



Joint Summer Business Meeting of the Centrarchid, Esocid,
and Walleye Technical Committees
9:00 AM (CDT), Thursday, July 25, 2024



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CTC Chair: Will Radigan, wradigan2@huskers.unl.edu

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1. Call meeting to order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am Central Time by Jason Gostiaux

- Introductions

Participants went around the room introducing themselves and their affiliation to the WTC. Participants included 20 present and 2 online. Meeting participants were from Illinois, Michigan, Iowa, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Indiana, Missouri, Minnesota, and South Dakota

2. Agenda additions and approval

No new agenda additions were mentioned online. A motion was made to approve the agenda by Collin Dassow and Logan Zebro provided a second motion. The agenda was approved.

3. Approve minutes from 2024 winter joint meeting (*E-mailed out prior to meeting*)

The 2024 winter meeting minutes were emailed out to the list serve prior to summer business meeting. There was a question if participation at the meeting was enough to get a quorum to be able to approve past business meeting notes. It was discussed to pass the 2024 winter business meeting minute approval to the 2025 winter meeting.

4. 2025 summer meeting location proposals

- Michigan: Central Michigan University Research Station @ Beaver Island
- Indiana: Pokagon State Park @ Lake James in Angola, IN

Jason Gostiaux began by wanting a chance to explore Beaver Island as an option for the 2025 summer meeting location and proposed Pokagon State Park as an option for 2026. Joe Rydell mentioned that the final decision on meeting location will be voted upon at the 2025 winter meeting and Jason DeBoer suggested getting proposed dates and details together in a package deal ahead of time. He also mentioned that this process may be able to be voted upon using the List Serve before the winter meeting to be able to get dates selected in a timely manner. Issues that need resolved for Beaver Island include the ferry schedule and travel to the island and whether to include that in the registration fees or not. It was mentioned that reimbursement for extra travel expenses like parking may be more of a struggle for participants than having that expense included in registration. It was also brought up that states may be willing to pay higher registration costs if travel costs were lower on their travel request.

5. Future continuing education courses

- Telemetry data manipulation, management, and analysis

The idea of looking at telemetry in fisheries was an option to consider at the 2025 summer meeting. Participants can bring their own data sets to see options on how to look at the data. The group was overall in favor of this as a continuing education idea.

Jason Gostiaux asked the group for any additional continuing education ideas and no additional items were brought up.

Jason DeBoer, asked the group for any pictures or videos from the on the river continuing education experience be shared through a google file. He offered to get the google share file started and email it out.

6. Break-out for CTC, ETC, and WTC

7. Jason DeBoer past-president recognition

Since Jason was not in attendance at the Winter Business meeting, he was presented with his plaque for serving as the WTC chair for 2 years through the Covid period.

8. WTC Treasurer's report

The treasurer's report was not complete at the business meeting as final meeting expenses were not yet tallied. The final report is attached at the end of these business meeting notes. After the meeting expenses were tallied, the WTC has \$3,123.52 available.

Joe Rydell mentioned that \$2,523.00 was removed from investment account, leaving approximately \$7,000.00 still in the account. These activities will be reflected in the 2024 investment account balances reported at the winter business meeting. This money helped boost the funds in WTC account to help with meeting costs and can cover travel awards.

9. Old business

- Percis VI update (*DeBoer, Gostiaux, Zebro*)

Discussion about holding a Percis VI in 2026 with the Annual AFS meeting in Columbus. Logan Z gave the following summary:

Discussion started in 2022. Last Percis was in Czeck Republic with some representatives. Had comments to host at Annual event in Columbus in 2026. There was push back with Percis planning due to time (only been 5 years where typically 8 to 12 between years). Canada is technically next in line if they want but there has not been any correspondence into it yet. Also, there are some concerns about congestions with hosting both a Percis Conference in conjunction with AFS.

Jason DeBoer mentioned that a benefit would be putting some of the planning burden on AFS doing it at Columbus. Also, there is precedent about holding symposiums at AFS. It was mentioned that 2026 would also be the 50 year Anniversary of the 1st Percis conference.

Group (WTC) was in favor to pursue as participants and help with the event but not be main lead.

10. New business

- **2025 Midwest Fish & Wildlife Conference, St. Louis, MO**
 - o Percid symposium

Logan Zebro brought up hosting a Percid symposium at the Midwest as one has not been hosted in a couple years. The deadline for applying for a symposium was coming quick. Group was in favor of pursuing hosting a symposium but not interested in any published symposium. It was discussed that presentations should be completed work and not just project proposals from students. Logan was going to look into this more and get with the executive committee to get it started.

- Travel award(s)

The percid travel award is listed as up to 3 awards a year depending on available funds and applications from students. The executive committee will review the available funds and applications and decide on how many awards are issued for the 2025 meeting. It was asked by the group if state chapters still match the award and it was announced that state chapters are asked but not required to match. Most states still match the amount or at least part of the amount.

- **Nominations**

- Chair-elect

The group was asked for nominations for upcoming chair elect. No nominations were mentioned in person but they could be emailed to Jason G., Aaron V., or Joe R. throughout the year to be voted on at the winter meeting.

- Treasurer

The official title was explained as the Secretary of the WTC but the position works with the NCD treasurer and acts as the Secretary / Treasurer. Joe Rydell will be stepping down from this roll at the Winter meeting in 2025 to allow someone else to step into this position. Nominations for this can be sent via email to Jason G., Aaron V., or Joe R. to be voted on at the winter meeting.

One last new business item brought up was that Logan Zebro is working with NCD and AFS to establish an invasive species committee and asked the group to reach out to him they would like to be involved and help with the process.

Adjourn

A motion was made to Adjourn by Jason DeBoer and a second motion made by Rebecca Krogman at 9:59 am CT. Meeting was Adjourned.

2024 Summer Meeting Treasurer’s report.

**AFS Managed Unit Investment
Program**

Fund or Unit Name:
For the period ending:

Walleye Technical Committee NCD
6/30/2023

Contributions	Date	Amount
Contribution	10/15/2018	\$5,000
Contribution	Nov 2019	\$2,500

Description	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Beginning Balance	\$0	\$4,739	\$8,641	\$9,355	\$10,633	\$8,848
Contributions / Withdrawals	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Income	\$222	\$355	\$166	\$139	\$190	\$78
Gains / Loss	-\$458	\$1,109	\$588	\$1,188	-\$1,927	\$555
Fees	-\$25	-\$62	-\$40	-\$49	-\$48	-\$13
Ending Balance	\$4,739	\$8,641	\$9,355	\$10,633	\$8,848	\$9,468

2024 Summer Meeting Summary Treasurer report

Previous 2023 Account Balance	\$21,230.72
2023 Percid Travel Awards (Ben V., Logan Z., and Logan C.)	\$900.00
WTC Publication (raised funds)	\$15,550.00
WTC Publication remaining Balance	\$3,230.00
2023 Summer Meeting Balance	\$512.09
2024 Percid Travel Award (Riley M.)	\$300.00
Past Chair awards	\$226.24
WTC Previous Account Balance after winter meeting	\$512.39
Transfer Money from WTC Investment account	\$2,523.00
Meeting Registrations (20 professional, 9 student)	\$1,889.00
Sale from Mugs	442.00
Paypal fees	\$61.20
Meeting Costs (meals, rental, etc.)	\$2181.67
Current Account Balance	\$3,123.52

Meeting Cost Breakdown

Cups	875.00
Gordon food store	58.94
Walmart	238.26
Gordon	282.28
Walmart	26.38
Dollar General	23.23
Walmart	139.62
Hy-Vee	270.06
Hy-Vee Credit for return kegs and tap.	-32.10
Meeting Costs	<hr/> \$1,881.67

Final Meeting Breakdown

Meeting Cost	\$1,881.67
Meeting income (minus PayPal fees)	\$2,269.80
Donation to Alice L. Kibbe Life Science Station	\$300.00
Meeting Balance	<hr/> \$88.13