

Minutes of the Business Meeting of the Central Plains Society of Mammalogists  
Bull Shoals Field Station, near Branson, Missouri on 28 September 2003

- President Elmer Finck called the meeting to order at 1600
- Secretary-Treasurer Aaron Reed presented the financial report of the Society
  - Income from registration and meals totaled \$1,784
  - Expenses were estimated at \$1,213
  - Resulting in an increase of approximately \$420 in funds for the Society
- A motion to approve the financial report was put forth, seconded and passed
- A motion to approve the minutes from the 2002 meeting was put forth and seconded
- Glennis Kaufman moved that the minutes be amended to include the fact that the Secretary-Treasurer and Webmaster were not voted on the previous year, but rather the terms were extended an extra year
  - This motion was approved
  - The amended minutes were approved
- President Finck then asked for nominations for President-Elect
  - Rob Channell was nominated
  - No further nominations were received
  - Rob Channell was approved as the President-Elect
- President Finck asked for nominations for Secretary-Treasurer
  - Secretary-Treasurer Reed explained the duties of the position
  - Glennis Kaufman nominated Jerry Choate
  - Jerry Choate nominated Shauna Marquardt
  - Shauna Marquardt was elected Secretary-Treasurer
- President Finck asked for nominations for Arkansas representative
  - Gary Heidt was nominated to continue in the position
  - This nomination was approved
- Justin Hoffman was appointed Representative for Nebraska
- The position of Representative from Iowa was left vacant
- Miranda Milam was nominated for the position of Student-at-Large for the Board of Governors
  - This nomination was approved
- President Finck asked for old business, none was presented
- The first item of new business was the review of the Endangered Species Act by the state of Kansas
  - The state wants each taxonomic group to be reviewed
  - President Finck asked that a committee be formed to review the status of mammals in the state.
  - Don Kaufman volunteered
  - Further volunteers were asked for by October
  - Also, those outside the state could provide input
- Next item was the announcement of the recipient of the Student Research Award in Mammalogy
  - President Finck stated that all proposals were excellent

Brian Bartels from Fort Hays State University was announced as the recipient

- Next item was the location of the meeting next year  
Fort Hays State University offered to host the 2004 meeting  
Jerry Choate presented information about location of meeting and dates.  
The weekend of 15-16 October 2004 was proposed and tabled for later confirmation.  
It was moved to accept the invitation from FHSU, seconded and passed
- Dues for membership in the Society were discussed  
Glennis Kaufman stated that any membership dues to be collected would be to help students and those dues potentially could be used to fund travel grants.  
Jerry Choate stated that dues could not be earmarked for travel grants, as that would require a change in the Constitution of the Society.  
Tom Tomasi stated that students might not join the Society, as the benefits are few.  
Don Kaufman pointed out that membership is required to be eligible for awards.  
Registration for the annual meeting would not be affected.  
President Finck charged the incoming President (Glennis Kaufman) to provide a proposal for membership dues.
- Lynn Robbins asked that the Society make a donation to the Bull Shoals Field Station  
The Board of Governors would make a decision by 1 November 2003
- President Finck thanked Dr. Dwight Moore for his past service to the Society and presented him a plaque for being the first Past President to finish his term with the Society
- The meeting was adjourned at 1645.

Respectively submitted,

Aaron W. Reed  
Secretary-Treasurer