

**OCAFS Summer Business Meeting Summary  
July 8, 2005  
Piatt Castles, West Liberty, OH**

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**Attendance**

Ken Cunningham, President Eugene Braig, President Elect Mike Wilkerson, Past President  
Stacy Xenakis, Sec./Tres. Andy Burt, Webmaster John Navarro Ed Lewis Phil Hillman John  
Hagueman Joel Plott Dick Day Scott Hale Jon Denlinger Rich Zweifel

**Officer Reports**

President, Ken Cunningham. Ken welcomed all attendees and thanks Mike for putting together the meeting. He then deferred all comments to the old and new business sections later in the meeting.

President Elect, Eugene Braig. Eugene is exploring the possibility of launching a student sub-unit. He has met with Dr. Lance Williams who is willing to advise the group at Ohio State. He also plans to contact all fisheries faculty throughout the state in the fall. The only requirement of the chapter is that we modify our by-laws. The President of the student sub-unit will sit on our governing board. Eugene will bring up the amendment proposal at a later date, but hopes to have the amendment completed by February.

Past President, Mike Wilkerson. Mike thanked everyone for coming and outlined the agenda for the day: Meeting, Speaker - , lunch, tour of the Mac-O-Chee castle and then fishing



Treasurer, Stacy Xenakis. Stacy stated that the current balance is \$7461.39. This balance excludes the seed money that we are still holding for the 2006 Coolwater Workshop. We have received membership rebates and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter dues (2004) from AFS.

Web Site Editor, Andy Burt. The web site is back up and updated. Andy wants to include a link via e-mail so that whenever there are updates made he can send out a group e-mail as a reminder. He also wants to organize a committee responsible for updating the pages.

**Committee Reports:** Ken has recruited Perry Orndorff to chair the Aquatic Stewardship committee.

**Information Transfer/Outreach**

Stacy Xenakis\*\*  
Andy Burt  
Deb Walters

**Member Services**

John Navarro\*\*  
Matt Wolfe  
Mike Wilkerson  
Ken Cunningham

**Aquatic Stewardship**

Perry Orndorff\*\*  
John Hageman  
Scott Hale  
Elmer Heyob  
Chris Vandergoot

\*\*chair

**IT/Outreach** - The Stone Lab Scholarship was awarded. The 2005 award recipients of the Ohio Aquatic Science Scholarship were Kelli Downey, an OSU junior in Biological Sciences under advisor David Wells, and John Foltz, an OSU senior in Forestry, Fisheries, and Wildlife (with a fisheries specialization) under advisor Lance Williams. For both students, the scholarship will serve to defray expenses incurred

through Residence and Dining Halls while on the island. Plans will be made to present certificates to both recipients at the winter business meeting.

**Member Services** – Now that the web site is updated, John Navarro will be e-mailing members to remind them about certification grants. Roger Knight has contacted John about setting up a fishing charter to explore hooking mortality. These plans may be coordinated with next the 2006 summer meeting.

**Aquatic Stewardship** – Perry was not in attendance, but has agreed to chair this committee. He and Ken will be meeting the week following this meeting to discuss chair duties.

### **Old Business**

Student Life Sciences Forum- Target date of September 30<sup>th</sup> has been set for members to reestablish contact with university professors. Ken will set a date for the abstracts and the meeting by mid-August.

Aquatic Education Videos – Phil is going to check into getting the videos placed on the Division's web-site. He also will be placing an order for a short list of educators and each district office. Post production, copies will be made upon request.

### **New Business**

Workshop - Ken is trying to develop a sampling design workshop. Ken has talked with Dan Hayes of Michigan State who has agreed to do the workshop. Logistics still need to be worked out. John Navarro volunteered to check on the availability of the OIT room. The workshop facility should have a computer for every participant (participants can pair up). The course design demonstrates the pros and cons of sample design and type. It is also an accredited course through the AFS for continuing education.

OCAFS Committee Structure – Ken will hold a meeting with the committee chairs to flesh out the role of the chair and the tasks of each committee. Each chair will then be responsible for recruiting members to serve on their committee.

Governing Board Teleconference – The governing board has discussed setting up a teleconference for the next governing board meeting to increase attendance.

Perch Fishing – Andy will make arrangements for a fall perch fishing trip. The date is Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> from 3-7pm and cost should be ~\$25. There are 25 spaces on the boat. Contact Andy to reserve a spot.

### **Action Items**

- Invite Stone Lab Scholar winners to Feb business meeting
- John Navarro will send e-mail members to remind them of certification grants
- Andy will develop group list to notify members of updates on web page
- Set dates for student life science forum abstracts and meeting
- Phil will distribute aquatic ed dvds to districts
- Arrange teleconference for fall governing board meeting

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