



Ohio Chapter of the American Fisheries Society
Annual Business Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 25th, 2021
Meeting Time: 3:15-4:30PM

Meeting via Zoom in conjunction with the Ohio Chapter AFS Virtual Annual Meeting

- 1) Call to Order
 - a) Determination of quorum: quorum reached, all Governing Board members present.
 - b) Meeting called to order at 3:19 PM.
 - c) Attendance: 23 Zoom participants. Signed in: Bryan Kinter, Zak Slagle, Joe Conroy, Zach Amidon, Kristen Fussell, Brian Alford, Amy Alford, Chris Aman, Cathy Doyle, Lauren Eaton, Curt Wagner, Maddie Tomczak, Erin Monaco, Tory Gabriel, Michael Booth, Nick Radabaugh, Katherine Curtis, and Connor McCombs

- 2) Welcome by Bryan Kinter, OH AFS President
 - a) Introduction of attendees – too many for formal introductions
 - b) Virtual meeting going great so far; lunch mixer better than expected.

- 3) North Central Division Report (Joe Conroy, NCD President)
 - a) Annual Update to Chapters
 - i) Background: NCD one of four AFS divisions, NCD reps 13 chapters from MO to Nunavut, CAN
 - ii) Annual business meeting at Midwest Conference (2/3/21)
 - (1) Also award ceremony
 - (2) New MAFWA Travel Awards – support travel to Midwest Conference
 - (a) Announced in late summer
 - iii) President's Plan of Work
 - (1) Serve chapters, NCD committees, and AFS
 - (2) Re-engage w/ Mid-Canada Chapter
 - (3) New NCD logo
 - iv) Ask Dan Cassidy about profit sharing from AFS virtual meeting. The Ohio Chapter is supposed to receive \$8000; Joe will bring up at meeting next week
 - (1) *Follow-up (3/1): AFS is switching to direct deposit so future payments to OCAFS will be quicker and smoother. **Zak Slagle received and deposited this check.***

- 4) Officer Reports
 - a) President (Bryan Kinter)
 - i) Showed off Most Active Chapter Award from NCD AFS

- (1) Due to planning for (cancelled) in person AFS Annual Meeting in Columbus
 - (2) Where does this go? In President's Box? (missing for several years apparently)
 - (3) Thanks to everyone who helped planned this virtual meeting
 - b) President-Elect (Kristin Fussell)
 - i) Nothing to report; excited to be taking over and hopeful to return to in-person meetings in Fall. Feel free to reach out to Kristin with any ideas.
 - c) Past President (Suzanne Gray)
 - i) Nothing to report; thanks for everyone involved with AFS Annual Meeting planning.
 - d) Secretary/Treasurer (Zak Slagle)
 - i) Treasurer's Report: Jan 2020 – Feb 2021
 - (1) Spending down in 2020 due to no in-person meetings
 - (2) Available balance: \$2,990.52; see attached for full report.
 - ii) Membership (as of 2/26):
 - (1) 99 current members
 - (a) 49 students, also 49 parent society members
 - (b) 22 new student members since Jan 2021
 - e) Student Subunit Representatives
 - 1. UT Rockets – (Zach Amidon, Treasurer)
 - a. Held elections: Kaitlen Lang new president (Amidon is Treasurer). 9 current members. Trying to recruit undergrads (0 right now).
 - b. Events: May – Great Lakes Museum; presentations on Sandpiper (vessel); local Trout Unlimited Chapter. Very limited activities due to pandemic.
 - 2. OSU – none present, haven't heard from in >1 yr
 - 3. BGSU
- 5) Standing Committee Reports
- a) Ohio Fisheries Leadership / Webmaster (Nick Radabaugh)
 - i) Busy w/ registrations. Some confusion about website/Paypal registrations (deal with it).
 - ii) Removed officer emails from website due to phishing concerns.
 - b) Education/Continuing Education (Eugene Braig)
 - i) Slow year, low activity due to pandemic.
 - ii) Fish Sampling Techniques Workshop at Stone Lab – unclear if it will happen, will look for scholarships from OCAFS if it does
 - iii) Milt Austin Awards – Eugene and Bryan helped judge, video format. Plan to do again in 2021. Need judges for HS student projects – contact Eugene if interested.
 - c) Value of Membership (Brian Alford)
 - i) New Facebook page – 24 like, 34 follows.
 - ii) Twitter – 75 following
 - iii) Need interesting stories, pics, videos for social media feeds.
 - iv) Recruited Jeremy Pritt (President), Tim Parker (Walleye Tech. Committee)
- 6) North Central Division Technical Committee Reports
- a) Centrarchid (Steve Tyszko) - none
 - b) Esocid (Curt Wagner, present)
 - i) New travel award from NCD
 - ii) Meetings and Events Committee?

- c) Ictalurid (Ethan Simmons) – report submitted
 - i) Ohio Catfish Report submitted
 - ii) Held a virtual meeting and have “a lot” of money
 - d) Reservoir (Joe Conroy) – report submitted
 - i) Res. Tech committee partnering with Southern Division tech committee to host Reservoir Symposium at AFS Annual Meeting (Baltimore)
 - e) Rivers and Streams (Jeremy Pritt)
 - i) March 30-31 Rivers and Streams Committee Virtual Meeting – Jeremy can send out agenda
 - f) Salmonid (Kevin Kayle, not present) – may be disbanded, no update
 - g) Walleye (Tim Parker, new/not present)
 - i) System Change Symposium at Midwest Meeting
- 7) Old Business
- a) Awards
 - i) Most Active Large Chapter - ~\$8K to chapter, soon hopefully
 - ii) Midwest Travel Grants – 39 awarded last year
 - iii) Student Midwest Travel Awards – will send out to chapter when announcement happens
 - iv) Joan Duffy Award - \$200, OCAFS usually matches
 - (1) Offered Midwest Travel awards instead this year, no students applied strangely
 - (a) Need to broaden reach?
 - b) 150th Anniversary Display
 - i) Each chapter supply display, planned for CBUS meeting. Planned to do feature on Theodatus Garlick (first fish culturist, did work in CLE). Eugene Braig volunteers to physically bring display to Baltimore meeting and discuss existing research with Mike Durkalec.
- 8) New Business
- a) Potential tri-chapter meeting with Ontario and Michigan
 - i) Will need volunteers for the planning committee
 - ii) Can we have an in-person meeting a year from now? Probably?
 - iii) Next step - restart discussion with other chapters first and assess feasibility
 - b) Summer 2021 OCAFS meeting
 - i) Typically, business meeting with fun component; unsure if we can meet in person. Ideas?
 - ii) Gratz – travel to students to help engage them, students unwilling/unable to travel
 - iii) Wagner – Possibly plan outdoor/pavilion event?
 - c) Upcoming meetings
 - i) 2021 AFS Annual Meeting, November 6–10, 2021, Baltimore, Maryland
 - ii) 2022 Midwest Fish & Wildlife Conference, February 13–16, 2022, Des Moines, Iowa
 - iii) 2026 AFS Annual Meeting – Columbus, OH
 - d) Past-President Certificate
 - i) Suzanne Gray finishing out her three-year tenure. Thanks to her for her service to the chapter. Certificate was mailed.
 - e) New Officers
 - i) President-Elect – Jeremy Pritt

- (1) Voting: aye – 26; nae – 0.
- (2) Looking forward to getting back to normalcy. Hopes that pandemic will allow us to have learned new skills (meeting remotely) that we can continue to apply in the future.
- (3) Webinar series? Something to involve students?
 - (a) Ohio fish resources? For new members?
 - ii) President – Kristin DeVanna Fussel
 - iii) Past-President – Bryan Kinter
 - iv) Secretary-Treasurer – Zak Slagle (returning)
- 9) Anything else? No.
- 10) Wrap up
 - a) Motion to adjourn: Nick motions, Curt seconds.
 - b) Motion: no vote, we just did it
 - c) Meeting adjourned at: 4:30PM

Financial Report

Submitted by Zak Slagle, Secretary/Treasurer OCAFS, 2/26/21. Note that this does not include an \$8,000 check received from AFS shortly after this meeting.

OCAFS Budget Summary (Jan 2020-Feb 2021)	
Category	Total Expenses
<i>Beginning Account Balance</i>	\$3417.93
Chapter Dues	\$1153.88
Amazon Smile Account	\$5.00
2020 Meeting Expense	-\$451.17
Awards	-\$350.00
Operating Expenses	-\$161.65
Donation	\$50.00
OSU Student Subunit Funds	\$419.00
<i>Ending Account Balance</i>	\$3409.52
OCAFS Available Funds	\$2990.52

Notes:

- **Chapter dues** include money received from AFS, online payments through PayPal and associated fees.
- **Meeting expenses** include the balance between venue rental cost, meals, and registration.
- **Awards** include:
 - 6 Milt Austin Awards (\$25-\$150)
 - There was no Stone Lab Fish Sampling Workshop Student Support (usually \$250) this year due to the COVID-19 Pandemic
- **OSU Student Subunit Funds** represent money raised in Silent Auction at the 2019 Midwest Meeting.
- **OCAFS Available Funds** represents closing balance in Huntington account minus the OSU Student Subunit Funds

Membership

- 95 current OCAFS members
 - Up from 78 members in May 2020
- 48 students, 45 non-students
 - 20 new student members since Jan 1st
- 49 parent society members