

Mid-Summer Meeting, Centrarchid Technical Committee, North Central Division of the American  
Fisheries Society  
Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, August 7-8, 2001  
Business Meeting Minutes

Chair Randy Schultz called the meeting to order at 8:40 am on August 8, 2001. Sixteen people were in attendance representing eight states (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, and South Dakota). Notably missing was a representative from Wisconsin and only one university (SDSU) attended.

Treasurers report: The CTC currently has \$198.67. With the addition of meeting registration and the expenses from the meeting, the CTC should be around \$400.00 to 500.00

**Old Business:**

Update on Symposiums:

Dave Phillip (IL) gave an update on the black bass symposium from the St. Louis AFS Annual meeting. Most manuscripts have been revised and he expected 50 to 55 papers in the published book. The anticipated cost will be around \$50.00 to 60.00.

Randy Schultz commented the crappie symposium papers are running a little slow, but the white bass symposium is progressing along.

Randy also brought up the symposium on special regulations being held at the Annual AFS meeting in Phoenix. He encouraged everyone going to Phoenix to attend.

Electronic version of the CTC directory: Randy is working on incorporating e-mail into the directory. Otherwise, the directory is complete.

Web Page: The CTC web page is up to date and is housed on the NCD server.

Largemouth bass fishery trends: At last year's summer meeting, Scott Hale (OH) discussed the possibility of creating a largemouth bass database with population and creel data. The CTC decided to wait and see what comes out of the black bass symposium before proceeding on this issue.

**New business:**

2002 Mid year Meeting: Mike McInerny (MN) discussed having the meeting back in Prairie du Chien in early August. Everyone agreed that was acceptable and a final date and location will be forthcoming.

Lepomis Symposium: Steve Fischer (MO) discussed that the symposium is proceeding as planned, but they still have a few slots (both posters and talks) that could be filled. To date, sixteen talks and three posters are scheduled.

Round table Discussion:

Randy Schultz initiated a round table discussion where every state represented discussed current and upcoming centrarchid research. Topics included evaluating bluegill length limits, largemouth bass angler tournaments, vegetation influences on centrarchid abundance and size structure, seasonal sampling, and the largemouth bass virus.

Chair Randy Schultz adjourned the meeting at 10:45 am.

*Submitted by Craig Paukert*