**MOTWS Executive Board Meeting (minutes)**

**Conference Call from Kirksville MDC office on Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at 3:00pm**

President, Ted Seiler, called the Executive Board meeting to order at 3:06pm and took roll call.

In attendance:

Ted Seiler (President) via conference call

Tim Kavan (Past President) via conference call

Tony Elliott (President-Elect) via conference call

Luke Miller (Secretary) via conference call

Scott Sudkamp (Treasurer) via conference call

Jason Isabelle (Board Member) via conference call

Previous Executive Board meeting minutes from August were reviewed by Luke Miller. Motion to approve, as amended in previous reviews and discussions, by Jason Isabelle and seconded by Tony Elliott.

Scott Sudkamp provided an itemized listing of expenses, credits and a record of our current balance of $4,349.88 as a Treasurer’s Report to the Executive Board (appended below). Scott Sudkamp is willing to provide the contact information of new members to Chris McLeland, Membership Committee Chair, so that a “Welcome Letter” can be sent to them. Scott Sudkamp reminded everyone that annual membership dues increase to $15 during 2015, which should increase the Chapter’s funds. A motion to approve the report came from Luke Miller and was seconded by Jason Isabelle.

**Old Business**

Luke Miller plans to share Chapter documents with the Society in order to build a new website as the old website remains active. Tim Kavan mentioned the possibility of creating a banner to let viewers know that a new website is currently being constructed.

Scott Sudkamp has reserved and paid for three booths at the upcoming Missouri Natural Resources Conference (MNRC). Luke Miller will arrange a signup sheet for booth volunteers and Jason Isabelle has encouraged student representation within the booth space. Ted Seiler informed the group that Nate Mechlin, Raffles Committee Chair, has received several silent auction items and asked if we wanted a firearm. Ted Seiler mentioned that it made the Chapter money last year, people expect to see one, and all Executive Board members approved obtaining one as a large raffle item. Tim Kavan has the Square technology in order to run credit/debit card transactions, as this technology can use any smartphone from a downloadable app, but recommends everyone bring their phone chargers. Alan Leary, Chair of the 2015 MNRC Steering Committee, has been pushing for over 1,000 attendees, so we are hoping for quite a crowd and nice weather.

For the Annual Business Meeting, Ted Seiler does not expect anything out of the ordinary. Ted has arranged to have Keith Norris with the Society’s Legislative Action Committee talk to our members. This seems appropriate as our Chapter has become more active in providing a voice. Discussion occurred if a North Central Section Representative was going to present to our members, as well and Ted Seiler was going to contact our Representative about attending. Luke Miller volunteered to create a slideshow of Chapter activities since our last meeting and Ted Seiler completed a form, so that our room has a projector. Jason Isabelle emailed notifications to the Student Chapters so that they would have the opportunity to provide an update to the general membership during the meeting and will send out a reminder.

**New Business**

Ted Seiler informed the Executive Board of our 2015 Officer nominations for President-Elect, Secretary, and Board Member and will forward their bios to everyone. Ted Seiler also plans to discuss creating an on-line voting system again with Tom Kulowiec, Technology Committee Chair.

Ted Seiler presented nominations for our Chapter awards to the Executive Board to discuss and will order and pick up plaques from the Columbia and Jefferson City locations prior to the MNRC.

Ted Seiler plans to organize next spring’s Student Workshop. The Missouri Chapter of the American Fisheries Society has requested to partner with MOTWS for this venture and it was approved that we would split costs equally among the organizations. Normally, this event costs about $800 and attracts a few local professionals and about 35 students. If necessary, consideration will be had to limit registrations in order to offer the students an equal blend of workshop activities. It has always been discussed to survey students to find the best time of the year but this might need adjusted annual due to other planned activities, such as Midwest Conclave, outdoor activities (hunting/fishing seasons), and UCM’s BioBlitz, etc. and a date of Friday, April 17th through Sunday, April 19th might work best for everyone. Ted Seiler also talked to Andy Tappmeyer at Columbia Bottom Conservation Area as a location to host the event and obtaining a special use permit to be able to camp. Ted Seiler was going to continue his efforts in obtaining a demonstration of the effects of lead shot from the Minnesota Chapter of The Wildlife Society.

Tony Elliott provided the Executive Board with an update with the Chapter’s Winter Newsletter. He still needs the name and bios for the nominations but has many other pertinent articles of interest to members. Ted Seiler suggested that our Student Chapter Liaison might send these to our Student Chapters to increase communication with them.

Jason Isabelle has kept the Executive Board updated with correspondence from our Chapter’s mailbox and a letter from the Conservation Federation of Missouri (CFM) had been received. This asked for a donation and includes some seasonal notecards of Glenn Chamber’s photographs. This is mailed annually to MOTWS and the only payments that have been provided to support CFM come from our affiliate dues.

The Executive Board decided that the next meeting would be tentatively held before the MNRC on February 4, 2015 to make any final arrangements for our Annual Business meeting (probably someone’s hotel room).

With no further discussion, Ted Seiler called the Executive Board meeting to a close at 4:22pm.

**Treasurer’s Report 12-9-2014**

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| DEBITS |   |
| Awards | -$1,172.31 |
| Midwest F&W Conference Expenses | -$899.99 |
| Miscellaneous Expenses | -$405.48 |
| MNRC Expenses | -$1,019.00 |
| Supplies | -$43.68 |
| Workshop Expenses | -$1,594.26 |
| TOTAL 2014 DEBITS | -$5,134.72 |
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| CREDITS |   |
| Beginning Balance | $3,145.42 |
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| Memberships | $1,915.00 |
| Midwest F&W Conference Income | $1,822.00 |
| Miscellaneous Income | $109.18 |
| MNRC Income | $2,493.00 |
| TOTAL 2014 CREDITS | $6,239.18 |
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| TOTAL CREDITS INCLUDING BEGINNING BALANCE | $9,384.60 |
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| 2014 INCOME OVER EXPENSES | $1,104.46 |
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| BANK BALANCE | $4,349.88 |