

**33rd Annual Meeting of the  
Kansas Chapter of the American Fisheries Society  
Wichita, Kansas  
February 21, 2008**

**Call to Order:** President Dan Mosier called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. and welcomed everyone to Wichita for the first annual Kansas Natural Resources Conference (KNRC).

**Secretary's Report:** Jason Goeckler was unable to present the Secretary's Report due to a legislative hearing. The 2007 meeting minutes were distributed to the membership. After review, Kristen Hase moved to approve the minutes as written and Bill Stark seconded the motion. Minutes were approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jason Goeckler was unable to present the Treasurer's Report due to a legislative hearing. The Treasurer's Report was distributed to the membership. After review, Bill Stark moved to approve the treasurer's report and motion was seconded by Craig Paukert. Treasurer's Report was approved.

**Committee Reports:**

Meeting Arrangements- President-elect Craig Paukert again welcomed everyone to the Kansas Natural Resources Conference and provided general layout and schedule for the upcoming sessions. There was a short discussion as to whether we as a chapter are interested in continuing our chapter meetings in conjunction with the KNRC. There was general support for meeting with the KNRC. Craig noted that there were 265 registered for the meeting and KSAFS was the second largest society in attendance. Bill Stark suggested that we graciously thank Craig for all his efforts putting this conference together.

Student Scholarships- Tom Mosher presented the following scholarships:

*NCD Joan Duffly Travel Scholarship-* Travis Robb (PSU)

*Harold Klaassen Undergraduate Student Scholarship-*no applications were received

*Otto Tiemeier/Frank Cross Graduate Student Scholarship-* Joshua Schloesser (KSU)

Awards- Carson Cox presented the following awards:

*Past President-* Mark Eberle

*Best Student Paper-* Jesse Fischer (KSU)

*Best Professional Paper-* Craig Paukert

*Tom Wenke Award for Best Student Poster-*Jesse Fischer (KSU)

Continuing Education- No Report

Membership- No Report.

Nominating- Eric Johnson was nominated for Secretary/Treasurer. There were no additional nominations from the floor. Vaughn Weaver and Jessica Mounts were nominated for President-elect. There were no additional nominations from the floor. Eric Johnson was unopposed as secretary/treasurer and Jessica Mounts was elected President-elect.

Communications- Chris Mammoliti discussed the current status of the newsletter and was open for any suggestions, comments, or upcoming news. The next newsletter will be out in June.

Resolutions- Dan Mosier II presented a resolution from the North Dakota Chapter urging the United States Congress to amend the Flood Control Act of 1944. Craig added that there is currently a House Concurrent Resolution in the Kansas Legislature on this same subject. (House Resolution No. 5032). Tom Mosher commented that there is no mention of natural resource conservation in the resolution and that for our chapter to support this resolution there needs to be mention some natural resource language. Ron Marteney moved to support House Resolution 5032 with a note to add conservation of natural resources as a point of importance. Bill Stark seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Student Sub-Unit- Joshua Schloesser informed the chapter that KSAFS meeting attendance was a priority of the student sub-unit and that there are 15 students in attendance this year. Joshua also noted that they had received almost \$900 from the KSU Student Government to cover the registration costs of the meeting. T-shirts are for sale and some "Dace" t-shirts are still available. Joshua also wanted give credit and a BIG THANKS to Joe Tomelleri for donating the rights of the prints for use on the t-shirts. Joshua provided information of the activities of the sub-unit such as the trapshooting with the Wildlife Society and the Kids Fishing Day.

Carson Cox inquired about the larger raffle item this year. Joshua noted that there is not "large item" this year.

NCD Report- Dan forgot his meeting notes but informed the group that our past resolution was heard at the NCD meeting and was passed up to the parent society .....now, no one can get Fisheries online and there is discussion on evaluating the dues structure. There is also discussion with the parent society of going completely digital, but there are issues with advertising and the "hard copy".

Legislative Liaison - Chris Mammoliti provided a 2006 testimony on a bill that would remove a "natural resource degree" requirement for the Secretary of Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, a 2007 bill that would repeal the Kansas Nongame and Endangered Species Act- *died in committee*, and the 2008 aquatic invasive species bill. Chris discussed the background of the new the bill and the views of KDWP and KSAFS. Bill Stark suggested that the ex-com draft a resolution for this bill. Harold Klaassen asked about the "Bluegill Bill" and Chris responded that he had heard no mention of it.

Dan Mosier briefly discussed the power of joining the parent chapter in light of our previous resolution being successful.

Kristen Hase also volunteered to be the chairman of the vacant Membership Committee.

### **Old Business:**

Webmaster- Dr. Joanna Whittier agrees to continue graciously providing her webmaster skills.

Scholarship Program and Wenke Award-Tom Mosher wanted thoughts and suggestions on how we wanted to handle the scholarships in the future. *Send Tom some ideas via email tomm@wp.state.ks.us.* Joshua Schloesser advertised it several times throughout the year via the sub-unit. In the past, professors had nominated the students and we had more applicants. Tom Mosher mentioned increasing the monetary gift. Harold Klaassen added that although it is not much money, it will look good on a resume. Harold also added that Fisheries Biologists should also nominate student aids. Bill Stark suggested that we revisit the nominations by biologist and professors.

Procedure Manual- Was not updated in 2007, but will be updated in 2008.

KS Wildlife Federation - Discussed awards that are supported by the chapter through the Kansas Wildlife Federation (Water Conservationist Award) and possibly sponsoring a stream survey/team award in the future. Chris Mammoliti moved to continue support for the Water Conservationist Award and the motion was seconded by Bill Stark. Motion passed.

NCD Rivers and Stream Technical Committee - representative is now Bryan Simmons.

### **New Business:**

Hutton Scholarship – Vaughn Weaver discussed the importance of the program and what it has provided to Kansas. Urged the membership to promote the program.

KSAFS chapter received an inquiry to host the 2012 AFS National Meeting  
Tom Lang moved to support applying for the 2012 meeting and the motion was seconded by Tom Mosher. Discussion of distribution funds proceeded. Motion passed. KSAFS will draft a letter to Secretary Hayden for KDWP support.

Tom Mosher discussed the status of the state-fish and suggested that it wait until schoolchildren are no longer making a move on the subject.

No motions were heard on the state fish.

No other business.

Move to adjourn by Mark Eberle, seconded by Tom Mosher, and passed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m.