

Executive Board Meeting
October 16, 2003, 5:30 pm – 8:30pm
MDC Resource Science Center, Columbia

Attending: Dan Zekor, Dave Murphy, Larry Mechlin, Lonnie Hansen, Janet Sternburg, Steve Sheriff, Gene Gardner, Jered Wisdom

President Dan Zekor opened the meeting at 5:41 pm.

Minutes from the June 28 executive board meeting were accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report

Lonnie Hansen provided an update of the May 31, 2003 balance. Dave Murphy moved acceptance of the report and Gene Gardner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

- **Audit Committee** – Dan Zekor reported that Wayne Porath has resigned as the chair of the Audit committee. Dan will approach someone to fill Wayne's slot.
- **Certification and Professional Development Committee** – Eric Kurzejeski and Bill Bergh continue to work on the details for this committee's duties.
- **Education/Graduate Fellowship Committee** – Dan Zekor reported that Aaron Jefferies will be joining Josh Millsbaugh as a member of this committee.
- **Farmer/Wildlife Award** – Dan Zekor reported that no progress has been made in revising the criteria for this award.
- **MNRC Steering Committee** – Gene Gardner reported on the progress for organizing the Missouri Natural Resources Conference. Registration will be online this year. A web site is up and running at <http://www.mnrc.org>. Gene will reserve time and a room for our annual Missouri Chapter of The Wildlife Society meeting at this conference. Gene will also work with the exhibit people to garner us a prime booth space in the exhibit hall. Jered Wilson will work with other student chapters to organize a student booth. At the MNRC, we will reduce the number of raffle items by grouping items and donations together. A cash raffle will go for \$500.00, again, this year. A silent auction is also being planned.
- **Membership Committee** – Dan Zekor reported that we are looking for incentives to increase our membership in the chapter.

- **Nominating Committee** – Mike Schroer is working on the nominations list.
- **Resolutions Committee** – Dan Zekor is seeking items for resolution development to pass on to Joel Porath. (See MU Wildlife Degree in these minutes concerning the potential for a resolution.)
- **Runge and Stephens Awards** – Committees are up and running. Their nominations for these awards should be ready for Executive Board approval at our executive board meeting during the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference. The deadline is to have their nomination materials to Dan Zekor by November 30, 2003.
- **Raffle/Auctions** – We will seek a gift certificate from Bass Pro to be raffled at the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference. T-shirts are being offered through the internet to Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference pre-registrants. The proceeds from the t-shirt sales will be split with the Missouri Chapter of the American Fisheries Society.
- **Operations Manual** – Margie Mitchell and Dan Zekor are about finished with the updates for this manual.

Other Business and Issues

- **MU Student Chapter** – Jered Wilson reported that the students have been working at the MU football games as a fundraiser. They also helped with quail counts as volunteers. They will be working at deer check stations aiding in the collection of CWD samples. Bryan White has spoken at a chapter meeting concerning trapping issues. Their chapter's membership is about 60 students.
- **Missouri Waterfowl Association** – Dan Zekor indicated that the Missouri Waterfowl Association would like to fund a new scholarship. Dan will follow-up on this idea to see how our Missouri Chapter can help.
- **MU Wildlife Degree** – Dan Zekor spoke to Josh Millspaugh concerning the plant taxonomy requirement at MU. Dan will draft a resolution concerning this issue for membership approval at the annual meeting.
- **Technical Service Provider Training** – We received a letter from The Wildlife Society requesting help concerning Technical Service Provider training for the implementation of NRCS programs. Steve Sheriff moved that the Missouri Chapter of The Wildlife Society provide \$100.00 to The Wildlife Society to support Technical Service Provider training to aid the Natural Resource Conservation Service as they implement wildlife

planning through the Farm Bill. Larry Mechlin seconded this motion, and the motion carried.

- **Newsletter** – The deadline for the newsletter to be sent is December 15, 2003.
- **Envirothon** – We received a thank you card for our Envirothon donation from the organizers.
- **Fall Meeting** – We need to develop a survey concerning the nature and need for a fall meeting of the chapter.
- **Executive Board Meeting** – We will have an executive board meeting at the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference. The preferred time is Sunday, December 7, at 5:30-6:30pm at the Westin Crown Center. Dan Zekor will work on getting a secure time and place.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm.