



## **2018 VA AFS Annual Business Meeting Minutes**

**Prepared by: Dan Goetz**

### **Call to order by Mike Isel 4:17 pm**

- ~50 in attendance
- Minutes approved
- Treasurers Report approved

**Brian Murphy** addressed membership regarding Parent Society leadership

**Dan Cassidy**, AFS Deputy ED, gave an update on Parent Society and told us why it is awesome.

### **AFS has joined other chapters to form CASS and help with key efforts on:**

- Waters of United states (WOTUS)
- Magnuson-Stevens Act (MSA)
- Restore America's Wildlife Act (RAWA)
- Pebble Mine
- Science Funding
- Protecting Sportfish Restoration Funds

**Wes Porak**, SDAFS President, updated membership on recent events with SDAFS.

### **Committee Reports**

- **John Odenkirk; arrangements committee has been working on upcoming SDAFS meeting in 2021. Planning to host in Northern VA. Will make a point to keep cost low.**
- **Brad Fink; Fund raising, total commitments for 2018 \$3200-\$4200, several donors.**
- **Dawn Kirk; Continuing Ed, provided recent survey results. Will send digital copy to membership.**
- **Membership, Dan Wilson indicated VA membership is holding steady around 50.**
- **Outreach: Don Orth updated on field guide. Progress is moving along nicely. AFS chapter will have to provide payment in near future.**

## **Awards:**

- **John Harris given Most Innovative award (Toilet seat with mounted wrecked prop that has seen better days)**
- **Student Paper Awards**
  - **Undergraduate**
    - **Runner Up- Hania Abboud**
    - **Winner-Emily Ploppert**
  - **Graduate**
    - **Winner (tied)-Katie McBaine JMU**
    - **Winner (tied)-Jon Studio JMU**
- **Undergraduate Scholarship**
  - **Runner-Up-Chanz Hopkins VT**
  - **Winner-Cole Reeves VT**
- **Graduate Robert D. Ross**
  - **Runner-Up-Jon Studio JMU**
  - **Winner-Katie McBaine VT**
- **Virginia Junior Fish Biologist Award**
  - **Jacob Lam, Grottoes, VA**
- **Eugene Surber Award**
  - **George Palmer**
- **Natural Resource Conservationist Award**
  - **Robbi Savage**

## **Install new officers:**

**Steve Reeser**

**Past President: Mike Isel**  
**President: Johnathan Harris**  
**President-Elect: Brad Fink**  
**Secretary: Kirk Smith**  
**Treasurer: Karen Horodysky**

## **New Business**

**Johnathan Harris**

- **Next Year's Chapter meeting**
  - **2019 meeting will likely be in Blacksburg, will ask WV chapter to join us.**
  - **Discussed increasing scholarship fund. Johnathan will coordinate with Dan Cassidy**
  - **Snakehead meeting.**
    - **Chapter is helping coordinate, mainly Odenkirk, the first international snakehead symposium.**
    - **Will be in Alexandria, VA**
- **Adjourn 5:45 pm**