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**2014 Business Meeting Minutes**

*74th Midwest Fish & Wildlife Conference, Sheraton Hotel Atlanta A&B, Kansas City, M0, January 28, 2014*

President Moy called the meeting to order at 5:06PM. Forty-four members were in attendance therefore the requirement for a quorum was met.

***Recognition of Service***

President Moy recognized Gary Whelan (Michigan DNR) for his past service as President of the NCD. Gary will be provided a certificate of appreciation plaque for his service.

***Introduction of Special Guests***

President Moy introduced special guests in the crowd including Doug Austen (AFS Executive Director), Bob Hughes (AFS President), John Boreman (AFS Past-President), Ron Essig (AFS First Vice President, Donna Parrish (AFS President-Elect), and past-presidents of the NCD in attendance.

**Approval of the 2012 Business Meeting Minutes**

Andrew Jansen stated that Jason Goeckler (Past NCD Secretary-Treasurer) completed the 2012 business meeting minutes and they were posted on the NCD website. No comments or changes to the business meeting minutes were received. Mark Porath moved to approve the business meeting minutes as written, seconded by Randy Schultz, and motion approved.

**Treasurer’s Report (Andrew Jansen):**

The North Central Division of the American Fisheries Society has $89,754.02 on hand as of January 1, 2014. This amount is divided between two accounts as follows.

Money Market $ 75,152.42

Checking $ 14,601.60

The North Central Division’s share of all accounts is $30,431.33

Major income items during the period were:

AFS dues rebate $ 7,816.00

Paddlefish Book refund $ 55.86

Money market interest (0.40%) $ 349.23

Major expense items during the period were:

Travel $ 1,204.86

Midwest Meeting Expenses $ 1,584.09

Joan Duffy Student Travel Award (MWFWC) $ 800.00

Servergrid (website) $ 214.55

Plaques $ 75.00

Clemens Rigler Travel Fund $ 250.00

(Student support to Canadian Conference for Fisheries

Research & Society of Canadian Limnologists)

The Technical Committee’s share of the Money Market Account is $55,625.17

Account balance after income, money market disbursements and expenses.

Centrarchid $ 1,623.24

Esocid $ 2,521.48

Ictalurid $20,307.50

Rivers & Steams $ 2,695.44

Salmonid $ 8,516.44

Walleye $13,469.62

Fenske $ 6,491.46

Continuing Education Fund $ 3,697.52

Prepared by:

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Randy Schultz moved to approve the treasurer’s report as written, seconded by Casey Schoenebeck, and motion approved by membership.

**President’s Plan of Work:**

President Moy reviewed the main goals of the 2013-2014 NCD Plan of Work. He reviewed the membership survey and Strategic Plan to determine what members wanted and developed the following Plan of Work:

There are 5 main goals of the 2013-2014 NCD Plan of Work:

Goal 1: Strengthen the connection between the Division units and AFS Parent Society

--continue as possible, NCD officer attendance at chapter meetings

Goal 2: Respond to the NCD membership survey

--seek to establish online continuing education offerings

--enhance member connectedness via Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, other social media or other avenues and mechanisms

Goal 3: Review and update the NCD Bylaws

--Archives Committee chairperson requirements needs to be changed

Goal 4: Identify chairs for open committee seats

--Archives, Auditing, and Continuing Education Committees

Goal 5: Determine interest and value in maintain the Great Lakes and Salmonid Technical Committees

Plan of Work Discussion:President Moy described the need for online training courses. The NCD needs to know what courses the membership would like to have provided online. Restricted travel budgets may increase the need to establish distance learning opportunities. The NCD social media accounts need to be setup, and we need to determine if these tools would be helpful to the chapters and student subunits. The NCD needs to review and update bylaws. Currently, the bylaws state the Archives Committee chairperson needs to be an employee of the Iowa DNR. This needs to be changed and also archives are now to be housed at the D.C. Booth Fish Hatchery. The NCD has open committee seats that need to be filled. The Audit Committee, Archives Committee, and Continuing Education Committee chairperson positions are currently vacant. There are also vacant technical committees including the Fish Culture Technical Committee, Genetics and Biodiversity Committee, Reservoir Technical Committee, Salmonid Technical Committee, and the Great Lakes Technical Committee. The NCD needs to determine interest in resurrecting these committees.

***Proposed 2014 Budget***

President Moy reviewed the proposed budget. Membership dues rebate continues to be main source of income for the NCD. This may decrease as the NCD has lost members. The 2014 proposed budget is similar to the 2013 budget with major expenses being officer travel and support to the Midwest Fish & Wildlife Conference.

PROPOSED 2014 BUDGET

Statement of Accounts

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|  | **Description** | **January 2014** | **November 2012** |
| **NCD CURRENT BALANCE:** The North Central Division of the American Fisheries Society has **$89,754.02** on hand as of January 1, 2014. | Checking | $14,601.60 | $10,487.29 |
| Money Market | $75,152.42 | $74,803.19 |
| TOTAL | $89,754.02 | $85,290.48 |
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| **COMMITTED FUNDS:**  **$59,322.70** as of January 1, 2014. | Centrarchid | $1,623.24 | $1,557.23 |
| Esocid | $2,521.48 | $2,451.38 |
| Ictalurid | $20,307.50 | $19,977.07 |
| Rivers & Steams | $2,695.44 | $2,710.28 |
| Salmonid | $8,516.44 | $8,477.61 |
| Walleye | $13,469.62 | $13,707.32 |
| Subtotal | $49,133.72 | $48,880.89 |
|  | Fenske Award | $   6,491.46 | $6,461.85 |
| Continuing Ed | $   3,697.52 | $3,975.91 |
| Subtotal | $ 10,188.98 | $10,437.76 |
| TOTAL DEDICATED NCD FUNDS | | $ 59,322.70 | $59,318.65 |
| AVAILABLE NCD OPERATING FUNDS | | $30,431.32 | $25,971.83 |

Income & Expenditure Report

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|  | **Description** | **2014 Proposed Budget** | **2012-13 Actual Budget** | **2012-13 Proposed Budget** | **2011-12 Actual Budget** | **2011-12 Proposed Budget** | **2010-11 Actual Budget** |
| **INCOME:** Major income items during the period were: | AFS dues rebate | $6,750 | $7,816 | $6,500 | $6,736 | $6,500 | $6,688 |
| Money market interest | $350 | $349 | $400 | $311 | $750 | $749 |
| Other (book proceeds, gifts etc.) | $50 | $56 | $50 |  |  |  |
| **TOTAL** | $7150 | $8221 | $6,950 | $7,047 | $7,250 | $7,327 |
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|  | **AFS Support** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **EXPENSES** | Equal Op. Section | $250 | $0 | $250 | $0 | $500 | $250 |
| Hutton Program | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Clemens Rigler | $250 | $250 | $250 | $250 | $250 | $500 |
| Annual Mtg. | $500 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $500 | $500 |
| **Operating Budget** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All Officer Travel | $3,000 | $1,205 | $3,000 | $2,523 | $3,000 | $4,178 |
| Plaques | $250 | $75 | $250 | $125 | $250 | $125 |
| WebServer | $225 | $215 | $150 | $169 | $135 | $135 |
| Duffy Award | $800 | $800 | $1,000 | $800 | $1,200 | $1,150 |
| Insurance | $150 | $0 | $150 | $150 | $0 | $0 |
| Fenske Award | $250 | $0 | $250 | $250 | $250 | $250 |
| MWFWC | $2,500 | $1,584 | $2,000 | $2,351 | $0 | $2,312 |
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| **TOTAL** | *$8,175* | $4,129 | *$7,300* | $6,618 | *$6,085* | $9,400 |
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Jason Goeckler moved to approve the Plan of Work and 2014 budget, seconded by Bruce Vondrachek, and motion approved by the membership.

***Committee Reports***

Resolutions Committee: No resolutions.

Nominating/Elections Committee (Gary Whelan): We have two candidates for first vice president, Debbie King (Indiana DNR) and Melissa Wuellner (South Dakota State University), and Andrew Jansen will run for another term as Secretary-Treasurer. There were some issues with the AFS listserv not working properly and therefore the announcement concerning elections may not have reached the membership. The election will remain open until February 7, 2014, so that everyone has a chance to vote. So far, 174 ballots have been received, but the election will remain open so that the word gets out to the membership.

Awards Committee (Vince Travnichek): There are six members of the Awards Committee that reviewed award applications and made selections. President Moy presented the following awards during the plenary session:

Most Active Large Chapter: Minnesota Chapter

Most Active Small Chapter: Kansas Chapter

Best Communications: Indiana Chapter

Most Active Student Subunit: Southern Illinois University

There were 4 applicants/winners for the Joan Duffy Travel Award:

Rebecca Pawlak (Wisconsin)

Sharon Rayford (Illinois)

Nicholas Sievert (Missouri)

Lisa Peterson (Michigan)

Be sure to get the word out to students about the Joan Duffy Travel Award. The travel award is used to increase student involvement at the Midwest Fish & Wildlife Conference.

***AFS Report***

Bob Hughes: This is my first Midwest Fish & Wildlife Conference and it has been an enjoyable one so far. I would like to provide a couple of policy updates. The policy regarding mining is up for comment through the end of February. Be sure to review the policy and provide comments. The AFS Governing Board will have a retreat tomorrow to update the AFS advocacy policy. The AFS is an international society with over 60 countries as international liaisons, so be sure to think of AFS as an international society. A question regarding policies was asked by a member and Bob reminded everyone that the policies and all references to the policy can be found on the AFS website.

Doug Austen: Doug was the NCD President in 1990s, and has made the full loop in the AFS. Doug stated that the AFS will be hiring a new policy director, Tom Bigford from NOAA. Tom has nearly forty years of experience in fisheries and knows how to better engage the AFS in policy. The AFS is part of the talk of Washington, and the AFS officers looked at how are we operating and where do we need to go. The AFS officers had a leadership dialogue with 25 people from federal natural resource groups, EPA, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, etc., to see what topics are interested in and how AFS can better collaborate and serve the membership. They will have follow-up meetings with them to continue the dialogue on this topic. Doug invited any members that travel the Washington D.C. area to visit the AFS office in Bethesda. The AFS will appoint a new co-chief science editor for *Fisheries* magazine. *Fisheries* magazine is a high profile product and we need to continue to build this product with the help of the new co-chief science editor. We are engaged internationally by creating MOUs with Brazil, Japan, and the British Isles to name a few. The World Fisheries Congress will be held in Korea to get our international members more engaged. The 2014 Annual Meeting will be held in Quebec City. The meeting will have 41 symposia and anticipated over 2,000 members will attend the meeting. The 2015 Annual Meeting will be held in Portland, followed by Kansas City in 2016, and Tampa for the 2017 Annual Meeting. The location for the 2018 Annual Meeting will be selected in the next few months. Doug discussed the investment program. Chapters, technical committees can piggyback the AFS’s investment portfolio. The AFS had a 22% return on their investments last year. Doug will provide more information to the chapters and technical committees about creating sub-accounts within the AFS portfolio. Question from audience concerning whether policies identified by leaders were discussed to membership. Doug said that policies were discussed to the membership through officers. In-depth policies are open for comment to the membership. Question from the audience concerning whether state agencies had input during the leadership dialogue. Doug replied that they will work to reach out to the states as much as we can, work with them where we can.

***New Business***

NCD Officer Chapter Visit Schedule

Iowa/Nebraska: Vince Travnichek

Kansas: Andrew Jansen

Ohio: Gwen White

Ontario: Meeting in conjunction with Annual Meeting

Minnesota:

Mid-Canada:

Michigan: Gary Whelan

Indiana: Gary Whelan

Illinois: Phil Moy

Dakota: Vince Travnichek

Wisconsin: Phil Moy

Missouri: Vince Travnichek

Gary Whelan mentioned that Randy Schultz has several boxes of NCD archives that need to transported to the archives at the DC Booth Fish Hatchery in Rapid City, SD. South Dakota State University students agreed to transport materials to the hatchery.

Brad Parsons (Minnesota DNR) mentioned the passing of Dr. Dave Willis. He will be greatly missed by the fisheries profession. A scholarship fund has been setup in Dr. Dave Willis’s name. Additionally, Midwest Lake Management is selling “Willis Nation” t-shirts at their booth in the trade show area. All t-shirt proceeds will go to the Dr. Dave Willis scholarship fund.

Motion to adjourn at 5:43pm

*Respectfully submitted by Andy Jansen, NCD AFS Secretary-Treasurer.*