



KANSAS CHAPTER – AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY

2019 Annual Chapter Meeting Minutes

January 1, 2019



2019 Kansas Natural Resources Conference

Manhattan, KS

Meeting was called to order by Chapter President Jordan Hofmeier around 5:00pm.

Minutes for the 2018 meeting were reviewed individually and Bill Stark moved to accept the minutes and Bryan Sowards seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Chapter Treasurer Wes Fleming discussed the 2018 treasurer's report.

Scholarship Committee Chair, Sean Lynott took a few minutes to reflect on the passing of Harold Klaassen before presenting the scholarships.

Scholarship winners included: Klaassen Scholarship (Dylan Osterhaus), Otto Tiemeier-Frank Cross Scholarship (Lindsey Bruckerhoff), Duffy Award (Sam Schneider).

Sean announced that Dr. Gido was awarded the North Central Division Fisheries Excellence award.

Sean also announced that applications for students to receive funding toward attendance at catfish 2020 will be going out soon.

Awards Committee Chair, Carson Cox presented the Past-President Award to Josh Jagels for his efforts this past year. James Whitney won the best professional paper award. Lindsey Bruckerhoff won the best student paper award. Connor Ossowski won the best professional poster award. Josh Hollaway won the best student poster award.

Carson Cox was thanked for his long-time contribution as the awards committee chair.

Fundraising Committee Chair Jeff Conley discussed this year's raffle. The 2018 raffle will have two less items, a lifetime hunting or fishing license (transferable), and a smith-root electrofishing class.

Membership Committee Chair Mark VanScoyoc encouraged reaching out to contacts especially at private and smaller schools. Additionally, it was suggested to contact the KDHE water quality folks to join. A social media discussion also took place.

President-elect nominations were read by Jordan Hofmeier and ballots were handed out. James Whitney, Jeff Conley, and Lucas Kowaleswski were nominated for President-elect.

Communications Committee Chair Jessica Mounts stepped down and Connor Ossowski and Nick Krammer will share the role. Jessica was thanked for her long-time contribution.

Resolutions Committee Chair Dan Mosier reported the one resolution that was developed since the last meeting. The resolution was a stance in opposition to a proposed inter-basin water transfer from Nebraska.

Notes from the Kansas State University Sub-unit President Elizabeth Renner:

The KSU sub-unit is working on recruitment and the peppered chub is the shirt this year.

Old Business:

Envirothon-No action

Catfish 2020-KSAFS sponsored the event and therefore will receive two free registrations. Students will have the opportunity to apply for scholarships.

KSAFS mentoring network-trying to enhance, not overlap

New Business:

Jordan Hofmeier presented the potential change in WOTUS

Bill Stark motioned to support a commit in opposition of the potential changes. Mark VanScoyoc seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Jordan Hofmeier presented the recovering Americas wildlife act.

Bill Stark motioned to support a commit in favor of this act and Jeff Conley seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Jordan Hofmeier suggested that a change in bylaws/policy should be considered who can speak on behalf of the KSAFS.

Brett Miller, Jeff Koch, and Ben Neely volunteered to help Bryan Sowards on the award committee.

Lucas Kowaleswski was elected as president elect

Bill Stark motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Eric Johnson and it passed.