



Catfish Management Technical Committee
American Fisheries Society - Southern Division

MEETING MINUTES

February 2, 2023

Virtual Meeting

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

Officers:

Chair - John Tibbs (TX)

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

Webmaster - Dan Shoup (OSU)

State representatives (Members) participating:

Rob Andres (AL), Justin Homan (AR), Florida (Not Present), Jim Page (GA), Jay Herrala (KY), Louisiana (Not Present), Mississippi (Not Present), Kyle Winders (MO), T.D. VanMiddlesworth (NC), Dan Shoup/Jeremiah Duck (OK), Levi Kaczka (SC), Tennessee (Not Present), John Tibbs (TX), Margi Whitmore (VA), Stephen Floyd (WV)

SDAFS Officers:

President - Jason Olive (AR)

President-Elect - Mark Rogers (TN)

Vice President – Anthony Overton (AL)

Guests:

Not Present

Welcome:

John Tibbs introduced himself and welcomed everyone to the CMTC meeting. Introductions of T.D. VanMiddlesworth (Secretary/Treasurer), Dan Shoup (Webmaster), and all other members ensued. An agenda was distributed and finalized.

Old Business:

The 2022 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 Truist Bank account. The CMTC funds are at a total of \$19,790.68 (\$11,721.74 savings, \$8,067.66 CD, and \$1.28 checking). Since the 2022 meeting, \$12,168.35 was paid to the North Central Division for catfish 2020 proceedings, \$1,000.00 for Thomas Kwak's children's education fund, and \$24.72 for Thomas Kwak's service award. The CMTC CD funds will be rolled into savings by June 2023 due to low interest (\$0.81) over the past year. The CMTC 2022 tax information will be submitted to Jess Baumann (SDAFS Secretary/Treasurer) around March 2023. The CMTC has sufficient funds for the student scholarship.

***T.D. VanMiddlesworth will roll over CMTC CD funds to savings funds by June 2023. Also, T.D. VanMiddlesworth will submit 2022 tax information to Jess Baumann (SDAFS Secretary/Treasurer) around March 2023.**

Webmaster's Report

Dan Shoup asked the CMTC if they would be interested in becoming the new Webmaster. Dan has done an outstanding job as Webmaster for ~13 years. Dan Shoup also discussed updates he would like to see for the CMTC webpage. If the CMTC has ideas for updates/organization and marketing, please contact Dan Shoup.

***Dan Shoup will upload the CMTC 2022 meeting minutes to the CMTC webpage.**

Thomas Kwak

T.D. VanMiddlesworth gave an update on the passing of Thomas Kwak. Due to Thomas Kwak's outstanding service to the CMTC, A service award and \$1,000.00 education fund was sent to his family. T.D. VanMiddlesworth shared a picture of Thomas Kwak's family holding the service award and education fund.

CMTC Student Scholarship

John Tibbs gave an update that no one has applied for three consecutive years. After lots of discussion, the CMTC agreed to modify the amount and change the dates of the application period to better reach students.

***John Tibbs and T.D. VanMiddlesworth will work together to change the scholarship amount from \$750.00 to \$1,000.00 to match other committee awards. They will also release the application September 4-December 15, 2023 to reach students better.**

Nominations

John Tibbs asked the CMTC to consider Chair, Secretary/Treasurer, and Webmaster roles to better serve the CMTC. John Tibbs told the CMTC if they are interested, please contact him. Jeremiah Duck asked to be trained by Dan Shoup in 2023 and take over the responsibility in the future.

***Dan Shoup will be working with Jeremiah Duck to train him on Webmaster responsibilities.**

Service Awards

John Tibbs, Dan Shoup, and the CMTC agreed that service awards should continue to be issued for past officers and outstanding members.

***T.D. VanMiddlesworth will order service awards through the SDAFS webpage for former Chair Kris Bodine, former Secretary/Treasurer Joe McMullen, and members with outstanding service.**

Committee Playbook

The CMTC playbook assists CMTC members with all duties of the CMTC. John Tibbs 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.

***John Tibbs 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 adding photos to state reports. CMTC members should contact John Tibbs if they plan to.

State Reports:

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

Adjourn:

The CMTC told John Tibbs that the virtual meeting was good overall. John Tibbs thanked the CMTC for their service and adjourned the meeting.