

# MSU AFS Meeting Minutes

01/17/06

## New Business:

### a) **Great Plains Fishery Workers Association Meeting**

(Glasgow, MT January 30-February 1, 2006)

4 graduate students are attending, if anyone else is interested in (MSU AFS may be able to help arrange rides or pay for part of the registration fees) contact -Windy Davis- [wdavis@montana.edu](mailto:wdavis@montana.edu)

### b) **Christmas Tree Project on Canyon Ferry (February 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>)**

Help Walleyes Unlimited sink trees in Canyon ferry into help provide perch habitat, MSU AFS will reimburse for gas. Last year this included free lunch and the opportunity to meet some FWP staff. If you are interested contact Brian Bellgraph, [bellgraph@montana.edu](mailto:bellgraph@montana.edu)

### c) **Western Division AFS Meeting- Bozeman, Montana May 15-19<sup>th</sup>**

\* Raffle- committee will meet within a week to conquer and divide responsibilities of soliciting businesses. Members Jason Kizinski and Ben Savelli can build rods to donate to the raffle, Jason is looking into the cost of materials.

\* Volunteers- help is needed during the meeting to run the registration table, AV equipment, set up and tear down events, etc. We need to volunteer our time and be good hosts. Students may get free registration for volunteering! Keep the dates in mind so we can offer our service to the organizers of the meeting.

\*T-Shirts- MSU AFS will be selling t-shirts. We voted on the design colors and are setting up method to pre-order t-shirts online with conference registration.

### d) **Fish and Wildlife Forum**

MSU AFS will work with the MSU Wildlife Society to plan this event. We voted on the date Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at the Lindley Center.

Leslie Bahn (MSU AFS) and Megan O'Riley (TWS) are the chairmen. If you are interested in helping organize the raffle, food, slideshow, etc... please contact lbahn@montana.edu

### e) **Meeting time and date- Changed**

Because of conflicting schedules we voted to *change our meeting times to 5:15 pm on Wednesdays*. Brian is checking on the room availability.

#### **f) Elections**

The time has come to elect new officers. President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer are the offices available. We will have elections at the next meeting (February 8<sup>th</sup>). We will vote first for President and if you don't get elected you can then run for VP, and so on... Nominations are being taken between now and February 8<sup>th</sup>. Please consider getting involved.... Most of these positions require only 1-2 hours a week. Undergraduates are highly encouraged to run for office! E-mail nominations to [bellgraph@montana.edu](mailto:bellgraph@montana.edu) (You can nominate yourself!) by February 8<sup>th</sup>.

Current Nominations: President: Peter Brown  
VP: Kiza Gates  
Secretary: Kiza Gates  
Treasurer: Kiza Gates

#### **g) MSU AFS Hoodies**

Our fashion designer Milt Roe provided an awesome graphic for a t-shirt/ sweatshirt. The design will be printed on black hooded sweatshirts and possibly t-shirts. Hooded sweatshirts will cost \$25 each and will be sold by pre-order only. Please bring your money to the next meeting to place your order. T-shirt options may be available for orders as well. Logo will be sent out as an e-mail attachment, so check it out!

#### **h) Speaker ideas**

- Steve Leathe – confirmed (no date yet) (MTFWP Region 4)
- Julie Alexander (experiences as a marine fisheries observer)
- Mike Sanctuary- (Confluence Consulting)
- Brent Mabbot ( PPL , private view of fisheries)

#### **i) MSU Field Day**

Windy discussed the possibility of planning a field day to teach undergrads field techniques for fish and wildlife ( i.e.: radio telemetry, fish id, bird banding, GPS, flow meters, water quality, etc... ) TWS is interested and we could recruit other grad students. Windy will look into interest and willingness of grads to get involved.

#### **j) MSU Wildlife Society Meeting, Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. 5:15 pm. Lewis 304.**

Chris Forristal will be discussing jobs in fisheries and wildlife. If you want to know how to find a job or if you have a job opportunity to offer please attend.

#### **k) FREE PIZZA**

We voted to buy pizza and drinks for all meetings. Free food is a good thing.