

**MISSOURI CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY
ANNUAL MEETING
TAN-TAR-A RESORT, OSAGE BEACH, MISSOURI
FEBRUARY 5, 2009**

President John Vogel called the annual meeting to order at 3:33 p.m. on February 5, 2009 at Tan-Tar-A Resort in Osage Beach, Missouri.

REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM 2008 ANNUAL MEETING

Mike Hubbard asked the membership for corrections or changes for the minutes from the 2008 annual meeting. Three date changes were suggested and made. Motion to approve was made by Glenn Chambers and seconded by Mike Schroer. Minutes were approved by the membership with reflected changes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A treasurer's report from Alan Leary was handed out to the attendees. Alan quickly summarized the financial report. Treasure's report is attached to these minutes as Appendix A. Motion to approve by Steve Sherrif and seconded by Dan Zekor. Motion approved.

FARMER CONSERVATIONIST AWARD –Presented by Nate Mechlin

The 2008 Farmer Conservationist award was presented to Greg Dix. Greg's main profession is a forensic engineer. Greg purchased his land solely to manage for bobwhite quail. He has created 4.8 acres of edge feathering (7000 ft). He has planted numerous covey headquarters and over 10 acres of food plots. He has also attempting to eradicate the fescue on this acreage. In addition to quail habitat improvement, Greg has created small ephemeral ponds for amphibians and created other ponds for fishing and erosion control.

JAMES D. CHAMBERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP- Presented by Glenn Chambers

Glenn Chambers announced the winner of the 2008 James D. Chambers Memorial Scholarship. Glenn announced that to date 12 individuals have received this award. This year's selection committee was composed of Bill Ettleman, Jeannie Chambers, Eric Kurzejeski, David Murphy, Tom Russell, and Dan Zekor.

Eight applications were received for this scholarship this year. Glenn announced that Cathy Bodinof was this year's recipient. Cathy is a graduate student at the University of Missouri-Columbia. Cathy acquired a Bachelors of Science degree from Georgetown College in Kentucky prior to moving to Missouri. Her current graduate research is related to monitoring survival movements and resource selection of captive reared juvenile hellbenders in an Ozark river. She anticipates graduation in May 2010.

GRADUATE STUDENT FELLOWSHIP AWARD- Presented by John Vogel

The University of Missouri Graduate Fellowship was given to Lianne Hibbert. Lianne is the Program Coordinator for the Office of Science Outreach in the MU Science Education Center. She is currently pursuing a PhD degree in Conservation Education and Outreach in the Fisheries and Wildlife Sciences department at the University of Missouri-Columbia, and also holds a Master's degree from MU. Lianne received her Bachelor of Science degree in Biology with an emphasis in Wildlife from Grambling State University. She's worked for the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service for five years as a Wildlife Biologist before joining MU in January of 2008.

Lianne has had a long time interest in conservation education, and helping others enjoy the natural environment. She has been involved in studying and working in the natural resource profession since 1991, and has worked with various organizations and groups in conducting conservation and wildlife management focused outreach activities. Such organizations have included the Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences; as well as Minorities in Natural Resources Committee (a standing committee of the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies). She is excited about her future and her continued pursuits in finding ways that nature and people can coincide on this wonderful planet of ours.

MOTWS COMMITTEE REPORTS

ANNUAL AUDIT

Julie Fleming presented the audit report that she conducted on the Treasurer's books for 2007. She reported that the financial books for the MOTWS were in order and correct. Bob Schroepel made a motion to approve the audit report and it was seconded by Steve Sherrif. Motion was approved.

CHAMBERS SCHOLARSHIP

James D. Memorial Scholarship Fund report was given by Glen Chambers. As of February 2009, there were three CDs with a total value of \$13,756.13 in the fund.

MNRC STEERING

Ted Seiler is chairing the committee and would like anyone willing to help with the MNRC next year to contact him. There will be numerous opportunities to help direct next year's MNRC.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Jennifer Mittelhauser is the chair and updated the membership on efforts related to providing opportunities to acquire TWS certification or maintaining their current certifications. Jennifer discussed the potential of working with the Society of American Foresters (SAF) to coordinate some additional training opportunities and advance educational opportunities at their biennial trainings. She also asked about opportunities to have on-line trainings to help members maintain their certifications. She has also worked with National to create a listserv for MOTWS members and that has been accomplished. She updated membership on the availability of the new MOTWS listserv and said there would be an email coming out soon to all members.

STUDENT CHAPTER REPORTS

Missouri State University

James Coward provided an overview of the activities of MSU's Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society. Their list of activities included:

- Adopt a street
- Adopt a trail at Bos' darc
- Quail whistle counts
- Sponsored a big bucks contest
- Camping and float trips
- MDC deer aging

Over the next year, the chapter plans on putting several members through a fire workshop.

University of Central Missouri

The President Terry Schumate of the University of Central Missouri Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society presented a report on their activities for the last year. Their student chapter has been active in 2008. Their list of activities included:

- Deer aging and tick collection for research purposes
- Annual bio blitz
- Egg id day for kids
- Helped with hosting Midwestern mammology meeting
- Bike trail maintenance at Knob Noster State Park
- Co-hosting the Spring Workshop in 2009
- Fundraisers- made up a calendar from student photos

Missouri Western State University

The Student Chapter at Missouri Western State has been active in many activities during 2008. Victoria Ward provided an update which included:

- Membership up substantially over last year with 25 active members
- Booth at Missouri Western's annual Family Days event
- Have a number of active hunter ed instructors
- Deer aging workshop for chapter members
- Squaw Creek invasive plant species work
- Dove wing collection at Pony Express Wildlife Area
- Numerous workshops (i.e. antler measuring days, chain saw training)
- Work with girl scout merit badge day in cooperation with Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge

Chapter also plans on hosting a trap shoot at Smithville Missouri where they hope to have 20 teams of 5 competing.

Southeast Missouri State University

The Southeast Missouri State University's Student Chapter president Jesse Proth reported that their Chapter had been active in 2008 in the following activities:

- Collected biological data for MDC at meat processing stations
- Held a trap shoot for members
- Attended the 2008 spring workshop
- Sent 2 members to a conservation agent interrogation training course
- Participated in a project planting giant cane

University of Missouri-Columbia

The University of Missouri-Columbia's Student Chapter reported that their Chapter had been active in several areas over the previous year. Student Chapter President Ryan Diener presented a list of activities that included:

- Welcome back BBQ for members
- Conducted quail work on Bradford Farms
- Collected deer aging data
- Became affiliate members of CFM
- Worked on a tree planting program for MDC
- Sent 10 members to national TWS meeting
- Continued working concession stands at MU football games
- Anticipate helping with duck nesting structures at Eagle Bluffs
- Plan on increasing their annual scholarship awards to 2-\$500 scholarships/year

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Old Business

Vogel updated on By-law changes.

President's Year in Review

MOTWS started out 2008 with a successful 4th Annual Spring Student Workshop held in St. Charles, MO. Students from all five of the Missouri TWS Student Chapters attended as well as some students from the University of Illinois-Champaign. The workshop focused on Missouri River floodplain habitats and management challenges. In addition, the MOTWS Executive Board continued the review and update process for the Operations Manual and By-Laws. The current Executive Board will finalize this process and present changes to our Membership for approval at the 2010 Annual Business Meeting. Good progress is being made by Jennifer Mittelhauser and the Professional Development Committee to establish a MOTWS listserv and investigate plans of holding workshops to help MOTWS members meet re-certification needs.

As an end to my year in review special thanks to the following outgoing officers and committee chairs: Mike Schroer-Past President, Mike Hubbard-Secretary, Bob Alexander-Board Member at Large, Audit-Julie Fleming, Membership-Rosemary Heinen, Nominations/Elections-Dave Murphy, Resolutions/Public Statements-Joel Porath, Runge Award-Dennis Figg, Raffle/Auction-Dean Stucker.

ELECTION RESULTS

John Vogel announced that Kevin Hedgepeth had won President-elect, Jeff Esely was elected as Secretary and Deb Burns was elected as Board Member at Large. Therefore, the officers for 2009 will be:

Past-president	John Vogel
President	Rochelle Renken
President-elect	Kevin Hedgepeth
Treasurer	Alan Leary
Secretary	Jeff Esely
Board Member	Deb Burns

NEW BUSINESS

Rochelle Renken took over as President and thanked all executive board members for their leadership and insights. Rochelle went through all the committees related to the state chapters and informed the membership that she was going to try to and talk to all of the attending members about being actively involved in one of our current committees. They include MNRC, Audit, Membership, Resolutions/Public Statements, Runge Award, Raffle/Auction, and 2009 MOTWS Spring Student Workshop. Rochelle also shared with the membership her vision for the coming year. Her main theme is going to be related to TWS certification and re-certification. She is hoping to grow the Professional Development Committee and provide training opportunities, webinars, links to courses offered at universities, and working with universities to provide certification programs. She is also trying to find a faculty member who would develop 4-day short courses on specific topics that would help our members become certified. Rochelle believes that the State Chapter has done a good job working with student chapters and updated the membership on the 2009 Student Workshop.

Rochelle announced that Frank Thompson will be taking over the Editor job for the Journal of Wildlife Management.

Rochelle introduced Alan Crossley, North Central Section Representative. He is currently with the Wisconsin DNR. He received his undergraduate degree from Missouri State and received a Master's degree from the University of Maine.

Alan asked the state members who were not members of the national chapter, why they were not members of the parent society. Several members responded. Reason included, not sure what the national does, not a wildlife professional, dues are too large. Reasons to be a member were also discussed and included professional obligation, belief in National Society, Journals, Wildlife Professional, Newsletters and political issues at the national level. Alan encouraged everyone to join and support TWS at the National level.

Alan then gave the membership a presentation on Chronic Wasting Disease in Wisconsin.

Rochelle thanked Alan for his presentation.

Dennis Browning made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Alan Leary. Motion was approved. Meeting was adjourned at 5:31.

APPENDIX A:

Treasurers Report
General Membership Meeting
February 5, 2009

Reporting Period: January 1, 2008 thru December 31, 2008
Submitted by Alan Leary, Treasurer

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance as of 01/01/08 **\$5,458.29**
Ending Balance as of 12/31/08 **\$6,682.86**

Credits

2008 Membership dues	156 @ \$10	\$1,560.00
2009 Membership dues	2 @ \$10	\$20.00

<u>2008 MNRC</u>		\$1,362.00
Raffle tickets	\$645.00	
Silent auction	\$471.00	
MoTWS hat sales	\$246.00	

<u>Spring 2008 Workshop</u>		\$470.00
Registrations	\$465.00	
Donation	\$5.00	

<u>Other</u>		\$90.60
Dividends	\$70.60	
Donation	\$20.00	

Total Income **\$3,502.60**

Debits

<u>2008 MNRC</u>		\$467.97
Award Plaques and Engraving	\$273.64	
Gun for raffle	\$179.78	
Postage - silent auction items	\$14.55	

<u>2009 MNRC</u>		\$240.00
Booth Rental	\$240.00	

<u>2008 Spring Workshop</u>		\$1,117.06
Food and accommodations	\$859.53	
Thank you gifts for Klondike Park Staff	\$257.53	

<u>2009 Spring Workshop</u>		\$150.48
Site Investigation	\$150.48	
<u>Other</u>		\$302.52
P.O. Box rental	\$41.00	
Affiliate Membership Cons. Federation	\$166.00	
Chapter Website	\$95.52	
Total Expenses		\$2,278.03

B. Primary Share Account (Mid-West Account)

Beginning Balance as of January 1, 2008		\$49.42
Ending Balance as of December 31, 2008		\$50.22
Credits:		
Dividends:	\$0.80	
Total Income:		\$0.80
Debits:		
Total Expenses:		\$0.00

APPENDIX B

Suggested Changes to By-Laws

See associated printout

APPENDIX C

MISSOURI CHAPTER, THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY, PAST OFFICERS

CHARTERED: MARCH 11, 1962

YEAR	PRESIDENT	VICE PRESIDENT PRESIDENT-ELECT	SECRETARY	TREASURER	BOARD MEMBER
1962-63	Ken Sadler	Robert Campbell	Robert Dunkeson	Dick Myers	
1964	Dick Vaught	Tom Baskett	Don Christisen	Dean Murphy	
1965	Dean Murphy	Mike Milonski	Leroy Korschgen	Glenn Chambers	
1966	John Lewis	Fred Veach	Glenn Chambers	Hew Crawford	
1967	Fred Veach	Paul Johnson	Hew Crawford		
1968	Paul Johnson	Hew Crawford	Mike Milonski	Marshall Long	
1969	Dunbar Robb	Leigh Fredrickson	Jack Stanford	Wayne Porath	
1970	Leigh Fredrickson	Wayne Porath	Jim Hansen	Bill Hailey	
1971	Wayne Porath	William Hailey	Roland Sparrowe	Bob Kemp	
1972	Bill Hailey	Roland Sparrowe	Bob Kemp	Ollie Torgerson	
1973	Roland Sparrowe	Bob Kemp	Ollie Torgerson	Ken Babcock	
1974	Bob Kemp	Ollie Torgerson	Joe Bachant	Jim Choate	Bill Otten
1975	Ollie Torgerson	Gene Kelly	Dan Dickneite	John Lewis	Bob Dobbins
1976	Gene Kelly	Ken Babcock	Wayne Porath		
1977	Ken Babcock	Garry Houf	Jim Choate	Karl Slagle	Fred Veach
1978	Garry Houf	Jim Choate	Bill Otten	Jack Boyles	Roger Kirkman
1979	Jim Choate	Dan Dickneite	Jack Boyles	Jeff Pennock	Tom Wekenborg
1980	Dan Dickneite	Fred Sampson	Larry Houf	Dave Erickson	Wayne Vassar
1981	Dennis McDevitt	Fred Sampson	George Hartman	Steve Sheriff	Randy Arndt
1982	Erik Fritzell	George Hartman	Jody Eberly	Pat Graham	Tom Hutton
1983	George Hartman	Dan Witter	Diana Cary	Norb Giessman	Tom Hutton

YEAR	PRESIDENT	VICE PRESIDENT PRESIDENT-ELECT	SECRETARY	TREASURER	BOARD MEMBER
1984	Dan Witter	Norb Giessman	Barbara Moran	Rick Clawson	Paul Plank
1985	Norb Giessman	Jim Sweeney	Jim Kenniston	Larry Houf	George Buckner
1986	Diana Hallett	Bob Miller	Jim Grace	D. C. Freiling	Buck Caldwell
1987	Bob Miller	Russ Titus	Dave Hamilton	Lin Kozlowski	Jay Bowmaster
1988	Russ Titus	Dave Erickson	Ernie Wiggers	Lisa DeBruykere	Tom Strother
1989	Dave Erickson	D. C. Freiling	John Smith	Margie Mitchell	Steve Baima
1990	D. C. Freiling	John Smith	Steve Baima	George Manville	Keith Jackson
1991	John Smith	Steve Baima	Dennis McDevitt	Mary Lyon	Jim Braithwait
1992	Steve Baima	Rick Clawson	Charlie Nilon	Frank Thompson	Ron Bell
1993	Rick Clawson	Erik Kurzejeski	Sharon Gough	Heinen-Thorne	Kenneth McCarty
1994	Erik Kurzejeski	Dave Hamilton	Frank Gordon	Doreen Mengel	Rosalyn Johnson
1995	Dave Hamilton	Charlie Nilon	Rosalyn Johnson	Keith Jackson	Tim Nigh
1996	Charlie Nilon	Keith Jackson	Bob Schroepfel	Rochelle Renken	Tom Kulowiec
1997	Keith Jackson	Jack Bolyes	Larry Mechlin	Rochelle Renken	Dale Humburg
1998	Jack Boyles	Mark Jackson	Laurie Dohm	Mary Ratnaswamy	Tom Dailey
1999	Mark Jackson	John H. Schulz	Dennis Browning	Jef Hodges	Bob Schroepfel
2000	John H. Schulz	Don Martin	Dennis Browning	Phil Rockers	Larry Rieken
2001	Don Martin	Dave Murphy	Dennis Browning	Phil Rockers	Larry Rieken
2002	Dave Murphy	Dan Zekor	Dennis Browning	Lonnie Hansen	Janet Sternburg
2003	Dan Zekor	Larry Mechlin	Steve Sheriff	Lonnie Hansen	Janet Sternburg
2004	Larry Mechlin	Vicki Jackson	Steve Sheriff	Margie Mitchell	Rosemary Heinen
2005	Vicki Jackson	Tim Russell	Chris Newbold	Margie Mitchell	Rosemary Heinen
2006	Tim Russell	Mike Schroer	Chris Newbold	Tom Kulowiec	Kim Wells/Tim Nigh
2007	Mike Schroer	John Vogel	Mike Hubbard	Tom Kulowiec	Bob Alexander
2008	John Vogel	Rochelle Renken	Mike Hubbard	Alan Leary	Bob Alexander

YEAR	PRESIDENT	VICE PRESIDENT PRESIDENT-ELECT	SECRETARY	TREASURER	BOARD MEMBER
2009	Rochelle Renken	Kevin Hedgepeth	Jeff Esely	Alan Leary	Deb Burns
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APPENDIX D

**MISSOURI CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY
HONORARY MEMBERS**

Fred Lafser - 1987
Thomas S. Baskett - 1988
Bill T. Crawford - 1993

APPENDIX E

MISSOURI CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY E. SYDNEY STEPHENS AWARD RECIPIENTS

1969	Bill T. Crawford
1970	Vernon Bennett
1971	Leroy J. Korschgen
1972	Robert S. Campbell
1973	Frank W. Sampson
1974	Thomas S. Baskett
1975	William H. Elder
1976	Harold V. Terrill
1977	Ed Stegner
1978	Chas. W. and Elizabeth Schwartz
1979	Richard W. Vaught
1980	Mike Milonski
1981	James A. German, Jr.
1982	Alvin W. Hoskin
1983	Earl P. Coleman
1984	John B. Lewis
1985	Leigh Fredrickson
1986	Jack W. Fennel
1987	Roger L. Kirkman
1988	George Dellinger
1989	Bill Kickbusch
1990	Glenn Chambers
1991	Clifford "Buck" Caldwell
1992	Wayne R. Porath
1993	Kenneth M. Babcock
1994	Dean A. Murphy
1995	Paul Provow
1996	Raymond Evans
1997	George Brakhage
1998	Ollie Torgerson
1999	Mark Ryan
2000	George Seek
2001	Dale Humburg
2002	Daniel J. Witter
2003	Steve Young
2004	Diana Hallett

2005	Frank Thompson
2006	David Erickson
2007	Steve Sheriff
2008	Norbert Giessman
2009	Larry Vangilder

APPENDIX F

MISSOURI CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY G. ANDY RUNGE AWARD RECIPIENTS

- 1994 - Dennis R. Ballard
- 1995 - David W. Erickson
- 1996 - City of Columbia, MO
- 1997 - Columbia Area Archers
- 1998 - George W Clark, Mo State Chapter of the Nat. Wild Turkey Fed.
- 1999 - Carl Rapp
- 2000 - Lowell Mohler, Jefferson City
- 2001 - John Hammond, St. Louis
- 2002 - Four Rivers Conservation Area Management Staff: Jay Bowmaster, Josh Cussimano, Doug Ryan, Brian Bokern and Merle Simrell
- 2003 - Rick Merritt, Malinmore Industries, Eolia, MO
- 2004 - Mrs. Pat Jones, Williamsburg
- 2005 - Eldo Meyer
- 2006 - Missouri Prairie Foundation
- 2007 - Audubon Society of Missouri
- 2008 – Kit Freudenberg
- 2009 – Friends of LaBarque Creek Watershed