



MEETING MINUTES

February 18, 2025

In-Person Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am ET and a roll call of the SDAFS Catfish Management Technical Committee (CMTC) members was conducted by Lynn Wright. It was determined that a quorum was met and the meeting was called to order.

Officers:

Chair – Lynn Wright (TX)

Secretary/Treasurer – T.D. VanMiddlesworth (NC)

Webmasters - Jeremy Duck (Ok)

State representatives (Members) participating:

Jacob Martin (AR), Morgan Winstead (FL), T.D. VanMiddlesworth (NC), Jeremy Duck (OK), Steve Meyer (SC), Lynn Wright (TX), Margi Whitmore (VA), Macey Rowan (WV)

SDAFS Officers:

Past President – Mark Rogers (TN)

Guests:

Dalton Norris (OK), Ryan Henry (FL), Justin Kowalski (AL), Carly Fenstermacher (WV)

Welcome:

Lynn Wright introduced himself and welcomed everyone to the CMTC meeting. Introductions of T.D. VanMiddlesworth (Secretary/Treasurer), Jeremy Duck

(Webmasters), and all other members/participants ensued. An agenda was distributed and finalized.

Old Business:

The 2024 meeting minutes were approved and will be available on the website.

New Business:

Treasurer's Report

T.D. VanMiddlesworth discussed financial details from the CMTC TRUIST bank account. The CMTC funds are at a total of \$17,724.16 (\$17,723.16 savings, and \$1.00 checking). Since the 2024 meeting, \$1,000.00 was paid to the 2025 CMTC student scholarship recipient Justin Kowalski and \$23.53 for Justin Kowalski CMTC student scholarship plaque. The CMTC 2024 tax information will be submitted to Brandon Peoples (SDAFS Secretary/Treasurer) around March 2025. The CMTC has sufficient funds for the student scholarship.

*** T.D. VanMiddlesworth will submit 2024 tax information to Brandon Peoples around March 2025.**

Webmaster's Report

Jeremy Duck will upload materials to webpage as needed.

***Jeremy Duck will upload 2025 CMTC meeting minutes, state reports, and scholarship recipient pictures to the CMTC webpage.**

CMTC Student Scholarship

Justin Kowalski received the 2025 CMTC student scholarship and was presented with a plaque and \$1,000 check after presenting his catfish research to the CMTC.

Nominations

The CMTC approved Jacob Martin as chair elect. T.D. VanMiddlesworth, and Dan Jeremy Duck will continue their roles.

***Lynn Wright will train Jacob Martin to be CMTC chair.**

Committee Playbook

Lynn Wright and the CMTC updated the playbook. The CMTC playbook assists CMTC members with all duties of the CMTC and will continue to be invaluable for all CMTC members.

***Jeremy Duck will upload 2025 CMTC playbook to the CMTC webpage.**

CD Options

T.D. VanMiddlesworth presented CD options for CMTC funds. The CMTC discussed and approved the following CD option (12 month using \$13,000 of CMTC funds).

***T.D. VanMiddlesworth will setup CD as discussed.**

AFS Updates

Mark Rogers gave updates regarding AFS. He mentioned they need a SEAFWA representative, more AFS members, the need to better advertise student scholarships.

Roundtable Discussion

The CMTC discussed ways to better sample and manage catfish. The CMTC also discussed potential needs for upcoming Catfish 2030 meeting.

***The CMTC will investigate and share information.**

State Reports:

Written summaries of recent catfish work were sent to Lynn Wright via email prior to the meeting. Brief state reports were given by state representatives at the end of the meeting.

Adjourn:

Lynn Wright thanked the CMTC and adjourned the meeting.