

## SDAFS RESERVOIR COMMITTEE

### Meeting Minutes

2019 Summer Conference Call

August 13th, 2019

**1000am – 11:00am; Recorded and submitted by Colton Dennis (AGFC)**

#### Attendees

Lawrence Dorsey, North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (*Chair*) (Rep)

Colton Dennis, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (*Secretary-Treasurer*)

Jeremy Shiflet, Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources  
(*Scholarship Chair/Webmaster*) (Rep)

Patrick O'Rourke, Georgia Power

Jeremy Risley, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (Rep)

Sean Kinney, Louisiana Department of and Fisheries (Rep)

Dustin Smith, West Virginia Department of Natural Resources (Rep)

Dr. Dan Shoup, Oklahoma State University

John Odenkirk, Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (Rep)

Stephen Brown, Mississippi Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries (Rep)

Blake Stephens, Missouri Dept. of Conservation (calling in for AJ Pratt)

Dr. Mark Rogers, Tennessee Tech University

Reed Green, USGS – Little Rock, AR

#### Introduction

Reservoir committee (RC) chair Lawrence Dorsey called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees.

#### Financial Report

Secretary-Treasurer Colton gave a brief report on the current finances of the RC. The RC's mutual fund and money market account balance with Edward Jones Inc. as of July, 2019 was \$17,222.54, an increase from the balance on January 1, 2019 of \$16,498.99. Account withdrawals so far in 2019 include providing two \$500 Jenkins scholarships (\$1000 total), supported by \$500 donations from David Ewald (Fishiding.com) and Fred Heitman (American Aquatics).

#### SDAFS 2019 Recap

Lawrence briefly went over the spring meeting minutes that were sent out through the listserv. He reminded membership that Sean Kinney, state rep from LA, has agreed to take over the Chair of the RC at SDAFS 2020 in Little Rock, AR. Lawrence, Jeremy, and Sean currently serve as administrators for the RC Facebook page. The RC FB page purpose has been to serve as a clearing house in an effort to share real time info to help the membership keep up with what the other states are doing, so if members have something to share send it to one of them. They also will gladly accept other members who are interested in serving as RC FB administrators.

#### Website

Webmaster Jeremy S. reported that he has successfully updated the RC website

<https://units.fisheries.org/sdafsreservoircommittee/> with the 2019 scholarship winners, 2019 spring meeting minutes, list of SDAFS Fishery FB pages, and the announcement for SDAFS 2020 in Little Rock, AR. The list of fishery FB pages can be updated as needed and is found under the new "Documents" tab Jeremy S. created on the homepage. This new document tab will provide a place to house archived and

future RC documents such as the old RC Habitat Manual. Jeremy S. stated he is working on getting old RC Habitat Manual into a pdf form and placed in the Documents tab and asks members to provide any other documents they would like placed there to get them to him.

### **Jenkins Scholarship**

Scholarship chair Jeremy S. updated the membership and wanted again to acknowledge Fishiding.com and American Aquatics for sponsoring the two Jenkins \$500 scholarships at the 2019 SDAFS meeting. Jeremy S. asked Patrick if he had followed up with Georgia Power to see if they would want to sponsor future scholarships. Patrick confirmed he had requested scholarship funds from Georgia Power and expected to hear something back by December.

Sean asked about when to expect announcement about Jenkins scholarship for 2020 to be sent out. Jeremy S. stated he would be posting the 2019 winners on the RC FB page and at that time post the 2020 Jenkins scholarship announcement on the RC FB page and RC website and also send the announcement to the RC and SDAFS listserves. Jeremy S. reminded membership to please pass along announcement to their state chapter listserves and university subunits to increase distribution and hopefully generate more applications which are due Dec 1, 2019. Colton will send both scholarship sponsors a link to the RC FB page and website announcing the 2019 winners and 2020 scholarship announcement and inquire if they are willing to sponsor 2020 scholarships.

**Jeremy S. reminded membership to let him know if you are interested in helping score scholarship applications.** One of our scorers, Rick Ott, has officially retired from Texas PWD and leaves a position open this year. Also, Sean Kinney will be giving up his duties as scorer after the 2020 meeting when he begins his term as RC Chair. **Note to Jeremy S.: From spring minutes, Kurt Kuklinski offered to help score applications in future.**

### **Online Habitat Survey**

Lawrence provided an update on the status of the draft report titled *Analysis of SDAFS Reservoir Technical Committee Fish Attractor Survey* by Dr. Kevin Hunt (Miss. State Univ.), in which Dr. Hunt did the analysis and report gratis. Lawrence has requested Dr. Hunt rerun the analysis with all the states including MO which was left out of the original analysis. Lawrence has also asked Dr. Hunt to rerun analysis with the four states (AL, NC, TX, and KY), which most of the survey responses came from and which provide the strongest dataset. As was discussed at the spring meeting, it was Dr. Sammons opinion that if the data from these four states are cleaned up, this could be published in SEAFWA by the RC. Lawrence will get an update from Dr. Hunt in mid-late Sept on the progress of rerunning the two datasets. Dr. Rogers suggested that former RC member Dr. Vic Dicenzo, who is also a social scientist, has reached out to him and offered to assist with survey. Lawrence stated he will keep that in mind if Dr. Hunt is unable to continue providing assistance and noted that Dr. Dicenzo is currently doing some creel analysis for NC.

### **Online Habitat Survey**

Sean asked about the possibility of the RC hosting a stock assessment workshop at SDAFS 2021 in VA. Dr. Rogers reminded membership that Dr. Mike Allen and Warren Slipke are hosting a catfish population modeling workshop at SDAFS 2020 in Little Rock. Discussion followed concerning objectives of workshop. Sean will summarize his ideas for workshop and send out to RC listserve for further discussion.

Lawrence concluded meeting at 11 am.