



Montana State University – AFS student sub-section

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Minutes from 1-25-2005

Meeting called to order 5:34 pm
RECORD ATTENDENCE!

List circulated for people to sign their name and email address.

Andy Dux, president, welcomed all everybody (which was over 30 people).

Want to let everyone know that the Montana Chapter of AFS is having their annual meeting in Missoula from February 9th to the 11th. It is free for undergrads and is a great opportunity to hear some excellent fisheries and aquatic related talks and meet professionals in the field. Visit www.fisheries.org/AFSmontana for more information or contact Andy Dux or Melissa Wuellner if interested in attending.

We now have a website (www.montana.edu/msuafs). A big thanks to Melissa Wuellner for putting together the site, it looks great so check it out.

Job announcement for a fisheries technician position in Alaska (contact Andy Dux is interested)

ELECTIONS

Elections for new officers will be held 2 weeks after the MT AFS chapter meeting. All positions are up for election. Undergrads and graduate students are welcomed to run. If you have questions about the duties of a position feel free to contact one of the officers listed at the beginning of the minutes.

If you haven't already paid, PLEASE BRING \$5.00 FOR MEMBERSHIP DUES TO NEXT MEETING

ACTIVITIES

Upcoming field activities.

- Canyon Ferry Perch Project on February 12th. Help MT Fish, Wildlife and Parks haul trees onto the frozen lake to strategic locations to increase perch habitat. Contact Andy Dux if interested in participating.

Other ideas for field activities

- Gill net at Canyon Ferry, spring
- Spring, the Hebgen Lake Chub Fest, gill netting
- Educational outreach with WET trunks provided by the MTFWP

Education activities

- JASON project (The JASON Foundation for Education, founded in 1989 by Dr. Robert D. Ballard, is a 501(c)3 non-profit educational organization headquartered in Needham Heights, Massachusetts. Its mission is to inspire in students a life-long passion for learning in science, math, and technology through hands-on, real-world scientific discovery.) The JASON project contacted us about demonstrating how to remove otoliths from a fish as well as describe the function of an otolith to students watching via a satellite. Those interested in participating in this educational outreach contact Andy Dux or Paul Garrity.

Guest speakers

- Carter Kruse, who is the senior aquatic biologist with the Turner Endangered Species Fund, will be speaking on February 27th, everybody welcomed.
- People who have expressed interest in speaking
 - o Brent Mabbot, pallid biologist
 - o Jack Heaton, U of Wisconsin – Stevens Point
- We are also going to try to get an outfitter or game warden to give nuts and bolts talk about what they do and how it relates to fisheries management

FUND RAISING

The calendar to be sold at the MT AFS Chapter meeting is done! A Big thanks to the calendar committee (Beth Bear, Melissa Wuellner, and Paul Garrity). We are going to sell the calendar for \$15.00 at the MT AFS meeting and will also sell them on campus after the meeting. 20% of our sales will go toward the Wally McClure Scholarship Fund.

Future fund raising ideas

- T- shirts representing our chapter
- Trout U Hats + T-shirts, still might be an option

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

Fish and Wildlife Forum

Committee – Windy, Amber, Leslie, Jason, Peter, Brian, Kiza, Cody (This committee will also include folks from the Wildlife Society)

This banquet will be for all people in the Ecology Department and will be held sometime in April of 2005

Party Committee – Brian, Steve, Todd

- Be on the lookout for a social function

Meeting called to an end 6:29 pm