

SDAFS Small Impoundments Open Forum
Little Rock Marriott-Downtown, AR
February 20, 2020

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The annual meeting of the Small Impoundments Committee (SIC) was called to order at 1:10 pm on 2/20/20 in Little Rock, AR by Chair Brett Timmons. Brett welcomed and thanked those in attendance.

Introduction of Committee Members and Guests

A sign in sheet was passed around to collect contact information for those in attendance. All members and guests introduced themselves.

Committee members in attendance were:

Brett Timmons – Arkansas AGFC – Chair
Jody David – Louisiana WDLF
Keith Thomas – Oklahoma ODWC
Steve Owens – Virginia VDGIF

Guests/Proxies in attendance were:

Scott Jones – Arkansas UAPB
Brad Launey – Louisiana WDLF
Tom Miles – Mississippi MSU
Amanda Bushon – North Carolina NCWRC
Aaron Cushing – Solitude Lake Management
Zach Luttrell – Solitude Lake Management
Steven Bardin – Texas Pro Lake
Jonathan Harris – Virginia VDGIF

Committee Members who phoned in:

Graves Lovell – Alabama DCNR
Dane Balsman – Kentucky KDFWR – Secretary/Treasurer
Mike Bramlett – Tennessee TWRA

No quorum, with only seven state reps attending the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

The SIC met in Galveston, Texas in 2019. The meeting minutes were distributed to the group. A motion to accept the minutes was presented and passed with no objections.

Treasurer's Report

The financial report was presented to the SIC. The only committee income is textbook royalties which amounted to \$130.06. Book royalties are minimal and funding opportunities to increase revenue for long term growth need to be considered.

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Website

Updates to the SIC website were made by secretary/treasurer Balsman last year. South Carolina, West Virginia, Puerto Rico, and Maryland still have no representatives on the committee.

State Updates

State updates were handed out for review. Most states submitted reports and the document was much more extensive this year. In the interest of time, updates were not reviewed during the meeting.

Old Business

Membership

A brief discussion on membership was discussed. South Carolina, West Virginia, Puerto Rico, and Maryland do not have state reps on the committee. Brett has been pushing Wes Neal to find reps for the SIC committee. Additionally, Brett encouraged state reps to identify professional/university contacts from their state to be on committee.

Briefing Book

There are 15 strategies listed in the report for the AFS governing Board. Last year the SIC committee completed six of the strategies. Be thinking going forward on ways to complete more strategies and push the agenda of the SIC committee.

Symposium/Workshop Ideas

The SIC committee felt a symposium was needed every few meetings to stay relevant and topical. Thanks to Marcos DeJesus for spearheading the last symposium in Galveston. Could a workshop be organized in time for Arlington? A plant management/identification workshop was discussed for Little Rock, but being that the Southern Division meeting always in the middle of winter some felt getting plants would be difficult. Others thought plants could be frozen and still have a good plant workshop during the winter. Workshop/symposium ideas such as HAB's, and R3 were briefly discussed for future meetings.

New Business

Research Discussions

Discussing the need for research projects on common issues in small impoundments for multiple states. Graves had polled SIC committee members in 2015-16 as president and was going to send Brett a list of topics identified several years prior. Problems limiting success were funding for projects, getting interest from multiple states to buy in and following procedures to have multi-state projects with current workloads. No major funding for research is currently available or likely. Possibly look further at data mining and need to identify someone to head the research group. Topics like how to fix stunted crappie populations and catfish spawning boxes were raised as possible future research areas.

Membership changes

Ten members are needed for quorum. Need a way to find more members for the committee, several reps from each state including professional and academic members.

Officer Nominations/Elections

Brett opened the floor for nominations for the president elect and secretary/treasurer if anyone was interested or wanted to nominate someone on the committee. Brett indicated the president position is not a large time commitment. There were no nominations and the discussion was tabled. Brett indicated he would send out an email in the upcoming weeks seeking nominations.

Steven Bardin Presentation

Steven Bardin with Texas Pro Lake gave a presentation on MLF fishing, data generation and mining.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:10pm.

Small Impoundments Technical Committee

American Fisheries Society – Southern Division

SDAFS Small Impoundments Committee

2020 Little Rock, AR Meeting Agenda

1:00 pm - Roll Call

1:10 pm - Introduction (Timmons)

- Determine quorum

1:20 pm – Approval of 2019 meeting minutes

1:30 pm - Finance Review (Balsman)

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1:35 pm - Website (<https://units.fisheries.org/sdafsmallimpoundmentscommittee/meetings/>)

- Updates
 - Member list; Chair and state appointments

1:40 pm - State Updates – See printout

2:00 pm - **Old Business**

- Membership
 - Membership – Reminder Technical Committee Members
 - All appointees must be Active Members in good standing w/AFS
- Briefing book
 - Increase AFS Strategies – 15 AFS Strategies (See Handout)
 - Past reports – 6 strategies; AFS would like to see as many as possible/TC

2:30 pm - **New Business**

- Research discussions
 - New research projects?
- Membership changes
 - Add appointees from industry and researcher/professional from each state
 - Change in Appointments – Discussion w/President Wes Neal
 - Addition of interested committee representatives
 - Academia, State/Federal agencies, private industry folks
 - Addition of Puerto Rico
 - Addition of Maryland
 - Push for filling WV and SC
 - Develop proposal to present to Tom Kwak and Excom
- Officer Nominations/Elections

- Workshop Ideas
 - Aquatic Vegetation
- Steven Bardin Presentation - Major League Fishing Data

4:45 pm – Motion to Adjourn