sponsorship. Also in previous meetings it was decided that we would spend meeting income on meeting only and not awards, as to do otherwise we would need to file that we had solicited funds. It was also decided that we will both use meeting funds for other purposes and deposit and hold the funds for the Buckeye Subunit. JC will send an example of an itemized excel spreadsheet that can be used to keep track of what is in each sub account. A SOP for it will be developed along with the SOP for student membership by SG and JB.
8. Wrap up - There was motioned to adjourn at 10:29 , and the meeting was adjourned at 10:29.
9. Action Items
 - a. JK will follow up regarding the fisheries video.
 - b. JC will re-investigate what the procedure is for subunit voting
 - c. EB will send out an announcement about the state science fair and SG will subsequently send it out to the membership
 - d. SG and KA will work together to get the student groups together.
 - e. JC will revise the procedures related to incorporate the Meeting Committee into another standing committee.
 - f. SG will send out an e-mail to the members to vote on four submitted logos
 - g. JB will answer request from NCD to related to membership.
 - h. SB will investigate OSU funding for our exhibit at the AFS meeting.
 - i. JB will look into how to register at the Ohio AG.
 - j. JC will send an example of an excel spreadsheet that can be used for tracking sub accounts.
 - k. SG and JB will work on SOPs for tracking student membership and sub accounts.