

Walleye Technical Committee

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2004 Winter Meeting Minutes

Chair Jeff Reed called the business meeting of the Walleye Technical Committee to order at approximately 4:30 P.M. Sunday, December 12, 2004.

Minutes from the 2004 summer meeting: Jeff Reed (MN) noted that the summer meeting held at Delta Marsh was an unqualified success with 30 to 35 members attending. Mike Sullivan (AB) did a great job setting up the meeting and Steve Gilbert (WI) provided the group with plenty refreshments and raffle prizes.

Financial Report: Donna Hanen Muhm, secretary (IA). Donna reported in absentia the last reported balance on August 31, 2004 was \$8,559.47. Since that time, a deposit in the amount of \$1,412.60 was made and the total interest disbursement as of November 31, 2004 was \$31.37. This leaves a balance as of November 31, 2005 of \$10,003.43. Many thanks to Don Kline (IA), North Central Division Treasurer for this information.

Walleye Synopsis Update: Plans are to pursue the synopsis update as an AFS book. Peter Colby has outlined an update and plans would be to find authors for individual chapters that have been outlined. Neil Billington and Brain Sloss have agreed to work on the genetics chapter. There is still a need to identify one or two editors for the project. Chair Reed, Steve Neuman, John Pitlo, and Jeff Hendrickson will work on finding authors for the outlined chapters and an editor or two. Steve Gilbert has agreed to direct a fundraising subcommittee for the project as well. The goal is to have the project underway by the summer (2005) meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

2005 WTC Chair and Chair-elect: Jeff Reed (MN) assumed the WTC Chair and thanked Mike Sullivan for his contributions to the WTC over the past year. Tim Haxton will take the reins as Chair-elect for 2005.

Chair Reed handed out an Action Agenda for 2005. Goals for 2005 include:

1. **Information exchange:** This includes hosting the annual summer meeting. The Summer 2005 Meeting will be held at Itasca Biological Station in Itasca State Park, Minnesota. Dates are still pending but are likely to be August 2 through 4 with alternative dates August 9 through 11. Lodging will be in cabins, meals will be provided, and there are ample opportunities for fishing and other recreational endeavors. A complete schedule and registration packet will be available in late March. Registration including meals, lodging, and registration should be between \$100.00 and \$120.00.
2. **Information Exchange/Scientific and Stewardship:** The WTC Sub-committee for the FAO Synopsis Update will continue progress to getting this published. The goal is to have authors for chapters, editor(s), and fundraisers named in 2005.
3. **Student Involvement:** The WTC will work to increase student involvement in the committee and participation at the summer meeting. A motion was made and approved at the meeting to waive registration fees (up to \$50) for students that give presentations at the summer meeting. Chair Reed will make contacts within chapters and at universities to encourage student involvement at this summer's meeting as well.
4. **Collaborative Projects:** In the past, the WTC has facilitated cooperative projects. The goal is to have at least one cooperative project in the planning stages by 2006. Any WTC members with ideas/suggestions are encouraged to bring them for discussion to the summer meeting or send them to Chair Reed.

5. **Symposium Development:** Develop a symposium for an upcoming Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference. Chair Reed noted that upcoming meetings in Wisconsin and Ohio might be good locations for a walleye symposium focusing on Great Lakes walleye issues. Other topics are welcome as well.

Other New Business:

The WTC currently has slightly more than \$10,000 in an account managed by the North Central Division. Combined with monies from other technical committees there is slightly more than \$30,000 in NCD accounts. The NCD Governing Board is looking to invest a portion of that money into accounts that will benefit (in terms of yield) these committees and the NCD. It was noted that even if the WTC funds are encumbered into these accounts there is other money available to the WTC to cover expenditures over the short-term. A discussion of placing some of the WTC funds into these types of accounts followed and a motion to support the concept of the NCD moving these funds into higher yielding accounts was made. The motion passed.

Frank Jennejcic (WV) distributed copies of the West Virginia Ohio River walleye and sauger investigations.

Thanks to Greg Gelwicks (IA) for taking meeting notes!

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Hanen Muhm
Walleye Technical Committee Secretary