

## **Michigan Chapter, American Fisheries Society**

2016 Business Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2016

Amway Grand, Grand Rapids, MI

### Call to Order and Determination of Quorum – Brian Roth

- Brian called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. A quorum of at least 25 current chapter members was determined to be present.
- Brian reminded everyone that only 30 minutes are available and this would be a quick business meeting

### Approval of Agenda – Brian Roth

- The Business Meeting agenda was approved after the motion carried unopposed.

### Approval of 2015 Minutes – Brian Roth

- The 2015 Business Meeting minutes were approved after the motion carried unopposed.

### President's Remarks – Brian Roth

- Brian recognized and thanked past and current officers of the Michigan Chapter.

### 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 -\$89.88 which is down from previous years which typically net profits. This year better aligns with the chapter's goal of not trying be revenue driven.
- As of Dec. 1, 2015, MIAFS had a total account balance of \$13, 696.02
- The treasurer's report was approved after the motion carried unopposed.

### Committee Reports

- Auditing – Brian Roth reported for Dave Carrifono that our financial records are complete and accurate.
- Awards – Patrick Hanchin reported for Bob Stuber. Patrick reported last year's recipient of the Hazzard Award (\$100) was Seth Herbst for his Ph. D dissertation work at MSU. There were no nominations for the Grayling Award this year. The best student paper award went to Addie Dutton (LSSU) and the best student poster award went to Tori Roznowski (LSSU). The recipient of the Leonard Award was Chuck Basset for his over 30 years of service as a fishery professional. MIAFS purchased a brook trout print for Chuck though was not received on time for the award presentation. The Janice Lee Fenske Memorial Award recipient was Amanda Chambers (CMU).
- Centrarchid- Nothing to report

- Communication- Heather Hettinger reported the newsletter was complete and available. She also reminded members about our Facebook page and to please share fisheries related stories/ pictures on it.
- Continuing Education- Dan Traynor reported it was a successful year with continuing education hosting numerous workshops. He also reminded the group there will be even more workshops in 2016 and to please send workshop subject request to him.
- Membership- Kelley Smith reported on the current status of chapter membership. He also said he would be stepping down as chair and looking for a replacement
- Nominating – Dan O’keefe reported Robin Debruyne volunteered to run as president-elect.
- Past-presidents – Patrick Hanchin did not have any new information to present
- Program – Brian Roth did not have any new information to present
- Resolution- Kevin Donner reported that no new resolutions were adopted in 2015 however a resolution on Great Lakes aquaculture should be considered by MIAFS. After a brief discussion on the topic it was decided, Kevin would draft a resolution and share it for comments with the group
- Rivers and Streams- Chris Eilers had no new information to report
- Student concerns- Trevor Dunn and Zach Fyke reported on both their respective subunit updates including activities for the past year. The group was also reminded about the ongoing student raffle.
- Walleye – Cory Kovacs gave an update about the meeting he attended in Wisconsin and hoped to attend it again in the future.
- Water Quality- Doug Bradly was not present and no update was given

Old Business – Brian Roth

- Brian gave a very brief update of chapter happenings through the year

Installation of New President – Ed Roseman was installed as the new president

Installation of New President-Elect - Robin Debruyne was installed as president-elect.

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

### New Business

- Ed Roseman recognized Brian Roth for his work running the chapter this past year.
- Cory Kovacs presented a request to the group for funding a Musky research book through the parent society. After a brief discussion on benefits to membership a motion to donate \$1000 to the book printing carried unopposed
- Dan Hayes entertained a motion to reserve 25% of Continuing Education workshop seats for students, and offer those students free registration.” The discussion involved the understanding that the Continuing Education Chair would work with the Executive Committee to come up with a process to select students. A motion that the continuing education committee would work with the Excomm to satisfy the entertained motion carried unopposed.
- New Committee Chair Appointments - If anyone wants to be on a committee or wants to step down from a committee they should contact Ed Roseman.
- 2017 MI AFS meeting - Members can contact Robin Debruyne with ideas for where to have the 2017 meeting.

Adjournment - The 2016 business meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:00 p.m.