

Ictalurid Technical Committee  
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Attendance (10):

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Mike Brown	
Kirk Hansen	

Meeting called to order at 3:10 PM by Lynn Schlueter

- I. Chairman Schlueter asked for any corrections or additions to the minutes from last year's meeting.
  - a. no additions or corrections were suggested
  - b. minutes of the 2003 meeting were accepted as presented
- II. Treasurer's Report – Chairman Schlueter reported that the current balance in Committee's budget was \$11,000.
  - a. The majority of the current balance was generated by the last "Cat-a-thon".
  - b. These funds have been earmarked for the next Cat-a-thon which is currently in the planning stages.
- III. Election of Officers – The following individuals were elected to serve as officers:
  - a. Greg Pitchford - Chairman
  - b. Ron Marteney - Secretary
  - c. Max Burlingame - Treasurer

## IV. OLD BUSINESS

### A. Interaction with the Southern Division AFS

1. The Southern Division has now formed an Ictalurid technical committee
2. Attendance at North-Central Division technical committee meeting
  - a. They are still interested in attending and participating in our activities
  - b. They were unable to send a representative to this meeting.
3. Discussed the possibility of sending a representative from our committee to attend the Southern Division's spring meeting
  - a. We will try to send someone from a nearby state or recruit someone planning on attend their meeting to represent the committee

### B. Summer (email) meeting

1. Discussed the outcome of the summer (email) meeting.
  - a. It was agreed that this format didn't work very effectively
  - b. participation was limited.
2. Future summer meetings
  - a. It was decide that an email meeting was probably not worth trying again.
  - b. We will look for some alternative

### C. Mission Statement

1. There was a discussion on what should be included in the Committee's mission statement.
  - a. It was the consensus of opinion that the Chairman and other interested parties would put together a draft mission statement
  - b. Upon completion, the draft would then be sent to all members of the committee for comments and formal approval.

#### D. AFS Website

1. It was decided that the chairman would contact the webmaster of the AFS website and request appropriate changes or updates to the committee's web page.
  - a. For this to be accomplished in a timely manner, any changes or additions need to be sent to Chairman Schlueter by the end of January 2005.

#### E. Change of list-serve name

1. A discussion was held on whether the name of the list-serve for the Committee should be changed
  - a. It was decided that the name should be changed back to "Ictalurid"
  - b. Chairman Schlueter will be contacting the appropriate individuals to get the name change accomplished

### V. NEW BUSINESS

#### A. Cat-a-thon

1. The desirability of another cat-a-thon was discussed. The format would be similar to other joint efforts that have been take on in the past, such as the "shad-a-thon". The need to include rivers, reservoirs and small impoundments was discussed and agreed upon. It was suggested that, if possible, the event would be held in an area within the division's boundaries that would encourage individuals, Universities and State Agencies from the Southern Division to also participate in the undertaking. The area in and around the Lake of the Ozarks in southern Missouri was mentioned as one possible location.
  - a. everyone agreed that we should begin developing a plan to determine the "who, what, when, where and how" for a cat-a-thon
  - b. Chairman Schlueter, Chairman-Elect Pitchford and other interested committee members will begin developing the plan.
  - c. The plan for the cat-a-thon could be discussed on the list-serve and take the place of our summer meeting.
  - d. Funding for the planned cat-a-thon would be partially covered by funds in the Committee's treasury

## VI. OPEN COMMENTS

- A. A bioenergetics workshop will be held by the Centrarchid Technical Committee July 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI. Members of the Ictalurid Technical Committee were invited to attend.
- B. Ageing of catfish using pectoral spines vs. otoliths was briefly discussed. Some preliminary information suggests that there may be a need to compare these techniques between northern and southern populations. A need for both spines and otoliths from known-age catfish was reiterated.
- C. Mike Brown suggested that the money in the Committee's account could bring a higher return if it was invested in short-term (1 or 2 year) certificates of deposit. He reported that this discussion had been held at other Technical Committee meetings and the consensus was to make part of their funds available for this type of investment. Jim Stephen made a motion to make a portion of the Ictalurid Technical Committee's funds available for investment in short-term certificates of deposit. Kirk Hansen seconded to motion. Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM.