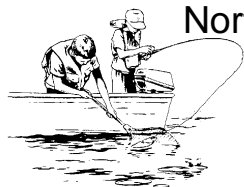


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2004 Summer Meeting Minutes

Chair Michael Sullivan called the business meeting of the Walleye Technical Committee to order at approximately 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, July 22, 2004.

Minutes from the 2003 winter meeting: Michael Sullivan, chair (Alberta CA). Minutes from the 2003 winter meeting were approved as published in the *Mainstream* (Paul McMahon moved, Tim Banek) seconded.

Financial Report: Donna Hanen Muhm, secretary (IA). Donna reported in absentia the last reported balance on October 31, 2003 was \$9,209.23. At the end of the December 31, 2003 reporting period, a debit of \$412.93 to cover Michael Sullivan's travel expenses to the winter meeting was posted. An additional debit was made on June 3, 2004 for a meeting room deposit for the summer meeting of \$1,435.00. Profit from the summer meeting totaled \$1,105.60, and interest disbursement from November 31, 2003 through August 31, 2004 totaled \$92.57. This leaves a balance as of August 31, 2004 of \$8,559.47. Many thanks to Don Kline (IA), North Central Division Treasurer for this information.

Walleye Synopsis Update: Jeff Reed, Chair-elect (MN). Jeff led a discussion regarding updating the FAO Walleye Synopsis. Jim Schneider (MI) was approached after the winter 03 meeting but has accepted other work with the Michigan DNR and won't have the time to commit to this project. Reed noted the problem with finances is that we don't have a firm figure to present to potential editors. Reed noted that others have been approached with varying degrees of success. He stated that Dennis Schupp (MN – retired) is not interested but that Bob Summerfeldt (Iowa State University) has agreed to work on a culture paper. Reed suggested an ad be placed in "Fisheries", and that AFS may or may not give dollar assistance for the main ad.

Tim Banek (MO) noted that as per discussion at the summer 03 meeting in Wausau, the goal of \$20,000 was set. Terry Marshall (ON) has Pete Colby's binders and believes it needs two years of full-time work to complete. An expenditure of \$20,000 would be the very minimum to cover the cost. He suggested that perhaps one agency could just hire someone to do the job. Marshall also noted that the data has been brought up to date by Colby through the early 1990's, including the preliminary summary. He suggested that we need an overseer for the project.

Steve Newman (WI) reminded the group that the WTC survey said that this was a high priority, but that we need dollar commitment. Jeff Reed (MN) explained that therein lies the catch-22, because we need dollars and people to come together at the same time. Charlie Munger (TX) suggested that we write a business plan or proposal first. Tim Banek (MO) asked for an update on grants (Fisheries Conservation Foundation). Jeff Reed explained that the fund was more for information and education and was told that this project wasn't an appropriate use of these funds.

Tim Banek (MO) suggested that we move ahead with the business plan. Stephen Gilbert (WI) suggested a list of chapters or an outline be included in the plan. Terry Marshall (ON) said that the list of chapters exists and has suggested names of authors. Chair Sullivan (AB) suggested that we send this list to the sub-committee of Jeff Hendrickson, Steve Newman, John Pitlo, and Jeff Reed. Tim Banek agreed. A motion was made by Tim Banek (MO) to send this list to the subcommittee and then the membership of the WTC as a business plan. Paul McMahon (AB) seconded this motion.

Terry Marshall (ON) felt that this was important enough for ONMR to hire someone to complete the project. He committed to looking into this option. Paul McMahon (AB) asked if other agencies could contribute dollars, and Terry Marshall agreed that this was possible. The subcommittee will send the business plan to Terry Marshall.

Dave Lucchesi (SD) suggested that members find dollar commitments from other agencies by the winter meeting. Steve Gilbert (WI) stated that he will approach fishing and marine corporations for dollars if the business plan can be shown to them. Chair Sullivan directed the sub-committee to send the business plan to the entire membership and members should bring commitment-in-principle of dollars to the winter meeting 2004 so that Terry Marshall can take the plan to the ONMR.

George Morgan (ON) reiterated the point that this will take considerable time and technology to make this functional. ONMR lake trust database is a good model, but it requires work from each agency to collate its own date. Standards and formats need to be established, as this makes the entire project much easier.

NEW BUSINESS:

2005 WTC Chair and Chair-elect: Chair Sullivan introduced the 2005 WTC Chair Jeff Reed (MN) and asked for nominations for Chair-elect. Don Peirera nominated Tim Haxton (ON) with a second by George Morgan (ON). Voted on and approved, the 2005 Chair-elect will be Tim Haxton. Jeff Reed will assume the WTC Chair at the mid-winter meeting in Indianapolis and Tim Haxton will assume the position of Chair-elect.

2005 Summer Meeting: Discussion was centered on the possibility of having the summer meeting at the University of Minnesota Biological Research Station in Itasca State Park. Chair-elect Jeff Reed will make these arrangements.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Tim Banek (MO), seconded by Terry Marshall (ON), and carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Hanen Muhm
Walleye Technical Committee Secretary