



## **MEETING MINUTES**

**January 20, 2022**

### **In-Person/Virtual Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 am CST and a roll call of the SDAFS Catfish Management Technical Committee members was conducted by Kris Bodine. It was determined that a quorum was met; the meeting was called to order.

#### Officers:

Chair – Kris Bodine (TX)

Chair Elect – John Tibbs (TX)

Secretary/Treasurer - Joe McMullen (MO)

Secretary/Treasurer Elect- Todd (T.D.) VanMiddlesworth (NC)

Webmaster - Dan Shoup (OSU), Graham Montague (OK/webmaster in training)

#### State representatives participating:

Justin Homan (AR), Ryan Henry (FL), Jim Page (GA), Jay Herrala (KY), Louisiana (Not Present), Samantha Bengeron (MS), Joe McMullen (MO), Ben Ricks (NC), Graham Montague (OK), Eric Ganus (TN), Kris Bodine (TX), Margi Whitmore (VA), Stephen Floyd (WV), Levi Kaczka (SC)

#### SDAFS Officers:

President – Jason Olive (AR)

Vice President – Mark Rogers (TN)

#### Members and guests:

Macey Rowan (WVDNR), Alexis Whiles (ODWC)

### Welcome:

Kris Bodine introduced himself and welcomed everyone to the Catfish Management Technical Committee meeting. Introductions of John Tibbs (Chair Elect) and T.D. VanMiddlesworth (Secretary/Treasurer Elect) ensued. An agenda was distributed and finalized.

### Old Business:

The 2021 meeting minutes were approved and will be available on the website. Also, Catfish 2020 was published on the website and will be held again in 2030.

### New Business:

#### *New EXCOM*

After introductions of John Tibbs (Chair Elect) and T.D. VanMiddlesworth (Secretary/Treasurer), an official vote on the new positions was conducted with no objections.

**\*As of 2022, John Tibbs will be serving as Chair and T.D. VanMiddlesworth will be serving as Secretary/Treasurer for the Catfish Management Technical Committee.**

#### *Thomas Kwak*

Ben Ricks gave an update on the passing of Thomas Kwak. Both North Carolina American Fisheries Society and Southern Division American Fisheries Society will be naming an award after Thomas Kwak. Ben proposed that a service award and \$1,000 donation to his children's education fund on behalf of the Catfish Management Technical Committee be donated. An official vote was conducted with no objections.

**\*T.D. VanMiddlesworth will work with John Tibbs and the Catfish Management Technical Committee to complete this task.**

### *Student Travel Scholarship*

Kris Bodine gave update that no one has applied for two consecutive years. The Catfish Management Technical Committee conducted an official vote with no objections to modify the name, amount, and requirements of the travel award.

**\*As of 2022, the travel award will be named the “Catfish Management Technical Committee Student Scholarship” with the following requirements: A student will receive \$750 for presenting their catfish research to the Catfish Management Technical Committee in-person. In-person applicants will be preferred over virtual applicants. If no in-person applicants, then a virtual applicant will receive \$250 for presenting their research to the Catfish Management Technical Committee meeting virtually.**

**\*T.D. VanMiddlesworth will work with John Tibbs and the Catfish Management Technical Committee to share this scholarship information with colleges to get applicants.**

### *Treasurer’s Report*

Joe McMullen discussed financial details from the committee’s BB&T (Truist) Bank Account. The Catfish Management Technical Committee funds are at a total of \$32,981.55. However, the final payment for NCD (~\$12,168.35) for Catfish 2020 proceedings will be paid soon. This will result in ~\$20,813.20 in Catfish Management Technical Committee funds. \$8,066.85 of the total funds are in a CD to collect interest but due to low interest over the past year, these funds will be rolled into saving’s so all of the funds are together by June 2022. The Committee’s 2021 tax information will be submitted to Jess Baumann (SDAFS Secretary/Treasurer) around March 2022. The Catfish Management Technical Committee has sufficient funds for the Thomas Kwak donation and student scholarship.

**\*T.D. VanMiddlesworth will submit 2021 tax information to Jess Baumann (SDAFS Secretary/Treasurer) around March 2022. T.D. VanMiddlesworth will also roll over CD funds to savings funds by June 2022.**

### *Webmaster’s Report*

Dan Shoup said that Catfish 2020 is published on the website and that he wants to update the website in the future. Graham Montague asked to assist Dan Shoup with Webmaster duties starting in 2022. If members have ideas for updates/organization and marketing, please contact Dan.

**\*Dan Shoup will be working with Graham Montague to train him on Webmaster responsibilities.**

### *Committee Playbook*

Kris Bodine said this is a working document and hopes it will continue to be updated and used to assist members with Catfish Management Technical Committee duties. Future Chairs should continue to update. Beside Chair responsibilities, it would be great to have sections on Secretary/Treasurer, Webmaster, and state representative. Also, the student scholarship section needs to be updated.

**\*John Tibbs will continue to update the Committee Playbook. Also, add state representative, shared drive, and links to all states catfish management plans sections in the Committee Playbook.**

**\*T.D. VanMiddlesworth will work with John Tibbs to add a Secretary/Treasurer section.**

**\*Dan Shoup and Graham Montague will work with John Tibbs to add a Webmaster Section.**

### *Nominations:*

John Tibbs was nominated to serve as Chair.

T.D. VanMiddlesworth was nominated to serve as Secretary/Treasurer.

### *State Reports:*

Written summaries of reports were sent to Kris Bodine via email prior to the meeting. Brief state reports were given by state representatives.

### *Adjourn:*

Kris Bodine adjourned the meeting.