

SDAFS Small Impoundments Technical Committee
Moody Gardens Galveston, TX
January 24, 2019

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The annual meeting of the Small Impoundments Committee (SIC) was called to order at 1:00 pm on 1/24/19 in Galveston, TX 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
Dane Balsman – Kentucky KDFWR – Secretary/Treasurer
Wes Neal – Mississippi MSU
Kelsey Lincoln – North Carolina NCWRC
Cynthia Fox Holt – Texas TPWD
Steve Owens – Virginia VDGIF

Guests/Proxies in attendance were:

Doug Austen – AFS
Andy Yung – Arkansas AGFC
Dennis Riecke – Mississippi MDWFP
Wes Neal – Mississippi MSU
Ken Cunningham – Oklahoma ODWC
Ryan O’Hanlon – Pond Medics
Marcos DeJesus – Texas TPWD
Jonathan Harris – Virginia VDGIF
Scott Hermann – Virginia VDGIF

Approval of Minutes

The SIC did not meet in San Juan, Puerto Rico in 2018. The meeting minutes from a 2018 conference call were distributed to the group. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was presented and passed with no objections.

Treasurers Report

The financial report was presented to the SIC. The only committee income is textbook royalties which amounted to \$38.18. Book royalties are declining and funding opportunities to increase revenue for long term growth need to be considered.

- \$1,530.19 as of 2/13/18
- + \$38.18 Small Impoundment book royalty 8/27/18
- \$1,568.37 as of 1/23/19 BB&T Bank

Website

Updates to the SIC website were made by secretary/treasurer Balsman throughout year. A couple links to state reps and past chairs had recently been broken and needs attention. State reps were asked to review the website and provide feedback on desired changes/content.

State Updates

State updates were handed out for review. A discussion broke out on what should be included in state updates. Should it be limited to new projects or include updates on ongoing projects? It was determined that updates were needed for continuity for new members and to show what states are participating in the committee. It is necessary for states to submit reports to show SIC is active and spur discussions on management and research needs.

Old Business

Research Discussions

A brief discussion on the shoreline rotenone treatment to reduce largemouth bass recruitment in small impoundments was discussed. The committee had identified this as a research need for a common issue in small impoundments. A presentation in the small impoundments symposium will cover details of this study. No new research needs were identified at this time.

Small Impoundments Symposium

Brett thanked Marcos DeJesus for organizing the small impoundment symposium at this meeting. He also thanked the state reps for recruiting speakers and volunteering as moderators.

New Business

Membership

Work on getting appointments for West Virginia, South Carolina, Puerto Rico and Maryland as well as more involvement from private industry, professors and students. Follow up with SDAFS president to contact fish chiefs to fill vacancies. If state reps are inactive, we need to work to get new representatives. Possibly allow multiple reps from a state, as well as increase private industry participation. In the future, call it SIC open forum to be more inclusive. Teleconference or skype future meetings for members that can't be in attendance so they can still participate. For new state reps, chair, secretary/treasurer, writing a SOP of what is expected may be beneficial.

State Reports

A discussion broke out on what should be included in state updates. Should it be limited to new projects or include updates on ongoing projects? It was determined that updates were needed for continuity for new members and to show what states are participating in the committee. A standard form was created around 2013, but had not been sent out recently when requesting state reports. When it had, state reps still had not followed format in all cases. The state reports have varied widely on what was reported and formatting. The standard form will be sent out in the future with states following the new format to keep things consistent and look more professional. Invite university reps to submit reports if students/professors are conducting work.

Requests for state reports should be sent out around end of Nov to allow state reps plenty of time to compile information from field staff. With all states being asked to submit reports on an annual basis, a

conference call may be necessary a week or two before the SDAFS meeting to review state reports, so it doesn't take up entirety of half-day SIC committee meeting.

Briefing Book

Reviewed and discussed report submitted to AFS Governing Board. Identify and increase the number of strategies SIC addresses. A discussion on social media strategies to promote SIC followed. A review of SIC bylaws may be necessary, when/if the bylaws can be located.

Increase Attendance/Travel Awards

A student travel award was discussed, similar to other committees. However, funding is currently insufficient. A source of long-term funding must be identified before pursuing further. Identify sponsors that may be interested in supporting a travel scholarship. A SIC logo would be beneficial to promote group and assist with fundraising swag.

Workshop Ideas

A weed identification and control workshop was introduced and discussed. Many felt this workshop would be well attended and a possible revenue source for the SIC. Arkansas 2020 would be a suitable site for the workshop. Presenters and a source for plants need to be identified, so it's hands on and not just PowerPoint presentation.

Action Items

- Update state reports form
- Find reps for missing states, private industry, and academia
- Follow up conference call in month or two
- Teleconference future SIC meetings
- Identify strategies to improve participation of SIC

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.

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American Fisheries Society – Southern Division

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Galveston, TX Meeting Agenda

1:00 pm - Roll Call

1:10 pm - Introduction (Timmons)

- Determine quorum

1:20 pm – Approval of 2018 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

- Research discussions
 - Shoreline Rotenone project update
 - Other projects in progress
 - New research projects?
- Small Impoundment Symposium
 - Thanks to Marcos DeJesus
 - Thanks to everyone for helping; recruitment of speakers, volunteering as moderators
 - Any additional help? Issues?

2:30 pm - New Business

- Membership
 - Membership – Reminder Technical Committee Members
 - All appointees must be Active Members in good standing w/AFS
 - Increase professional membership
- State Reports
 - State Report Standardized Form
 - State Report Webinar instead of at TC meetings

- Briefing book
 - Increase AFS Strategies – 15 AFS Strategies (See Handout)
 - Past reports – 6 strategies; AFS would like to see as many as possible/TC
- Membership changes
 - Add appointees from industry professional from each state
 - Change in State Appointments – Discussion w/President Craig Bonds
 - Addition of Puerto Rico
 - Addition of Maryland
 - Push for filling WV and SC
- Increase AFS membership and attendance of meetings (TC and SDAFS)
 - Student Travel Award
 - Student Mentoring Workshops
 - Young Professional Awards
 - Industry Professional Award
- Workshop Ideas
 - Aquatic Weed Identification and Control
 - ID - Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission or MSU Professor
 - Herbicide Use & Control - U of A Extension Officer
- Website/Social Media Coordinator
 - Facebook
 - Twitter
 - Other suggestions

5:00 pm - Adjourn