



North Central Division of the American Fisheries Society  
Joint Summer Business Meeting of the Centrarchid and  
Walleye Technical Committees



1:00 PM – 3:00 PM (CST), Tuesday, July 20, 2021  
Virtual Zoom Meeting

WTC Chair: Lawrence Eslinger, lawrence.eslinger@wisconsin.gov  
WTC Chair elect: Jason DeBoer, jadeboer@illinois.edu  
WTC Immediate past-chair: Mark Ermer, Mark.Ermer@state.sd.us  
WTC Secretary: Dave Seibel, david.seibel@wisconsin.gov  
CTC Chair: BJ Schall, Benjamin.Schall@state.sd.us

## Draft Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order made by WTC Chair, Lawrence Eslinger
  - a. Introductions
2. Agenda additions and approval
  - Item 9d below was added to the agenda after the meeting announcement went out
  - No other amendments or edits suggested
  - Motion to approve: Jason DeBoer; Seconded: John Bruner; unanimously Approved
3. Approve minutes from 2021 virtual winter joint meeting (*Mailed out prior to meeting*)
  - No amendments or edits suggested
  - Motion to approve: Dale Logsdon; Seconded: Jason DeBoer; unanimously Approved
  - Dave Seibel will contact Brian Borkholder and have him post the minutes on the NCD website
4. 2021 National AFS meeting updates (Joe Conroy)
  - November 6-10, 2021 Baltimore, MD
  - Hybrid Meeting: In-Person & Virtual
  - Abstracts Due August 16, 2021
  - Early Registration Deadline: August 31, 2021
  - Joint Aquatic Sciences Meeting, May 14-20, 2022 Grand Rapids, MI
  - 2023 AFS Annual Meeting, August 20-24, Grand Rapids, MI
5. 2022 Summer Meeting Ideas
  - Lawrence E. offered to hold the meeting in Woodruff, Wisconsin in summer 2022 (as was planned for the last 2 summer meetings) along with a continuing education course on Minocqua Lake Chain Walleye Management
  - Jason D. offered to host the meeting in Illinois
  - Decided to go forward with a meeting in Woodruff, Wisconsin July 18-21, 2022
6. Break-out sessions for CTC and WTC
7. WTC Treasurer's report (Dave Seibel)
  - a. WTC general/operating fund (expenses, deposits, and balances for calendar year)
    - Dave S. reported a general fund balance of \$14,025.58 as of July 16, 2021
  - b. WTC AFS Investment Account

- Dave S. reported an investment account balance of \$9,618 from the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter statement (3/31/21)
- Dave S. presented a listing of current WTC financial assets which included a base general fund balance of \$5,975.58 (-\$8,050 from total fund balance that is dedicated to the Percid Symposium publication), \$11,550.00 of dedicated funds to the Percid Symposium publication (\$8,050 received + \$3,500 pending), and \$9,618.00 from the investment account, for a total of \$27,143.58.
- c. Percid Symposium NAJFM publication financial contributions
  - Dave S. presented a listing of all received and pending financial contributions
  - Corrected South Dakota "DNR" donation to "GFP" representing Game, Fish, and Parks
  - Also identified and added that NCD committed to contributing up to \$5,000
  - Motion to approve: Patrick Hanchin; Seconded: Mark Ermer; unanimously Approved
- 8. Old business WTC
  - a. Bruner, John Clay, and DeBruyne, Robin L. (Editors). 2021. Ecology, Management, and Culture of Yellow Perch, Walleye, and Sauger. Springer Fish & Fisheries Series. Cham, Switzerland. 402 pp. (Bruner)
    - Book expected to come out October 7, 2021: 12 chapters and about 418 pages
  - b. 2021 MFWWC Percid Symposium Updates
    - i. NAJFM publication (Isermann)
      - Dan Isermann couldn't be present, so Lawrence E. reiterated what Dan I. had identified prior to the business meeting that they were near the end of the peer review process and that approx. 8-10 papers were anticipated to pass review for acceptance into the publication.
    - ii. Financial (Eslinger)
      - Estimated a rough publication cost at \$16-\$20,000 based on \$150/page and 8-10 papers
      - Have received (or will receive) \$11,550 from NCD AFS subchapters or NCD state agencies, plus NCD support of up to \$5,000, plus other WTC funds = pretty good shape IF rough publication cost is in range
    - a. Proposal to AFS Education Committee
      - Jason D. and Lawrence E. will get a proposal to the AFS Education Committee leadership by their August 2, 2021 executive committee meeting requesting additional \$ support (<\$5,000). They will consult with Dan I. first for better understanding of \$ need.
    - b. NCD contribution
      - Approved funding up to \$5,000 at their winter 2020 business meeting
    - c. External efforts
      - Attempts by a small group of WTC members last fall through winter were unsuccessful
      - It was decided that we are in pretty good financial position to handle publication costs without trying again to secure external \$ contributors
- 9. New business WTC
  - a. Secretary-Treasurer Nominations
    - Joe Rydell volunteered to take over this position after the 2022 Winter Meeting
  - b. WTC \$ support for 2021 MFWWC Percid Symposium NAJFM special issue publication

- Lawrence E. included this item as a placeholder to entertain discussion about WTC allocating some funds (general fund or investment account) towards symposium publication.
  - It was identified that the current investment account balance includes \$7,500 of principal balance that WTC contributed to over the years. Therefore, >\$2,000 has accrued in interest.
  - Discussed that publication authors' home state AFS subchapters and agencies may be contacted for \$ support (if not already contributing). States where neither an AFS subchapter nor agency have contributed towards publication costs were asked to consider contributing again.
- c. Stizostedion Rafinesque, 1820 (Percidae) is the valid generic name for Walleye, Sauger, and Eurasian Pikeperch – Fisheries (Bruner)
- Article in the June Issue of *Fisheries*
  - i. Sander Travel Award – name change consideration? Solicit for applications in August.
    - John Bruner motion to change the name to the Percid Travel Award: Seconded: Dale Logsdon; unanimously Approved
- d. Percis V Symposium – September 18-23, 2022 Prague, Czech Republic (Bruner)
- John B. proposed a \$1,500 travel award to a student presenter who had presented at either the 2022 Winter or was scheduled to present at the Summer WTC Meetings (as a requirement of awardee)
  - Discussion followed and it was decided that more information is needed concerning the relevance to the WTC and it will be further discussed at the Winter 2022 Meeting
  - When the August notification about the Percid Travel Award goes out, this 2022 Winter Meeting agenda item will be mentioned to help notify students about this potential travel award opportunity
- e. Review of action items for Winter meeting
- i. 2022 Summer Meeting July 18-21 in Woodruff, Wisconsin – Lawrence E. will work on the details
  - ii. Percid Symposium NAJFM Publication Costs – Jason D. and Lawrence E. will get a proposal to the Education Committee leadership by their August 2, 2021 executive comm. meeting
  - iii. Percis V Symposium Student Presenter Travel Award – John B. and others will come to the 2022 Winter Meeting prepared to discuss more specifics about the merits of this proposal.
  - iv. Midwest Walleye Stocking Success Project – Dan I. update

10. Adjourn