

Michigan Chapter, American Fisheries Society

2017 Business Meeting Minutes

March 14-16, 2017

Mackinaw Beach and Bay Inn, Mackinaw City, MI

Call to Order and Determination of Quorum – Ed Roseman

- Ed called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. A quorum of at least 25 current chapter members was determined to be present.

Approval of Agenda – Ed Roseman

- A few typo errors were pointed out on the agenda including meeting location and Justins email.
- The Business Meeting agenda was approved after the motion carried unopposed.

Approval of 2016 Minutes – Ed Roseman

- Ed thanked everyone who attended the previous meeting and highlighted the student/professional mixer success
- The 2015 Business Meeting minutes were approved after the motion carried unopposed.

President's Remarks – Ed Roseman

- Ed discussed the importance of getting ahold of students and getting them engaged. This is something his office does frequently and encourages others to do the same.
- Ed discussed celebrating our science and the power and/or effectiveness of social media. Let the public know why this is important and how it applies to them.
- Ed also talked in detail about collaboration and how important it is. Don't be afraid to share ideas and gave an example of a burbot trapping experience. Have shovel ready projects ready to go for when funding sources do arrive.
- Ed thanked the group for the opportunity to serve.

Secretary - Treasurer's Report – Billy Keiper

- Billy reviewed the current treasurers report and noted it was a successful year for MIAFS mostly due to continuing education efforts
- Total cash revenue for the year was \$3,057.58 which is way up from previous years. This year's budget was strongly influenced by extra effort from the continuing education committee by hosting multiple workshops.
- As of January 8, 2016, MIAFS had a total account balance of \$17,053.60
- The treasurer's report was approved after the motion carried unopposed.

Committee Reports

- Auditing – Ed Roseman reported for Dave Carrifono that our financial records are complete and accurate.

- Awards – no awards were reported.
- Centrarchid- Nothing to report
- Communication- Heather Hettinger reported the newsletter was complete and available. She also reminded members about our Facebook page and that more content is needed. Please share job openings, etc. Justin Chiotti is our new webmaster and Doug Workman will continue to run the listserv.
- Continuing Education- Dan Traynor reported it was a successful year with continuing education hosting numerous workshops. He also reminded the group there will be upcoming workshops in 2017.
- Fenske- Jessica Mistak reported that the Fenske Award continues to be a huge success and a great opportunity for students to get recognized. This year's fisheries award went to Elisa Baebler from the University of Missouri. Bill Carlton was the recipient of the outstanding wildlife student award. Jess thanked all those who helped with the award.
- Membership- Brad Utrop reported we currently have about 300 members. Brad is asking for ideas how to handle memberships and suggests doing an annual reminder.
- Nominating – Carl Ruetz didn't know he was the chair. Need to confirm who is chair. Dan O'Keefe also a past chair. Need to review bylaws to confirm nominating appointment
- Past-presidents – Brian Roth did not have anything to report and there was no update on the Hutton Program. A brief discussion on the Hutton Program took place and Ed and Ashley Moerke both had experiences with Hutton students. Ed mentioned one student is still in the fisheries field.
- Program – Robin Debruyne asked membership to send her suggestions for upcoming meetings. Also mentioned doing a post meeting survey
- Resolution- Kevin Donner, no report
- Rivers and Streams- Chris Eilers , no report
- Student concerns- Trevor Dunn and Zach Fyke reported on both their respective subunit updates including activities for the past year. Both groups have an active group of students and had multiple events this past year focusing on student engagement. The group was also reminded about the student raffle during the evening social.
- Walleye – Cory Kovacs provide the group an update handout on behalf of Seth Herbst and gave a brief update. Cory also gave an update on Esocid Committee. His term is up and reminded the group this is a great opportunity to get involved. There will be a joint meeting this upcoming summer with the Walleye Technical Committee. Cory mentioned our Parent Society President, Doug Austin, wants to work with state agencies to get

technical reports published and available to members. Billy asked about the Muskie book donation and the book is still enoute.

- Water Quality- Doug Bradly was not present and no update was given however a job announcement was passed on.

Old Business – Brian Roth

- Review of awards. Billy gave a brief updates on this past year's awards

Installation of New President – Robin Debruyne was installed as the new president

Installation of New President-Elect - Justin Chiotti (not present) was installed as president-elect.

Installation of Secretary/Treasurer – Billy Keiper was reinstalled as secretary/treasurer.

New Business

- Robin thanks Billy, Dan, Jess, Heather, Mark.
- We discussed a reduced rate for retired professional registrations. This was brought up by Bob Reider for Midwest meeting but could be applied to ours. Ed proposed reducing the retired professional rate to be even with student registrations. Motion passed unanimously
- Robin to ask Doug Austin how other chapters support membership. How to encourage new members. Ed suggested getting membership involved.
- For the upcoming year Robin plans to work with membership and students to get more chapter and parent society members and get more people involved. Robin would also like to update the facebook page with what students are doing.
- New committee appointments. If you're interested in getting involved talk to Robin. Billy will be stepping down as Sec/treasurer and that position will be open.
- 2018 Meeting. Earlier announcements were suggested. A joint meeting with Ohio was mentioned. Possible themes include urban fisheries/ urban fisheries management.

Adjournment - The 2017 business meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:50 p.m.