



Catfish Management Technical Committee
American Fisheries Society - Southern Division

MEETING MINUTES

February 1, 2024

In-Person/Virtual Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am ET and a roll call of the SDAFS Catfish Management Technical Committee (CMTC) members was conducted by Lynn Wright. It was determined that a quorum was met and the meeting was called to order.

Officers:

Chair – Lyn Wright (TX)

Secretary/Treasurer – T.D. VanMiddlesworth (NC)

Webmasters - Dan Shoup/Jeremy Duck (Ok)

State representatives (Members) participating:

Virtual - Rob Andres (AL), In-Person - Justin Homan (AR), Morgan Winstead (FL), Jim Page (GA), Jay Herrala (KY), Louisiana (Not Present), Jerry Brown (MS), Missouri (Not Present), T.D. VanMiddlesworth (NC), Dan Shoup/Jeremy Duck (OK), South Carolina (Not Present), Eric Ganus (TN), Lynn Wright (TX), Margi Whitmore (VA), West Virginia (Not Present)

SDAFS Officers:

In-Person - Past President - Jason Olive (AR)

Guests:

In-Person - Yesutor Soku (AL), Jacob Martin (AR), Austin Griffin (OK), Dalton Norris (OK), Douglas Zentner (OK), Madison Mitchell (OK), Michelle Lowery (OK), Michael Williams (OK)

Welcome:

Lynn Wright introduced himself and welcomed everyone to the CMTC meeting. Introductions of T.D. VanMiddlesworth (Secretary/Treasurer), Dan Shoup/Jeremy Duck (Webmasters), and all other members/participants ensued. An agenda was distributed and finalized.

Old Business:

The 2023 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:

Treasurer's Report

T.D. VanMiddlesworth discussed financial details from the CMTC bank account. The CMTC funds are at a total of \$18,745.66 (\$18,740.44 savings, and \$5.22 checking). Since the 2023 meeting, \$1,000.00 was paid to the 2024 CMTC student scholarship recipient Yesutor Soku, \$23.53 for Yesutor Soku CMTC student scholarship plaque, and \$23.53 for Dan Shoup CMTC service award. The CMTC CD funds (\$8,068.06) were rolled into savings during June 2023 due to low interest (\$1.64) over the past year. The CMTC 2023 tax information will be submitted to Brandon Peoples (SDAFS Secretary/Treasurer) around March 2024. The CMTC has sufficient funds for the student scholarship.

***T.D. VanMiddlesworth will explore CD options to increase CMTC funds. Also, T.D. VanMiddlesworth will submit 2023 tax information to Brandon Peoples around March 2024.**

Webmaster's Report

Dan Shoup and Jeremy Duck uploaded 2022 CMTC state reports to the CMTC webpage. Dan Shoup is training Jeremy Duck to be CMTC webmaster.

***Dan Shoup and Jeremy Duck will upload 2023 CMTC meeting minutes and state reports to the CMTC webpage.**

CMTC Student Scholarship

Yesutor Soku received the 2024 CMTC student scholarship and was presented with a plaque and \$1,000 check after presenting his catfish research to the CMTC.

Nominations

Lynn Wright asked the CMTC to consider Chair, Secretary/Treasurer, and Webmaster roles. Lynn Wright, T.D. VanMiddlesworth, and Dan Shoup/Jeremy Duck will continue their roles.

***Dan Shoup is training Jeremy Duck to be CMTC webmaster.**

Service Awards

Dan Shoup was presented with a plaque for ~13 years of outstanding service to the CMTC. The CMTC asked that award plaques continue to be issued for past officers, outstanding members, and student scholarship recipients.

***T.D. VanMiddlesworth will create awards as they are needed.**

Committee Playbook

The CMTC playbook assists CMTC members with all duties of the CMTC. Lynn Wright will update the playbook and share with CMTC members via email and the CMTC webpage. Google Docs was also mentioned as a potential to update/share the CMTC playbook. The CMTC playbook will continue to be invaluable for all CMTC members.

***Lynn Wright will work with the CMTC to update and share the CMTC playbook. Updates will include Chair duties and adding sections for Secretary/Treasurer, Webmaster, and state representative duties.**

Roundtable Discussion

The CMTC discussed funding catfish management projects.

***The CMTC will share ideas with Lynn Wright.**

State Reports:

Written summaries of recent catfish work were sent to Lynn Wright via email prior to the meeting. Brief state reports were given by state representatives at the end of the meeting.

Adjourn:

Lynn Wright thanked the CMTC and adjourned the meeting.