

MOTWS Executive Board Meeting January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 at MNRC

Present: Jeff Powelson, Shane Kampeter, Chuck Anderson, Margie Mitchell, Brad Jump, Jessi Tapp, Allison Leisenring, Shelly Colatskie.

Not Present: Ryan Diener

Meeting began at 4pm.

Brad made motion to approve the December board meeting minutes as corrected. Chuck Seconded and all approved via voice.

- The request to get funds or products donated by Bass Pro for our raffle was denied. Johnny Morriss' new donation manager happens to be his daughter.
- The MOTWS MNRC \$1500 and other organization \$ went to student chapters for rooms for the conference. \$400 went to MU, \$400 went to Central Missouri State, \$800 went to Missouri Western and the rest went to some award winners.
- Allison: Treasurer's report: approved. Audit went well. There was one CECU error: Credit Union accidentally put a check in our account, but noticed a year later and repoved the \$100.68. Copies of the treasurer's report will be at the business meeting.
- Elections online closed January 28<sup>th</sup>. Online voting should be posted up to 48 hours prior to meeting (per the bi-laws). There is opportunity to vote via paper up until 1pm before the meeting. Kris Corbett is going to be in a time slot at the business meeting where the votes can be tallied.
- Annual report to the parent society already sent in.
- We will send them updated membership after elections
- Allison has the \$400 Bass Pro gift card
- Eric Meritt has silent auction items and Joe Dillard has a lot of items too.
- The Square App will be our method of payments for those who have cards. The account is already set up and has the associated feeds and whatnot. The username and password will be kept in the cash box.
- Cash box \$500 in cash, small bills.
- Chuck checked the mailbox and had two more award nominations.
- Plaques for awards are ready to go.
- Brad has write ups for Chuck for the awards.
- No Jefferson City engraver anymore; there was too many errors in the Runge Award.
- Red Weir has been used before for engraving and is about have the price.
- USDA Speakers: Feral Hog talks. From Ft. Collins, Colorado. They have a \$93/day per diem and it is \$103 a night for the hotel. Can we cover the difference? Shane says we may have enough out of the \$1500 MNRC. If enough, MNRC will pay MOTWS and MOTWS will pay the speakers. Brad makes a motion, seconded by Chuck, motion approved via voice.
- Chuck: Dan Zekor: Glenn Chambers scholarship should be moved to CFM. Luke and Ryan worked hard on the clay shoot for fundraising and tried to get more, but we didn't get what we

were hoping out of it. There was discussion with Glenn's wife, and Dan Zekor discussed that CFM should take over the Glenn Scholarship. TWS board voted ok, but the TWS will still be involved in the selection and the handling of money.

- Margie: Chambers used to be all over the state; but with it being back at CFM, will it just be for MU students?
- 14 applicants for Chambers this year. DeeCee and Dan looked at applicants and made selection. Chuck and Brad approved of their selection.
- The MU Fellowship: Dr. Weegman should be there to present at meeting at MNRC.
- Chuck: Farmer Conservationist Award: Late nomination but Chuck will let them know about waiting until next year.
- This brought up conversations about sending applications to the chairs instead of the mailbox to ensure nominations are received. Jeff Powelson wants the application to review and update.
- Brad has projector and screen for Kris Corbett's presentation. Does Jeff want photos shown for the farmer award? Not this year, but something to think about for next year.

MNRC Next year will be changed from Wednesday to Friday to Tuesday to Thursday. It will also be MOTWS turn to lead MNRC. We need 700 room nights.

- Jeff P. asked if we can present this change at the beginning of MNRC, but Shane says fisheries says no. Email will be sent about changes and that there is note of this on the program.
- Chuck and Brad said we will have it in the next MOTWS newsletter.
- Shane: Job Fair: Students do not get a lot out of this and the speed networking. They already know a lot, what can we do differently? Job fair has been a bust the past few years: Luke.
- Marge: Do students know how to apply on line? Brad has a USAjobs presentation that he could modify to include other agencies?
- Margie: we should try to work with the MDC Director on job fair stuff. Make it a request for each division to represent the agency, etc at the job fair.
- New Revamped MNRC: more focused on professional development, etc. Theme for 2019: "United we can conserve." Ned Yost and Collin O'Mara are potential speakers.
- Shane: Fisheries: Workshop he attended was entirely focused on how to get jobs in our fields. Margie: Have Shane ask students how we can do more for the job fair.
- We get one comp room for every 50 rooms booked.
- Professional Development: Ask Andrea S. if she is still on board. Currently there are no new resolutions to be a part of.
- Operations manual: Margie: needs updated. She will send us an email with our sections to nail down specifics. Margie will give us deadlines and then rewrite as best as she can.
- Stephens Award: will be presented tomorrow night at the awards banquet.
- Conservation Heritage Scholarship: Tom K. award from CFM at annual business meeting will be delayed until January 31<sup>st</sup>. Brandon Butler: some names from last year.
- We need to add Chuck to the checking account.
- Chuck: Talk to AFS or TWS National Chapters for continuing education credits.

- Historical Committee: Margie: We need to add things onto website: pictures or big issues (like the Meramec Dam issue) from past.
- Currently no resolutions; used to do quite a bit in the past.
- Board member at large will be liaison to politics. Original goals: to promote conservation issues to agencies and public. Chuck will ask Dan Zekor to be a part of this?

Brad: Any other new business? Invite committee chairs to meetings?

Brad asked to accept the motion to adjourn? Jeff and Allison seconded and all voted to approve via voice.

Adjourn at 5:13pm