

Annual Winter Meeting, Centrarchid Technical Committee, North Central Division of the  
American Fisheries Society  
Des Moines, Iowa, December 9, 2001  
Business Meeting Minutes

Chair Randy Schultz (KS) called the meeting to order at 1:07 pm on December 9, 2001. Twenty-one people were in attendance representing seven states (Illinois, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, South Dakota, and Washington).

Treasurers report:

The CTC currently has \$468.59. A special thanks to Doug Beard (WI) who picked up the tab for the 2001 summer meeting.

**Old Business:**

2001 Summer Meeting:

Randy Schultz commented that the summer meeting in Prairie-du-Chien had a good turnout with eight states being represented. He thanked all attendees.

Lepomis Symposium:

Steve Fischer (MO) discussed that the symposium included nineteen papers and three posters. About half of the authors are interested in publishing the symposium as a block in *North American Journal of Fisheries Management*. Steve will follow up on the potential for the publications after the symposium.

Student Travel Grant:

Randy Schultz discussed that the CTC Student Travel Grant is now defunct. Previously, the North Central Division has matched the grant; however, they do not still do this.

**New Business:**

Randy Schultz handed over the reins to Mike McNerny (MN) as the new Chair of the CTC.

Tim Goeman, NCD President, asked if the CTC was interested in participating in a Midwest Fisheries Conference in 2002 because there will be no Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference. He was trying to get support for about a 2-day meeting with all the technical committees present. The CTC agreed to participate. There was some discussion if the CTC needs to hold a summer meeting or should focus its efforts into the joint technical committee meeting. There was a general agreement to possibly not have a summer meeting. Mike will follow up on this in the future.

A discussion ensued on the theme for the next meeting. Many members believe that a theme is

needed to increase attendance. In addition, Brad Parsons (MN) suggested an emphasis on black bass. According to some members, the CTC has not placed enough emphasis on bass. After some discussion, the theme for the next CTC meeting will most likely be the role of special regulations and angler attitudes for centrarchids with an emphasis on black bass.

Mike also brought up some past discussion on a long-term black bass database. The long term database idea was originally proposed by Scott Hale (OH) to try to get together information on the influence of angler attitudes (e.g., catch and release) on size structure of black bass throughout the NCD. Dave Phillip (IL) suggested a project of this magnitude needed a strong leader because it will be difficult to compile. Therefore, the database idea was tabled because of a lack of leadership for the project.

There was discussion on the need to create new posters similar to the bass and bluegill posters previously printed. Steve Fischer (MO) suggested we need to contact agencies to evaluate their interest in purchasing these posters. Steve Cooke (IL) suggested using the web instead of posters. However, the idea to create more posters was tabled for lack of interest.

#### **New Officers:**

Cindy Tomcko (MN) has agreed to become the new Secretary for the CTC; however, we are still in need of a Chair-Elect. Anyone interested should contact Mike McInerny.

Chair Mike McInerny adjourned the meeting at 1:50 pm.

*Submitted by Craig Paukert*