



Ohio Chapter of the American Fisheries Society
Summer Member Meeting - MINUTES

Monday, September 14th, 2020
Meeting Time: 4-5PM

Meeting via GoToMeeting in conjunction with the AFS Virtual Annual Meeting

- 1) Call to Order
 - a) Determination of quorum: Yes – a total of 10 members were present
 - b) Meeting called to order at: 4:05pm
 - c) Attendance: Bryan Kinter, Brian Alford, Amy Alford, Nick Radabaugh, Eugene Braig, Rich Budnick, Zach Amidon, Chris Mayer, Touhue Yang, Robert Hunter

- 2) Welcome by Bryan Kinter, OH AFS President
 - a) Introduction of attendees

- 3) Officer Reports
 - a) President (Bryan Kinter)
 - i) Successfully submitted the OCAFS officer report to AFS. Content was lighter than usual due to much of our efforts last year going towards the AFS 2020 meeting and then the Covid-19 shut down this year.
 - b) President-Elect (Kristin Fussel)
 - i) No updates
 - c) Past President (Suzanne Gray)
 - i) No updates
 - d) Secretary/Treasurer (Zak Slagle)
 - i) We currently have 79 members (46 regular and 33 students)
 - ii) Current Chapter balance is \$3,151 (\$419 marked for OSU student subunit) = \$2,732
 - iii) Out account balance is relatively low but stable. We have not had a large chapter meeting in a couple years which typically boosts income. We are also not going to receive the large share of the profit from the AFS 2020 meeting we were planning on.
 - iv) Bryan would like to develop an expenditure vs income plan.
 - e) Student Subunit Representatives
 - i. UT Rockets
 1. Zach Amidon mentioned the UT has hired two new aquatic faculty members (Bill Hintz and Trisha Spanbaue) and hopes this boosts student participation with the subunit and Chapter.
 - ii. OSU

1. Nothing to report
- iii. BGSU
- iv. Nothing to report

4) Standing Committee Reports

- a) Ohio Fisheries Leadership / Webmaster (Nick Radabaugh)
 - i) Nothing to report
- b) Education/Continuing Education (Eugene Braig)
 - i) There will be no fish sampling techniques workshop at Stone Lab this year due to covid restrictions. OCAFS typically supports up to two students to attend the workshop.
 - ii) Eugene and Bryan Kinter judged aquatic related science projects at this year's Ohio State Science Fair. Five students (3 high school, 2 middle school) with the best presentations received Milt Austin Aquatic Science Awards from OCAFS totaling \$350. A list of the winners can be viewed as an appendix at the end of these minutes.
- c) Value of Membership (Brian Alford)
 - i) Bryan introduced Brian Alford as the new Value of Membership committee chair. Brian is currently the Assistant Director at OSU's Stone Laboratory and before that was a professor at the University of Tennessee where he taught fish techniques and fisheries management courses to undergraduate and graduate students. He has experience working with several other state chapters of AFS.

5) North Central Division Technical Committee Reports

- a) Centrarchid (Steve Tyszko)
 - i) Nothing to report
- b) Esocid (Curt Wagner)
 - i) There is an Esocid symposium at the AFS 2020 meeting.
- c) Ictalurid (Ethan Simmons)
 - i) Nothing to report
- d) Reservoir (Joe Conroy)
 - i) See attached report from the reservoir tech committee in the appendix
- e) Rivers and Streams (Jeremy Pritt)
 - i) Nothing to report
- f) Salmonid (Kevin Kayle)
 - i) Nothing to report
- g) Walleye (Matt Faust)
 - i) Matt Faust has expressed a desire to step down from this position. We need to find a replacement that preferably works with or has an interest in Walleye management.

6) Old Business

- a) 150th Anniversary Display
 - i) In preparation for the AFS 2020 meeting (before it was cancelled) states were asked to develop a display representing some aspect of the history of fisheries in that state. Original ideas for Ohio included a slide show detailing the life of Theodatus Garlick and his contribution to aquatic science. Mike Durkalec was working with someone who had already

developed such a presentation.

- ii) The 150th celebration was taken off the agenda when the in-person meeting was cancelled but AFS would like to showcase them at the 2021 meeting in Baltimore.
 - iii) Bryan asked if we still wanted to contribute, and if so, would the same presentation about Theodatus Garlick be appropriate. There are more logistical concerns getting this to an out of state meeting and would require coordination with someone attending next year.
 - iv) Eugene thought the topic would still be relevant and quickly highlighted many of Theodatus's accomplishments in Ohio to support his case.
 - v) It was agreed to move forward with the subject although the format is flexible at this point.
- b) Social Media coordinator
- i) Brian Alford has agreed to oversee the Chapter's social media pages (Facebook, Twitter, and potentially Instagram) as the Value of Membership Chair. Brian has experience working with social media in previous work and AFS capacities.
 - ii) In this position Brian will likely recruit a student to the committee to do much of the social media work, which Brian will supervise.

7. New Business

- a) Grey literature database
- a. <https://graylitreports.fisheries.org/>
 - b. AFS has developed this searchable database which contains many agency studies and research that have previously been hard to find.
 - c. Bryan talked to Scott Hale about the grey literature database. Apparently, this database is still a work in progress, and only ODOW reports through the mid-90s are included right now. We are still working on getting the more recent reports in the database, as well as theses and dissertations that ODOW funded. Moving forward, new reports will be added to the database as they are completed. Currently, there haven't been any discussion about other agency reports (e.g., OEPA) being added, but that may be a discussion for the future.
- b) Potential tri-chapter meeting with Ontario and Michigan
- a. Bryan has been in touch with AFS leaders from Ontario and Michigan about the possibility of a tri-state meeting in the future. The meeting would most likely be held in Michigan somewhere and at the earliest would be held in February 2022. Obviously, much of this will be dependent of the status of Covid and state travel allowed at that point.
 - b. The group all expressed interest in this idea and a desire to participate in a tri-state meeting. Eugene mentioned the last tri-state meeting with Ohio-Indiana-Michigan in 2008 was quite successful despite a snowstorm to caused travel disruptions.
 - c. Bryan will continue to communicate with the Ontario and Michigan chapters to let them know OCAFS is very interested.
- c) Annual meeting in Jan/Feb 2021
- a. Bryan posed the question of what can we do as a chapter that would provide the greatest benefit to our members? Given that we will likely not be holding an in-person meeting at that point.
 - b. Brian Alford mentioned that holding a workshop or a symposium is a good way to drive up attendance.
 - c. Bryan Kinter added that it could be easier to get speakers to present online vs.

paying for their accommodations to travel and speak.

- d. The Chapter will continue looking into possible ideas for workshops and/or speakers that would appeal to the membership.
- d) Officer recruitment
 - a. President-Elect: we are seeking the next President-Elect for 2020.
 - b. This is the time of year when we need to start recruiting for President-Elect to be installed at the annual meeting in February.
- e) Reminder to renew Ohio Chapter memberships
 - a. We haven't had any large meetings recently, which is when many members pay their \$10 membership fee. The easiest way to renew your membership is through the OCAFS website <https://ohio.fisheries.org/join-renew/>.

7) Wrap up

- a) Motion to adjourn: Nick Radabaugh
- b) Motion: Passed
- c) Meeting adjourned at: 5:05pm

8) Action Items

- a) Recruit someone to fill the Ohio's representative to the NCD Walleye technical committee.
- b) Recruit someone for the next OCAFS president-elect.
- c) Recruit a student to the Value of Membership committee to work with Brian on OCAFS social media platforms.
 - i) Please send any nominations/ideas to Bryan Kinter (bryan.kinter@dnr.ohio.gov) or Brian Alford (alford.109@osu.edu)
- d) Nick will send Brian Alford login information for our Twitter account and contact Kevin Kayle about transferring administrative privileges to Brian.
- e) Determine who will be attending next year's AFS meeting in Baltimore and finalize a 150th anniversary presentation highlighting Theodatus Garlick for them to take.

Appendix 1. List of 2020 Milt Austin Award winners at the Ohio State Science Fair.

First	Last	PROTITL1	Rank: prize
Caroline	Wittman	The Effect of Water Conductivity on Prey-Catching Behavior in <i>Apteronotus albifrons</i>	1st: \$150
Bela	Karajagi	AQUASmart: An AI-Powered Farm Advisor Tool	2nd: \$100
Elyse	Reed	Contrasting Industrial Waste and Agricultural Runoff as Contributors to Algae Blooms in Lake Erie	3rd: \$50
Enna	Eastman	Organic vs. Mineral: What is the Best Nutrient Additive for Hydroponic Plant Growth?	Hon: \$25
Joonwoo	Park	Utilizing Food Waste to Promote Algae Biofuel Production	Hon: \$25

The NCD Reservoir Tech Committee has two main items to report:

1. Andrew Bueltmann from Indiana DNR assumed the Chair role at the Annual Committee Meeting held during the Midwest Fish & Wildlife Conference in early 2020.
2. Rebecca Krogman (Iowa DNR), Steve Sammons (Auburn), Jeremy Ridley (Arkansas DNR), and I are coordinating a reservoir symposium to be held at the Baltimore AFS Annual Meeting in 2021. This is nominally a jointly sponsored symposium between the NCD and Southern Division reservoir committees. Themed areas will include looking back and forward in reservoir fisheries management; dam passage issues (emigration, operations); standard methods for fish population assessments; and, reservoir habitat and renovation programs, among others. We plan to produce a special issue of NAJFM for proceedings from this symposium.