

**Meeting of the Montana State University Student Subunit of the American Fisheries Society
April 1, 2004**

The meeting was held in Lewis Hall room 304 and was called to order at 5:40 pm. Eleven people were in attendance.

Introduction of Officers: Andy Dux introduced himself and the other officers of MSUAFS. The officers are as follows:

President: Andy Dux (E-mail: adux@montana.edu)

Vice President: Melissa Jones-Wuellner (E-mail: mjones@montana.edu)

Secretary: Steve Gale

Treasurer: Paul Gerrity

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Chris Guy.

Undergraduates are encouraged to run for officers' positions in the next election.

Attendance List: Please sign the attendance and list your phone number and e-mail address. We will use this information to inform you of upcoming meetings and events.

Introduction of MSUAFS: Andy Dux spoke about what AFS is and some of its missions. If you are interested in finding out more information, visit the Parent Society website at www.fisheries.org or the Montana Chapter of AFS at www.fisheries.org/AFSmontana/.

Overview of Activities for the Next Year: The following is a list of activities we hope to have over the next year in MSUAFS:

- 1.) Guest speakers
- 2.) Attendance at the annual Montana AFS Chapter meeting
- 3.) Community outreach
 - a. Speaking at local schools
 - b. River cleanups
- 4.) Field Activities
 - a. Helping at Yellowstone National Park with lake trout netting and cutthroat trout weirs
 - b. Cherry Creek restoration
 - c. Volunteer opportunities with Region 3 office of FWP
- 5.) Workshops and demonstrations.

If you have any other ideas for activities, please contact Andy or Melissa.

Dues: The dues for MSUAFS are \$5.00 per year (January-December). You can pay dues after attending a couple of meetings and deciding if you would like to join. If you are interested in becoming a member of the state chapter, dues are an additional \$5.00. Parent society dues are \$38.00.

Logo Contest: With 8 votes, the winner of our logo contest was Milt Rowe (a.k.a. Dr. Al Zale). Congratulations, Al!

Fund Raisers: We currently have \$1000 in our account thanks to a generous donation from the Montana Chapter of AFS. We hope to use this money to help raise additional funds. Our fundraising ideas include:

- 1.) T-shirts (If you have any t-shirt ideas, please contact Andy)
- 2.) Calendars of fisheries activities around the state
- 3.) Wild Game Feed/Raffle/Auction.

If you have any other ideas for fund-raisers, please contact Andy or Melissa.

Spring Social: We are hoping to have a spring social event before the end of the semester, complete with free food and “Fisheries Olympics.” More information on this event will be available at the next meeting.

Volunteer Opportunity: There is an opportunity to volunteer at Fort Peck Reservoir near Glasgow for the annual walleye spawn this month (the average female caught in the past is 7 lbs, but the biggest ones weren’t weighed!). If you are interested in going, see Andy for more information.

Technicians Positions Available: There are still some positions available to work for graduate students this summer. If you would like to work in Glacier National Park on bull trout and lake trout, talk to Andy or visit the Parent Society or Montana Chapter websites. If you would like to work on prairie streams of eastern Montana, please contact Melissa.

Webpage: We hope to start a webpage for the subunit. If you are interested in helping with the website, see Melissa.

Future Meeting Times: Suggestions were taken on what days and times would work best for future meetings. Some ideas included:

- 1.) Having meetings on Thursdays closer to the time of Ecology Seminar
- 2.) Having meetings after 5:00 pm
- 3.) Holding meetings at a more “friendly” place like the Ecology Library, Columbo’s, or the Molly Brown.

For next semester, we will nail down a specific day and reserve Lewis 304 on a regular basis.

Spread the word to other students to attend our next meeting!

Increasing Undergraduate Involvement: Suggestions were taken on how we can get more undergraduate students to attend future meetings. Some ideas included:

- 1.) Sales pitches to FWL and BIO classes by subunit officers
- 2.) More advertising
- 3.) Other incentives such as: free food and raffles
- 4.) Getting involved in joint events with The Wildlife Society such as the end-of-the-year BBQ.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm. The date and time of the next meeting will be announced at a future date.