

**Executive Board Meeting**  
**January 13, 2005, 5:05pm – 6:32pm**  
**MDC Resource Science Center, Columbia**

**Attending:** Larry Mechlin, Dan Zekor, Margie Mitchell, and Steve Sheriff

President Larry Mechlin opened the meeting at 5:05pm.

**Minutes**

Steve Sheriff reviewed the approved minutes from the August 18, 2004, meeting of the executive board.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**MU Curriculum**

Larry Mechlin reported that he had contacted employees of the Missouri Department of Conservation about their needs and ability to find people with plant identification skills. He reported that his informal survey indicated that it was a big problem. The executive board recommended that the Resolution Committee draft a Resolution concerning this issue. This resolution should be considered at the forthcoming annual business meeting.

**Fall/Spring Workshop**

Larry has contacted the four Missouri campuses concerning this proposed meeting being held this spring. It appears that the dates of March 12-13, 2005 are acceptable. The executive board discussed who could be asked to conduct different workshop activities. Fountain Grove Conservation Area is being asked to be the workshop site. Ducks Unlimited is being asked to aid with activities and support of this workshop.

**Endowment**

Larry reported that he has met with our endowment fundraisers – Dave Murphy, Jeff Hodges, and Glen Chambers. These experienced fundraisers believe that given the goal of \$2,500 it is not worth the expense of putting on a large fundraising event. They decided that the best and most efficient manner to reach this goal was through personal contacts. They will be contacting members to solicit donations.

**MNRC Booth**

Larry will be soliciting donation items to be a part of our fundraising efforts at the Missouri Natural Resources Conference in February 2005.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Awards and Nominations**

The executive board reviewed and accepted award committees' recommendations for award winners for this year. We also reviewed and accepted the nominating committee's recommendations for Missouri Chapter of The Wildlife Society officers for 2005. Only 2 offices will be up for election – President-Elect and Secretary.

**Handouts at the MNRC Booth**

It was recommended that information concerning the by-laws changes and the proposed balloting procedures be available on Wednesday evening at our MNRC booth. This information could be reviewed and discussed by the members before our annual meeting on Thursday.

**Budget**

Larry Mechlin and Margie Mitchell will meet with Vicki Jackson to develop a 2005 budget.

At 6:32pm, Margie Mitchell moved that the meeting be adjourned. Dan Zekor seconded the motion. Without discussion, it passed.