



KANSAS CHAPTER – AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY

2018 Annual Chapter Meeting Minutes

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2018 Kansas Natural Resources Conference

Manhattan, KS

Meeting was called to order by Chapter President Josh Jagels at 5:38.

Minutes for the 2017 meeting were reviewed individually and Bill Stark moved to accept the minutes and Jeff Conley seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Chapter Treasurer Wes Fleming discussed the 2017 treasurers report and thanked Eric Johnson for putting this report together.

Scholarship Committee Chair, Sean Lynott noted that there was lots of interest in the scholarships this year.

Otto Tiemeier- Frank Cross was awarded to Garret Hopper. \$300 and meeting expenses.
Klaassen was awarded to Tanna Fanshier. \$300 and meeting expenses.

Dr. Gido made a traveling plaque to encourage interest in the Klaassen award.

Awards Committee Chair, Carson Cox presented the Past-President Award to Bryan Sowards for his efforts this past year. Ben Neely won the best professional paper award. Casey Pennock won the best student paper award. Jeff Koch won the best professional poster award. Andrew Karlin won the best student poster award.

Carson asked for volunteers to judge posters and presentations.

Fundraising Committee Chair Jeff Conley discussed this year's raffle. Jeff noted the excellent effort from the student sub-unit and the \$500 cross bow that was purchased at a discount to raffle off.

Membership Committee Chair Mark VanScoyoc announced that he has compiled the necessary information for schools to pursue student sub-units.

President-elect nominations were read by Josh Jagels and ballots were handed out. Susan Steffen, Jeff Conley, and Lucas Kowaleswski are nominated for President-elect.

Communications Committee Chair Jessica Mounts noted that you can get ahold of her if you want to be on the email list.

Resolutions Committee Chair Dan Mosier was not present. It was noted that a resolution and letter were sent to legislators on the energy and water committee. These materials were sent to the email list.

Notes from the Kansas State University Sub-unit President Tanna Fanshier:

I have taken over for Jennie Grill as president, and we have Zach Ramsay representing us as vice president, Taylee Helms as acting secretary, and Bia Gragg as treasurer.

We would also like to recognize Liz Renner as our Graduate Student Advisor.

Dr. Keith Gido remains our dedicated faculty advisor for the subunit.

This past school year, our meetings have placed emphasis on keeping a broad focus and appealing to different audiences within the fisheries community. We have adjusted meeting themes to fall into a more inclusive range, from sport fish management to stream fish conservation, to general challenges facing the field of aquatic ecology.

This inclusiveness is in part a recruitment method. As many of our officers and regular attendees are seniors, the next few months will be geared toward the recruitment of new members. As of our last meeting, we gained multiple new members, and we hope to do more in the future to keep these numbers on the rise.

T-shirt sales from last year's Northern Hogsucker shirt, illustrated by Joseph Tomelleri turned an impressive profit last year and we hope to do just as well with this year's T-shirt, featuring the Neosho Madtom. We cannot thank everyone enough for your continued support in this fundraiser.

Profits from the Hogsucker T-shirts provided funds for members of the subunit to travel to the Omaha Zoo in early November to visit the zoo's impressive aquarium and in-exhibit fish displays, this allowed attending members to learn about the diversity of fish across various habitats, and about what it takes to manage and care for so many different species. Participants also observed different methods of public interaction and education, and were able to take part in hands-on aquarium activities.

Funds are also being allotted to pay for the registration fees of multiple members attending this conference.

They will also go to fund our annual camping trip/sampling clinic, which will be scheduled for the spring, weather permitting. This clinic is very important to our subunit, as it offers important, hands on training with different sampling gear and techniques, and is the first time some of our members interact with fish sampling procedures.

Part of the T-shirt funds this year will also go toward the redesign of the AFS student subunit display case in the Biology building at Kansas State University. In doing this we aim to provide students with knowledge about careers in the field of Fisheries Biology, testimony in the form of a "where are they now" display focusing on past students, and highlighting the role that the student subunit has played in both research and management. We hope this new display will help to recruit passionate new members and educate students for years to come.

The Kansas Student Subunit of the AFS strives to connect undergraduate students with career focused jobs and volunteer opportunities, and we are excited to announce that this year, the majority of our steady members have found applicable semester and/or summer employment through fisheries-based opportunities advertised by the subunit.

To wrap it up, we are looking forward to the last few meetings of the semester and hope to be able to report more positive advancements at next year's meeting.

Under the old business line item Nick Kramer was appointed as the parliamentarian.

Under the new business line item the Envirothon donation ask was discussed.

Also, Ben Neely motioned for a \$2,500 sponsorship for the catfish 2020 meeting to be taken from the student scholarship fund, and therefore, the registrations that come with the sponsorships shall be awarded to students. Ben also amended this motion to include that if students do not want to go the president can appoint attendees to use the free registrations. Jessica Mounts seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Then, Martha Mather presented the top ten advice for fisheries students. She proposed to form a mentoring liaison and network development group. Josh Jagels appointed Martha as the chair of this new committee to be developed to support networking for students.

Susan Steffan was elected President-elect.

Ben Neely moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Jeff Conley. Motion Passed

Meeting was adjourned at 6:35pm