

# SDAFS Small Impoundments Technical Committee

## January 26, 2012

### Agenda

26 January 2012

Room F

IP Casino Resort and Spa on Back Bay

Biloxi, MS

**1:00 PM**      Call to Order

- 1) Self introduction of Committee members
- 2) Current membership
- 3) Reading and approval of the Tampa meeting minutes
- 4) Treasurer report and status

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- 1) Small Impoundment Management in North America update
- 2) Fund raising for book project update
- 3) Other old business

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- 1) Member updates: what's going on?
- 2) Ideas for future activities
- 3) Committee priorities for 2012
- 4) Elections
- 5) Other new business

**ADJOURN**      No later than 5:00 PM

## Meeting Minutes

The annual meeting of the Small Impoundments Committee (SIC) was called to order at 1:00 pm on 1/26/12 in Biloxi, MS.

1) Committee members/proxies in attendance were:

Wes Neal – Mississippi State University

Jeremy Shiflet – Kentucky DFWR

Hal Beard – South Carolina DNR

Jason Schooley – Oklahoma DWC

Mary Davis – Southeast Aquatic Resource Partnership

Craig Bonds – Texas (proxy for Marcos DeJesus)

Mike Bramlett – Tennessee WRA

Dave Rizzuto – Tennessee WRA

Tim Bonvechio – Georgia DNR (proxy for Don Harrison?)

Keith Meals – Mississippi DWFP

Nick Peterson – Mississippi State University

Jon Stein – Arkansas GFC (proxy Diane Andrews)

Tyler Stubbs – Mississippi DWFP

Rick Dillard – US Forest Service, MS

Graves Lovell – Alabama DCNR

Gene Gilliland – Oklahoma DWC

Mary Davis gave the committee a report on what SARP does and is doing. She let us know SARP is working on an inventory of small impoundments which includes information on storage capacity, average depth, etc. The national database of dams only contains information for about 20% of all small impoundments. The SARP inventory will use GIS mapping capabilities. Mary wanted to do three things: 1) Inform the SIC on what is currently in progress with SARP; 2) Ask if state agencies/other entities could provide average or maximum depths for the small impoundments they manage/own; and 3) What could states/entities use or what info do we need from this database under construction. Wes suggested using state pond management/construction guides as a starting point for assigning average/max depths.

2) A sign in sheet was passed around for both the SIC and the Southern Division. We tried to figure out who are the official representatives for each respective state and which states we need to update contact information for.

3) The committee then approved the minutes from the 2011 SIC meeting in Tampa, FL. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Tim Bonvechio and was seconded by Jason Schooley.

4) Jeremy Shiflet presented the treasures report. The account was switched from Compass Bank to BB&T in 2011 when Jeremy took over treasurer duties from Graves. Account balance as of Jan. 1, 2011 was \$652.20. The only debit was for new checks to be made (\$15.64). The SIC received several textbook contributions which brought the balance to \$5,135.20 as of Dec. 31, 2011.

## Old Business

Wes Neal updated the committee on the progress of the book *Small Impoundment Management in North America*, including status of revisions and estimated completion date. We hope to have the book to press approximately one month from the meeting and it will hopefully be ready for purchase by May/June. We discussed the need for more donations to cover the publishing cost so the SIC would receive a percentage of the proceeds from the book sales. So far we received donations from OK DWC, OK AFS, SD, GA DNR, TX AFS, ND GFD, AR GFC, SDAFS, with others promising funds. We discussed allowing private sponsorship and how we would recognize their contributions. We decided that all we wanted to allow for recognition was a list of the sponsors at the beginning of the book. We decided to send out the letter requesting donations to each SIC member so they may deliver to entities we have not heard back from.

## **New Business**

1) State updates were presented by committee representatives or proxies from OK, SC, KY, TX, TN, GA, MS, USFS, AR, and AL. Wes shared an update from LA that he received via email prior to the meeting.

2) The committee discussed ideas for future activities. Dave Rizzuto suggested sponsoring a Pond Management Workshop at the 2013 SDAFS meeting in Nashville. In Memphis in 2007 the Pond Management Workshop lasted 4 hrs and was deemed a success. The idea generated interest from the committee and Wes planned to send out an email after the meeting to gauge further interest and then make a decision. Wes suggested forming a small sub-committee to handle the workshop if we agree to move forward on the subject.

Wes also mentioned forming a work group that does collaborative research among state and private biologists working on similar problems/items. With constricting budgets research projects have taken a hit. If we can work together among states we will not only gain replicates but get an idea of how results may vary from state to state within the Southern Division. All members seemed to agree it was a good idea and we will be working on this throughout 2012.

3) The committee discussed setting SIC priorities for 2012. Many ideas were thrown out but we settled on three main ideas to focus on in 2012; 1) Improve Pond Management Education; 2) Revamp the SIC webpage; and 3) Address new/cutting edge pond management techniques/methods.

4) Wes' term as committee chair comes to an end but he is interested in serving another term if no one else wants to volunteer. All were in agreement that Wes serves another term, so he's back for more. Jeremy took over secretary/treasurers duties last year from Graves so we will take volunteers for that position at the Nashville meeting.

5) There was no other New Business

**Meeting adjourned at 4:32 pm.**

# Treasurers Report

AFS - SOUTHERN DIVISION  
Small Impoundments Committee  
2011 Financial Report

**Beginning Balance as of January 1, 2011** **\$652.20**

Income		
5/25/2011	3 checks for book contribuitions (GA, SD, OK AFS)	\$2,500.00
6/27/2011	2 checks for book contributions (NDGFD, TXAFS)	\$1,000.00
9/1/2011	1 check for book contribution from AGFC	\$1,000.00
Total		\$4,500.00

Expenses		
1/1/2011	Transfer to Graves to avoid inactivity fee w/ Compass	\$1.00
4/6/2011	Checks ordered for new account w/ BB&T	\$15.64
Total		\$16.64

**Ending Balance as of December 31, 2011** **\$5,135.56**

**Textbook Contribution Details**

Date	Deposit	Description
5/25/2011	\$500.00	Oklahoma Chapter AFS
5/25/2011	\$1,000.00	State of South Dakota
5/25/2011	\$1,000.00	State of Georgia
6/27/2011	\$500.00	TX Chapter AFS
6/27/2011	\$500.00	North Dakota Game & Fish Dept.
9/1/2011	\$1,000.00	Arkansas GFC
3/1/2012	??	VA Chapter AFS
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,500.00</b>	