

NEWSLETTER
TEXAS CHAPTER - AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY
Number 6, November, 1977

The 31st Annual Conference of the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies held at San Antonio in October was the best ever. Many thanks go to those hard-working committees responsible for this most successful meeting. The scientific papers and presentations were good, and the evening hospitality was just unbelievable.

Also our hats are off to the past Chapter president, Jim Davis, for his organization of the annual meeting held in conjunction with the Southeastern. A lot of business took place within the 1 hour time span we were allotted.

Minutes
Business Meeting
Texas Chapter, AFS
October 9, 1977, San Antonio

The third Annual meeting was called to order by President Jim Davis. Secretary-Treasurer Nick Carter determined a quorum (20 members) was present before the minutes of the 1976 Lake Brownwood meeting were considered. These minutes, shown in the January newsletter (number 4), were approved.

President's Report

President Davis emphasized the problem dealing with loss of members through resignation. In particular, he points out that anyone who holds the position of Secretary-Treasurer can expect to terminate his present employment within the year of election to office.

Retired members Edward W. Bonn and Elgin Dietz were recognized and Chapter members wished the best for them in future endeavors. Also it was learned Olan W. Dillon begins his retirement this December 31st. All these gentlemen indicated they plan to remain active in the Chapter and fisheries related activities.

Pros and cons were given for having the Chapter's meeting in conjunction with the Southeastern Conference. Generally speaking, everyone felt it was good because of an excellent Chapter attendance, and it did solve a problem that many members find in attending more than one out-of-town meeting.

The need to advertize the objectives and value of membership in the American Fisheries Society, the Southern Division and the Texas Chapter of American Fisheries Society was highlighted. These organizations are not well known, if at all, outside the profession. Membership campaigns should present information outlining the value of membership for those alien to the profession, but still having an impact on it.

Introduction of Dignitaries, Guest

Past President, Edward Bonn of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (retired), was recognized. He emphasized the Chapter should initiate an active publicity campaign on the Chapter's goals and encourage membership. Note: Ed was honored at a retirement party in the La Villita Assembly Hall that afternoon. An overflowing room of his friends was in attendance.

Carl R. Sullivan, Executive Director, American Fisheries Society, was introduced. He discussed several facts of interest--the Southern Division is the second largest of its kind in the U.S., the Western Division is the largest--The American Fisheries Society membership will top 7,000 in the near future--The monetary value of fishes set by the American Fisheries Society has withstood a court case in Virginia--Art Whitney will be writing to urge each member of the society to find at least one new member in 1978.

Treasurer's Report

Nick Carter reported income since the last audit on March 30, 1977 has been \$21.00 and the 1978 dues income has been \$33.00, for a total of \$54.00. Cash balance on September 30, 1977 was \$528.72. Membership at that time was 96.

Auditing Committee Report

Leland Roberts verified the Secretary-Treasurer's report. The report was adopted by voice vote.

Membership Committee Report

Jim Flynn reported contact had been made with 25 individuals who have promised to join our ranks. Jim pointed out the necessity of forming a Coordinating Committee whose responsibility would be to accumulate private and government directories containing names of prospective members. Also an effort should be made by each member, when the opportunity arises, to acquire new members--at business meetings, social gatherings, etc. Be sure you know your facts about AFS! A motion was made for establishment of a Coordinating Committee by Jim and was seconded by Bill Rutledge. Motion was passed by the membership.

Awards Committee Report

Bobby Whiteside explained the five categories (culture, management, research, education, and special non-members or members) in which awards may be given. Nominations were received this year and awards given in four of the categories.

It was brought to the membership's attention the Awards Committee needs to receive nominations earlier (3 or 4 months before the meeting) in 1978 to allow time for the selection process and award certificate preparation.

Nominating Committee Report

Lou Guerra, after being in office 22 minutes, was ready to nominate a slate of individuals for Chapter offices, 1978. President-Elect Bill Rutledge moves to President. ~~Those individuals elected were: Bobby Whiteside, President-Elect; Nick Carter, Secretary-Treasurer.~~

Old Business

The Texas A&M Chapter of the AFS reported this year they have 68 active members. Several meetings were held on campus where guest speakers were featured. Their technical meeting will be held in April.

The Chapter is to be congratulated for furnishing two motel rooms free for members attending the Southeastern. They also held an Aggie Beer Bust at Aggie Park.

Welcome New President and Comments

Jim Davis introduced President Bill Rutledge to the membership. Bill has served the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department 10 years holding both fisheries management and research positions in the past, and now Coordinator of the State fish hatcheries.

Bill indicated the Chapter had a long way to go before it is firmly established. All Committees must work extra hard to reach their goals.

Announce New Committee Chairmen

Names of Committee Chairmen are forthcoming soon from President Bill Rutledge.

New Business

None.

Awards Presentation

Bobby Whiteside presented the Chapter awards to

1. Don Steinbach - Outstanding in the Area of Fish Culture,
2. Edward Bonn - Outstanding Worker in Fisheries Management,
3. John Prentice and Richard Clark - Outstanding Workers in Research,
4. David Pritchard - Outstanding in Administration of Fisheries Programs.

Congratulations!

Announce Next Meeting

President Rutledge informed the members our 1978 meeting (September) is being planned at Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos. Final arrangements are in the making.

Adjourn.

Take the Time to Nominate a Deserving
Fisheries Worker, 1978

TEXAS CHAPTER
AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY
HONOR AWARDS NOMINATION
OUTSTANDING FISHERIES WORKER
1978

Nominee (Mr., Dr., Mrs. or Miss as it should appear on certificate or plaque)

Nominated by:

Current Position of Nominee

Official Headquarters (City and State)

Nomination Category: Culture () Management () Research () Education ()
Special Non-member or Member ()

Basis for Nomination (why this person deserves the award)

Synopsis of employment in fisheries, related areas, education, awards or honors received, publications, or any other information related to nominee's achievements. (Not required for nomination, but this information could be helpful).

Something new is in the mill for the 1978 Chapter meeting. The Executive Committee is toying with the idea of publishing papers that are presented at the annual program. Research papers and/or all status reports being prepared for publication elsewhere will still be included in the technical sessions. It appears like an excellent opportunity to place information of state interest into print. Jim Davis has agreed to take the editorial chairman this year. Do the members have any comments?

Time to renew your membership for 1978!!!!

APPLICATION AND RENEWAL FOR MEMBERSHIP TEXAS CHAPTER-AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY

I hereby apply for membership in the Texas Chapter of the American Fisheries Society and am enclosing a check (payable to Texas Chapter-AFS) for annual dues.

check one: _____ Regular Membership (\$3 dues) _____ Student Membership (\$2 dues)
School: _____

TYPE OR PRINT: Name _____ Address _____
City _____ Zip _____

Send with your check to address below.

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