



North Central Division of the American Fisheries Society
Summer Business Meeting of the Walleye Technical Committee



9:00 AM (CST), Wednesday, July 20, 2022
Lakeside Laboratory, Milford IA

WTC Chair: Jason DeBoer, jadeboer@illinois.edu
WTC Chair elect: vacant

WTC Immediate past-chair: Lawrence Eslinger, lawrence.eslinger@wisconsin.gov
WTC Secretary: Joe Rydell, joe.rydell@nebraska.gov

Draft Meeting Minutes

1. **Call Meeting to Order** – Meeting was called to order by Jason DeBoer at 9:07am CT
 - a. **Introductions** - Attendees went around and introduced themselves and their affiliations (21 members participated in the business meeting)
2. **Agenda additions and approval** - No additions were recommended. Jason Gostiaux motioned to approve the agenda and Dale Logsdon second the motion.
3. **Approve minutes from 2022 hybrid winter joint meeting (*emailed out prior to meeting*)**
Motion was made to approve the 2022 hybrid winter joint meeting minutes by Jeff Koch and second by Andy Jansen
4. **WTC Treasurer's report (Joe Rydell)**
 - a. **WTC general/operating fund (expenses, deposits, and balances for calendar year)**
Due to complications with taking credit cards during the meeting, Joe Rydell announced that the treasury report would be sent out via email to meeting participants for approval once the final costs of the meeting have been determined.
 - b. **Percid Symposium NAJFM publication financial contributions**
Jason DeBoer identified the list of contributors to the Percid Symposium and announced that himself and Lawrence Eslinger will be working on sending out formal "thank you" letters for those contributions. The list of contributors includes Dakota AFS, Illinois NRS, Indian AFS, Iowa AFS, Kansas AFS, Minnesota AFS, Nebraska AFS, Ohio DNR, South Dakota GF&P, and Wisconsin AFS.
5. **Old business**
 - a. **Bruner, John Clay, and DeBruyne, Robin L. (editors). 2021. Yellow Perch, Walleye, and Sauger: Aspects of Ecology, Management, and Culture. Springer Cham, Switzerland, Fish & Fisheries Series Vol. 41:1-328 pp. Number of Illustrations 41 b/w illustrations, 47 illustrations in color.**
<https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-80678-1>
 - a. **1258 copies sold as of July 13, 2022**
Jason DeBoer announced that he wanted to pass on to the committee that John Bruner's book described above has sold 1258 copies as of July 13, 2022.

b. NAJFM publication (DeBoer for Isermann/Eslinger)

a. Update on status

Jason mentioned that there was a mix up and authors were getting billed for the cost of their publication portions with the NAJFM publication. The authors are not to pay as donations should cover the cost of the publication.

b. "Thank yous"

Jason is working with Lawrence to send out Thank you letters to all contributors of the publication.

c. Percid travel award protocol (revisiting from winter meeting)

A brief explanation of the issues with the travel award that was discussed at winter meeting was explained. A vote at the winter meeting not to send a representative to the Percis-V conference resulted in the discussion to consider sending more students to the Midwest AFS through the Percid Travel award. This discussion was tabled for the summer meeting.

Jeff Koch asked how many applicants put in for the Percid Travel award. This past year there were 3 applicants but in the past, it has been up to 5 per year. Joe Rydell gave a budget summary that the WTC account has around \$5,000.00 that is not dedicated to the NAJFM and the end of the 2021 WTC investment programs was a balance around \$10,000.00. Market forecasts for 2022 are not finalized yet but it appears a loss in the investment account is likely.

Discussion took place about the cost of registration and travel for the Midwest AFS conference. Jason DeBoer mentioned that the state AFS chapters typically match the funds in the Percid Award for the winner. It was brought up to increase the award from \$200.00 to \$300.00 and increase the number of awards sent out to "up to" 3 annually. Jason DeBoer explained that the applicants are screened by the Chair, two past chair members, and current secretary to verify that the applicant is qualified and the research is of interest to the WTC.

A motion was made by Jason Gostiaux to increase the travel award to \$300.00 and offer up to 3 awards annually as chosen by the Excom committee. The motion was second by Dale Logsdon.

Rebecca Krogman asked if we need to bring up sending someone to future Percis conferences. Jason DeBoer mentioned that he attended a past out of country conference and benefitted in the contacts that he made from that meeting. Jason also mentioned that the previous vote at the winter meeting seemed to be split between research and management staff. Dale Logsdon suggested that sending someone to a conference should benefit the WTC and that person should be required to report back to the WTC with a presentation.

Discussion decided to not set up dedicated funds for a travel award but to encourage a WTC member or students to apply to the ExCom committee to request funds that assist in travel and keep it on a meeting-by-meeting basis.

7. **New business**

- a. **Chair nominations** - No nominations were made in the meeting. Nominations were tabled and Jason DeBoer will send out requests for nomination via email.

Logan Zebro offered after the meeting to step up as the incoming chair. This will be voted on in the Winter meeting.

- b. **Ideas/suggestions for 2023 Midwest conference in KC (Feb 12-15, proposals due 7/25/22)?**

Jeff Koch mentioned that he doesn't know how well the Kansas meeting will be attended and it might be a good idea to hold off this year on any organized symposiums. Members seemed to be in agreement and no motions were made to organize any official items at the upcoming Midwest conference.

- c. **Sampling juvenile walleye (Gostiaux)**

Jason Gosiaux emailed a request to the Chair to discuss what protocols other managers use to evaluate juvenile walleye year-class success (age-0 and age-1) to predict year-class success and strength.

The group discussed sampling protocol for juvenile walleye that ranged from fall electrofishing to gillnet catch rates of age-0 and age 1 walleye. Jason was looking for options other than Fall electrofishing, but no other options were discussed. Minnesota and Nebraska both do fall electrofishing and gillnet comparisons. It seems like there is a threshold of fall electrofishing of age-0 walleye that correlates to year-class success but does not relate to year-class strength. There was discussion to try and evaluate the size of YOY walleye for correlation.

The topic was going to be sent out to the WTC email list with Jason Gostiaux as the contact if anyone has other options for sampling.

8. **Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Rebecca Krogman and second by Spencer Phillips.