

NORTH DAKOTA SPORTFISHING CONGRESS
Executive Board Meeting
Riverdale, North Dakota
August 17, 2002 7:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Duaine Ash -662-3989	Don Baasch -845-1693
Lee Klapprodt -258-7751	Paul Kriege -483-0479
Richard Brueckner -271-0118	Brian Ficek -483-5068
Mike Anderson -224-9048	Bernie Ficek -
Ed Dosch -395-4302	JeffHendrickson -654-7475
Teny Steinwand -328-6300	Emil Berard -

The meeting was called to order by President Duaine Ash.

The minutes of the April 6, 2002, meeting were read by President Ash. A motion was made by Rich Brueckner to approve the minutes and seconded by Ed Dosch.

A copy of the treasurer's report was presented in the amount of \$12,796.60. A motion was made by Paul Kriege to approve the treasurer's report and seconded by Rich Brueckner.

Renorts From North Dakota Game & Fish Denartment

Teny Steinwand gave an update and report on Game and Fish issues and proposed resolutions, bait issues facing North Dakota, and proposed revisions to proclamation on non-aquatic bait needs of eastern and western North Dakota. Identifying areas in the state where the only vendor for bait may be in another state. Point in case is the Wahpeton area.

Aquatic issues: Identifying the Salt Cedar vegetation showing up in the Missouri River. Possible movement of this plant is coming from the Yellowstone River. Related issues on aquatic/biota transfer from fishing tournaments will be discussed at the December meeting. Teny also reported Curly Leaf vegetation showing up in many areas of Lake Sakakawea.

Heads up on paddlefish population in the Missouri River in North Dakota. Population estimates in the 1970s were at 100,000, and current estimates to be about 30,000. This current population estimates, along with the low water levels, may require the Game and Fish to recommend changes in paddlefish permits and length of season. Greg Powers and Fred Ryckman will be seated on a paddlefish board between North Dakota and Montana, and will be monitoring and making recommendations related to changes.

Lee Klapprodt asked questions regarding the effects on a closed season based on early number status of paddlefish, also whether they were showing an increase or decrease in paddle fishing in North Dakota. Teny Steinwand reported that interest was still there for paddle fishing, and a shorter season other than a closed season would be recommended pending status report.

Teny Steinwand discussed an option regarding Advisory Board meetings with a suggestion to hold a fishing forum separate from Advisory Board meetings, noting that most meetings are dominated by hunting issues and issues such as biota transfer are not being covered as effectively. Board agreed and Teny will make a recommendation.

Paul Kriege noted that the sportsman forum held in Dickinson was well received and products positive results in the Dickinson area. Paul noted that not only was it informative, but also believed it had an impact on their election outcome. Lee Klapprodt made the recommendation that the Southwest Anglers Assoc. provide a copy of their form to other clubs for their future use.

Terry Steinwand handed out spread sheets on Save Our Lakes projects in the state giving an overview on project costs and completions, noting the amount of dollars spent on projects, and identifying shortage of funding within the Game and Fish budget to complete other much need projects.

President Ash questioned on non-resident fees charges, and could a portion of the fees be directed to projects such as SOL. Terry Steinwand reported they were showing a 100 percent increase in non-resident fishing licenses issued in 2001 compared to eight years ago. Terry also stated that in order for monies from licenses to be earmarked for SOL projects, it would require legislation.

Old Business

Mike Anderson recommended setting up a committee to interview candidates for the lobbyist position. Committee members are Duaine Ash, Mike Anderson, and Lee Klapprodt. It was recommend asking Jim Nagel to see if he would also sit on committee, and to contact Rick Eagleson in Fargo regarding expenses so a budget can be set. Possible candidates are Casey Dollinger and Tom Abrahamson.

President Ash requested an article from Terry Steinwand related to issues facing the Game and Fish for the newsletter. Articles are to be turned in by September 15 from all the clubs.

New Business:

Discussion was held regarding membership to Friends of Lake Sakakawea. President Ash received their news letters outlining their membership program, and Lee Klapprodt gave an update on the association. A motion was made by Mike Anderson to join 1Ulder their Gold Membership platform with annual dues of \$250.00, and seconded by Ed Dosch.

The winter meeting date is set for January 18, 2003, in Bismarck, location pending.

The fundraiser and annual meeting date is set for April 12, 2003, location pending. Lee Klapprodt brought a couple sample items as possible fundraisers.

President Ash reported that the clubs newsletter articles needed to be submitted for the website. Discussion was held on linking the website of Friends of Lake Sakakawea to the NDSFC's website, and it was approved. Discussion was also held on website advertising as a possible revenue source. Following discussion it was agreed not to permit advertising on the Congress's website.

Meeting was adjourned.