

MOTWS Executive Board Meeting (minutes)
Conference Call from Kirksville MDC office on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at 1:00 PM

President Tony Elliott, called the Executive Board meeting to order at 1:04PM and took roll call.

In attendance:

Tony Elliott (President) via conference call
Ted Seiler (Past President) via conference call
Ryan Diener (President-elect) via conference call
Scott Sudkamp (Treasurer) via conference call
Mary Crowell (Secretary) via conference call
Charles Anderson (Board Member) via conference call
Luke Miller (Chambers Scholarship Co-Chair) via conference call

Previous Executive Board meeting minutes from March were reviewed by Mary Crowell. Motion to approve, as amended in previous reviews and discussions, by Ryan Diener and seconded by Charles Anderson.

Scott Sudkamp emailed the treasurer's report out for review and went through our debits and credits. No travel grant was awarded for the spring. The current bank balance is \$5,740.14. Motion to approve the report by Ted Seiler, seconded by Charles Anderson.

Old Business

Shane Kampeter agreed to be the Missouri Natural Resources Conference (MNRC) committee chair and has been in contact with the other chairs. There will be a planning meeting later in June.

Conservation Federation of Missouri (CFM) Annual Convention was attended by Scott Sudkamp, Ryan Diener, and Tony Elliott. Tony presented a plaque for the Ed Stegner Natural Resource Scholarship for Wildlife to Shawn Colburn and the Morrow Conservation Heritage Scholarship in Wildlife to Travis Schepker. Ryan hosted the grasslands committee meeting. Overall the convention went very well.

The MOTWS booth at the CFM Conservation Day at the Capitol was manned by Ted Seiler, Tony Elliott, Ryan Diener, and Charles Anderson. There was a good turnout and the Chapter had a chance to be in the public eye. Student Chapter members were in attendance and radio stations covered the event. CFM is planning to make this an annual event. The Missouri House did move the unfavorable conservation bills to committee that afternoon.

None of the major conservation bills were approved or sent to the Governor. It is likely some of the bills will be resurrected next legislative session and the captive cervid lawsuits will be back in the spotlight.

Tony Elliott checked on the Stephens Award perpetual plaque and the tags did get mounted, but they were not yet engraved. It should ready for pickup mid-June. Charles will check the status of the Runge Award perpetual plaque to get it up to date.

Ted Seiler gave an update on the Student Workshop in April. The workshop went very well with 17 student attending. Having the workshop in a corner of the state and the Mizzou student chapter hosting their own workshop may be a couple reasons for low attendance. The Chapter liked co-hosting with AFS though we didn't have any students that were Fisheries majors. Ted will talk with AFS to see if they are interested in continuing to team up for future student workshops. For next year, we will not charge students a registration fee.

CFM is interested in helping the Chapter in any way we need with the Chambers Scholarship. Ryan Diener will set up a meeting with Brandon Butler and Rehan Nana of CFM, Glen Chambers, Dan Zekor, Luke Miller, and possibly Tony Elliott. The goal of the meeting will be to come up with some fundraising ideas and how we want to move forward with this scholarship. Luke Miller suggested we hold a fundraising event that is separate from MNRC, such as a sporting clays event held in spring or early summer to avoid conflicting with CFM's event in August.

New Business

Fur Trapping was the most popular topic for the upcoming Professional Development workshop. It was agreed that this type of workshop would have to be held when the weather is cool. Students would be invited to attend. Jason Sykes would appreciate having a co-chair in his last year as chair. Ryan will include an announcement in the newsletter that the Chapter is looking for a new chair.

Ryan Diener has most of the newsletter ready to go out on Monday. Section update, President's letter, and treasurer's report will be included. Charles Anderson will send reminder to student chapters to turn their reports in. The travel grant and national meeting will be advertised. An updated list of current and vacant committee chairs will be included.

CFM has asked the Chapter if we'd like to have a booth at the Missouri Deer Classic in St. Charles on July 31-August 2. Assuming the booth was free, Ryan Diener motioned that the Chapter will have a booth, raffle off an inexpensive gun to raise funds for the Chambers Scholarship, and display some professional equipment for the public, such as telemetry equipment, GPS collars, data from the black bear study, etc. Charles Anderson seconded. Ryan Diener, Scott Sudkamp, and Mary Crowell will be able to attend the event. Ryan will contact CFM about reserving a space and finding a gun for raffle. Tony Elliott will send out a call to the general membership for volunteers to man the booth.

Luke Miller updated the board that the Chapter's Facebook page is gaining Likes. The MOTWS webpage needs to be updated as the old bylaws and 2014 officers are still listed. Ted Seiler suggested we add PayPal to the page for folks to pay their membership.

Ted Seiler motioned to adjourn the meeting, Charles Anderson seconded. Tony Elliott called the meeting to a close at 2:20

Next meeting will be held in October

Treasurer's Report

DEBITS	
MNRC Expenses	-\$1,286.98
Supplies	-\$49.00
Workshop Expenses	-\$473.01
TOTAL 2015 DEBITS	-\$1,808.99

CREDITS	
Beginning Balance	\$4,355.62
Memberships	\$1,342.09
MNRC Income	\$1,786.83
Misc. Income	\$4.59
Workshop Income	\$60.00
TOTAL 2015 CREDITS	\$3,193.51

TOTAL CREDITS INCLUDING BEGINNING BALANCE	\$7,549.13
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BANK BALANCE	\$5,740.14
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2015 INCOME OVER EXPENSES	\$1,384.52
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