



AGENDA: 2015 SUMMER BUSINESS MEETING
OHIO CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY
TOLEDO ZOO & AQUARIUM, THE LODGE – TOLEDO, OHIO
10:00 AM–12:30 PM, 18 SEPTEMBER 2015

1. Call to Order and Determination of Quorum

Meeting called to order at 12:16 PM and quorum established.
21 individuals were in attendance at start of meeting.

2.) Welcome by President

Tory Gabriel (TG) welcomed everyone, including new students, and thanked Jay Hemdal and the Toledo Zoo for providing the Zoo facilities for this meeting and for setting up the aquarium tours for after the meeting.

3.) Officer Reports

a.) President: Tory Gabriel, Ohio Sea Grant
TG deferred to Old Business

b.) President-Elect Chris Mayer (CM), University of Toledo
CM deferred to New Business to talk about increasing student involvement in OCAFS.

c.) Past President: Chris Winslow (CW), Ohio Sea Grant
Following up on goals during his term as president, CW reported that a series of workshops will be offered at Stone Lab in the upcoming year. These include: Fish aging, Fisheries fundamentals, Fish sampling techniques, HACCP training (focuses on aquatic invasive species), Algal ID, and Dealing with cyanobacteria. Most will be 1-2 day workshops.

d.) Secretary/Treasurer: Mike Sovic (MS), The Ohio State University

MS reported that our current balance is \$6758.62. All finances are now settled from the Feb joint meeting with PA, and our share of the profit was \$527.16. This and dues made up the revenue since Feb. Expenses since Feb. included \$350 in Milt Austin awards at State Science Day, and a web hosting fee of \$27.87.

CW asked if Eugene Braig (EB) and/or John Navarro (JN) could report on State Science Day. Both seemed encouraged by the quality of projects that they judged, but both also noted that recently most projects associated with our award were focused on aquaponics. CW asked if we need to edit our description for what projects are appropriate for our award, but there was some concern that the number of projects eligible for the award would

go down significantly. Jeff Miner suggested possibly coming up with alternative types of projects that could be suggested by OCAFS to help students think about alternatives to aquaponics. Some discussion occurred about the practicality of us recommending project ideas on the “front end”, as until now, we have had no contact with students/teachers until the students get to State Science Day and have the projects completed. One idea is to develop a short handout/advertisement for OCAFS to distribute to high school teachers (Stone Lab has some access to these teachers). EB and JN will look in to how we might distribute this info.

4.) Committee Reports

a.) Ohio Fisheries Leadership: Nick Radabaugh (NR)

NR said he has been trying to contact individuals at AFS since April regarding transferring our website over to their server. He just recently got a response from Sarah Fox. This should get the ball rolling, and he will continue to work with her on this.

TG thanked NR for getting the Paypal site set up to accept registrations for this meeting.

b.) Education/Continuing Education: Eugene Braig

EB deferred to New Business

c.) Value of Membership: Chris Aman (CA)

CA had no new business to report.

d.) Buckeye Student Subunit: Jake Marina

Jake Marina was not present.

e.) North Central Division Technical Committee Reports:

i. Centrarchid: Steve Tyszko

Not present, no report

ii. Esocid: Curt Wagner

Deferred to New Business

iii. Ictalurid: Ethan Simmons

E-mailed TG and has nothing to report.

iv. Reservoir: Joe Conroy (JC)

JC sent update by e-mail. Reservoir technical committee will hold a meeting and conduct a symposium at the upcoming Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference. The title of symposium will be “New solutions to old

problems: Innovative approaches to reservoir fisheries management”. Oral or poster presentations on all types of reservoir research/management are welcome. Abstract submission deadline is Oct 1, 2015. TG will send out the symposium description to the Chapter.

- v. Rivers & Streams: Jeremy Pritt
E-mailed TG and has nothing to report. He will attend the Rivers & Streams meetings at the upcoming MFWC.
- vi. Salmonid: Kevin Kayle
KK reported that there hasn't been much activity with the salmonid committee recently at the NCD level. Some discussion occurred regarding whether there was value in keeping an OCAFS position for a representative to this committee given the lack of activity. Consensus was to maintain this representative as long as NCD maintains this committee. During discussion, it was noted that there has been a fair amount of Brook Trout work happening in Ohio that may be of interest to this committee.
- vii. Walleye: Steve Tyszko
Not present, no report.

5.) Old Business

- a.) President's 2015-2016 Initiatives
 - i. Strategic Plan
Work has started on this, and is mainly being done by a combination of the Education/Continuing Education committee, the Ohio Fisheries Leadership committee, and the Value of Membership committee. So far, most of the efforts have been in reformatting our previous strategic plan to fit the new format of AFS. TG asked if anyone had any new strategies/goals that should be added to the new strategic plan. Curt Wagner asked whether our goals needed to be the same as the AFS goals. TG said that based on previous discussions, our plan going forward was to follow the goals set by AFS, as they were very broad, and encompassed all those that we would set for the Chapter, and then to outline strategies that were specific to the Chapter that would meet these goals. Kristi Arend (KA) proposed that timetables be included for achieving some of the strategies/suggestions that are more specific than the general timetable associated with the Strategic Plan itself (through 2019). After quite a bit of discussion, the three committees will continue to work on the new strategic plan, and will ensure that the strategies/suggestions in the new plan are relevant/applicable to the Chapter, and also will consider adding timetables to some of these strategies/suggestions, but any timetables will be determined individually by

each committee, and will depend partly on the level of involvement with each of these committees. TG encouraged increased member participation in committees, and will send out an e-mail encouraging involvement in the context of revising the strategic plan.

ii. Summer, Fall and Annual meeting dates and topics

Joe Conroy and Curt Wagner (CWA) sent a memorandum to TG offering some specific suggestions regarding upcoming annual meetings. CWA briefed everyone on this document, and encouraged that we start to think about planning these meetings well in advance, as it requires a lot of work. He asked for general feedback regarding whether holding these annual meetings was worthwhile now that we have done a few and the general consensus was that these meetings are valuable and worthwhile. He also brought up the possibility of creating a new sub-committee that focuses on meeting planning that may better retain “institutional knowledge” regarding the planning of these meetings, as opposed to it falling to the officers, who change over annually. CWA motioned to create an ad-hoc sub-committee within the Ohio Fisheries Leadership committee that will focus on planning and organizing annual meetings. CM seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Jeff Miner (JM) noted that there are a lot of related meetings right around late January and February (i.e. Midwest Fish and Wildlife, Research Review, OCAFS), and some discussion occurred regarding options for alleviating this, including merging events or moving the OCAFS meeting to another time. KK pointed out that if the timing of the OCAFS meeting were to be changed, we need to consider how this may affect the timing regarding the change of the officers each year.

CM asked CWA if he or Joe Conroy (JC) had had any preliminary conversations yet with other states about potentially partnering for the next joint meeting. CWA said that JC may have had a brief conversation with someone from Indiana, but nothing formal yet. CM said that Ed Roseman, who is the incoming president for the Michigan chapter, had hoped to attend this meeting to raise the possibility of a MI/OH joint meeting, but wasn't able to make it. She suggested that the newly formed subcommittee could consider getting in touch with him.

iii. Chapter Listserv and OCAFS recruiting

TG and MS reported that they are now both receiving monthly updates from AFS that include information for members who have paid dues through AFS. Affiliate members are able to pay Chapter dues online at www.ocafs.org, and students who want to become members can simply send an e-mail to MS. All members are added to the OCAFS listserv.

6.) New Business

i. Technical Committee Representation – Walleye

Steve Tysko was assigned as the representative to the NCD walleye technical committee at the last meeting. However, TG received an e-mail right after that meeting that Matt Faust was also willing to serve in this position. Since Steve is already the chair of the Centrarchid committee, TG is considering appointing Matt to the walleye position in place of Steve in order to increase our diversity of representation on these NCD committees, but is going to check with Steve about this first.

ii. Support for ETC/Muskie Symposium

CWA reported that there will be a Muskie symposium next March in Minnesota organized by Muskie Inc., Muskie Canada, and the Esocid Technical Committee (ETC) from NCD. CWA, Kevin Page, and Scott Hale are all planning on presenting work being done in Ohio at this meeting. There are plans to publish manuscripts coming out of the symposium as an AFS special publication, and the ETC is asking Chapters to consider contributing to costs for this publication. Some discussion occurred regarding what an appropriate amount might be for a Chapter contribution. CWA will check in to what amounts are typical for chapter contributions/what amounts are needed, and will try to provide more information prior to the next governing board meeting. If the amount is \$200 or less, the governing board will consider this request at that meeting. If it is above \$200, it will require a vote of the membership.

iii. Chapter Insurance Enrollment

TG received an e-mail from AFS offering the opportunity to purchase Chapter insurance, which mainly covers liability at events hosted by the Chapter. The Chapter has not previously purchased this insurance, which costs ~\$150. JC suggested that it may be worth considering for when Ohio hosts the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference, but after a brief discussion, the consensus was that this was not necessary for the upcoming year.

iv. Potential New Student Subunits

CM reported that there seemed to be growing interest among students at U. of Toledo and Bowling Green in forming a new student subunit. Jessica Sherman (JS) asked for details about the process of forming a new subunit. MS suggested checking the Addendum to the Chapter By-Laws, which has details on establishing a new subunit, but in brief, a new petition must be signed by a minimum of 6 students and a faculty advisor, and must be approved at the Chapter and the NCD level. Any students are encouraged to volunteer for

committees to get involved in the Chapter, and this can be done regardless of whether they are a part of a student subunit.

v. Ohio Fisheries Techniques Workshop

EB reported that the Ohio Fisheries Techniques Workshop will occur at Stone Lab again this year, and requested that the Chapter consider providing support for a student(s) to attend this workshop. After brief discussion, NR motioned that we make funds available for up to 2 scholarships (\$217 each) for this year's workshop. Phil Hillman seconded. Motioned passed.

Meeting adjourned at 12:25 PM.