



NORTH CENTRAL DIVISION OF THE AMERICAN FISHERIES
SOCIETY



**Joint Summer Business Meeting of Centrarchid, Esocid,
& Walleye Technical Committees**

WTC Chair: Mark Ermer
WTC Chair Elect 2019: Lawrence Eslinger
WTC Immediate Past Chair: Dale Logsdon
WTC Secretary: Nicholas Kludt

ETC Chair: Keith Koupal
CTC Chair: Benjamin Schall
Wednesday, July 17, 2019

- Meeting was called to order at 2:30 by Mark Ermer.
- Discussion was immediately opened on the 2020 summer meeting location, prior to technical committee breakouts at 2:40.
 - o Lawrence Eslinger, incoming WTC chair, proposed the meeting be held in Minocqua, Wisconsin, at the UW-Kemp Natural Resources Station.
 - Proposal appended.
 - o It is a similar venue to the Iowa 2018 meeting, with cabin-type accommodations for everyone.
 - o Lawrence also proposed 3 potential continuing education seminars.
 - Minocqua chain of lakes Walleye rehabilitation project
 - Photography and video use in fisheries
 - Powerpoint and presentation workshop
 - o He also proposed a bass tournament for the social.
- Individual committees broke out at 2:40.
- Mark Ermer and Nick Kludt presented the previous meeting's minutes, no errors were observed, and the 2019 winter minutes were approved by a motion of unanimous consent.
- Nick Kludt presented the treasurer's report, which was approved.
 - o Discussion was opened on expediting the payment of the SDSU subunit for the social cookout out of the registration fees.
 - o Steve Gilbert noted we need to keep an accounting paper trail, so get a receipt. Mark Ermer moved to empower the secretary to direct pay, with proper documentation, and Steve seconded. Motion passed.
- Mark Ermer noted the continuing difficulties associated with AFS webinar hosting of the business meeting. He outlined a good alternative, the creation of the audio recording of the meeting. This will be posted on the webpage.
 - o Notes: AFS webinars continue to experience connectivity issues, and are best applied where someone can follow a powerpoint presentation with audio. This does not work well for the business meeting format.
- Brief State updates:
 - o More complete updates will be included with the winter minutes.
 - o Ben Parnell, MO – it was a tough year due to cold spring weather. They are presently revamping the statewide WAE plan, including stocking rates and waters.
 - o Steve Gilbert, WI – things are going well. The WAE Initiative continues to mandate stocking requirements, and will need to be written out of the budget if the state wants to move in a different direction. WI DNR is hiring a supervisor in Spooner, a section chief in Madison, and technicians statewide.

- Dale Logsdon, MN – spring egg take went well. Stocking quotas have recently undergone a statewide revamp. A zebra mussel working group has been formed to facilitate information sharing regarding impacted systems.
 - Bill McKibben noted the failure of a hatchery related bill in the MN legislature that would move toward privatizing fish production and a contract format. While the bill died, it is expected to be seen again.
- Jeff Koch, KS – egg demand was low and the state exceeded their quota easily. New regulations have been put on KS’s fast growing, high mortality walleye systems, including a 21” minimum on their primary egg take lake. He also outlined a new boom-and-bust regulation framework that mimics the cycles of state populations, with the goal of better return to angler.
- Joe Rydell, NE – it was a banner year on egg take. The 3 primary reservoirs went well. They are now stocking a fry/fingerling combination in some lakes with good success. In the west, they’re stocking 8” @ 5/acre to create fisheries in places where it’s historically are tough to develop populations.
- Dave Luchessi, SD – the SE region took more eggs than the other regions for the first time in 20-odd years. YEP stockings are undergoing a formal evaluation using genetics to trace origin. A Canadian company is processing the samples. Mark E. noted SD uses 50% eye-up to calculate the statewide egg take requirements, and the NE region had only 22% eye-up, opening a short discussion on egg quality.
- Jeff Stein, IL – things are going well. IL is hosting Midwest in Springfield this winter.
- Mark E. opened discussion of the WAE Tech symposium at the Minneapolis 2021 meeting.
 - Theme – “System Change”
 - Dale has asked Isermann about costs – symposiums get charged \$150 per page, up from the standard \$100.
 - Do we want to supplement page costs for authors?
 - The previous idea of \$500 grants to authors to defray costs was brought up by John Bruner.
 - Jeff Koch answered questions about Catfish 2020 – their book will be paid for by sponsors, leftovers from 2010, and registrations fees.
 - Steve Gilbert noted if we want sponsors, we need to get that going now. Companies set their promotional budgets for the year in September.
- New Business
 - Nick K. outlined the current situation with our investments – our money is in the general AFS fund, not NCD. We are working to get it in the NCD account.
 - John B. opened discussion on the AFS investments, and suggested investing another \$5,000
 - Mark asked about fund availability – John said it’s about a week for availability, based on an informal answer from Bethesda.
 - John moved to invest \$2,500, after the account situation is settled.
 - Jeff asked what our reserve should be for meetings – Mark outlined the cost is usually about \$5,000.
 - Steve G. said we ought to use the money in our account.
 - Mark moved to invest \$2,500, after the account situation is settled, John seconded with Steve, and the motion passed unanimously.
 - John Bruner suggested we take advantage of the AFS book sale and purchase 3 copies of the Barton book for Sander scholarship winners.
 - Mark solicited nomination for the new chair of WAE Tech, and moved we discuss it further at the social. Universally seconded.
- Motion to adjourn by Mark, Melissa W. moved, John et al. seconded. Meeting adjourned by 3:30.

PROPOSAL
2020 Summer Joint Centrarchid, Esocid, and Walleye Technical Meeting

Dates: July 20, 21, 22, 23

Location: Minocqua, Wisconsin

Conference Facility and Lodging:

University of Wisconsin - Kemp Natural Resources Station
9161 Kemp Road
Woodruff, WI 54568
715-358-5667
<https://kemp.wisc.edu/>

Monday, July 20

Early arrivals, PM fishing

Tuesday, July 21

Possible Continuing Education Programs:

1. Minocqua Chain Walleye Rehabilitation Project – a case study into the biological and sociological aspects of fisheries management.
2. Refining your photography and video production skills for use in fisheries.
3. PowerPoint and presentation basics.

Evening entertainment: Pro-Am Bass fishing tournament on the Minocqua Chain

Wednesday, July 22

Talks

Social featuring local micro brews, fish fry, camp fire, movie, more fishing, etc.....

Thursday, July 23

Wrap up and business meetings

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