

NEWSLETTER
TEXAS CHAPTER-AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY
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Annual Meeting

The annual meeting at College Station was a good one. Attendance at this meeting included 81 people from 14 different agencies and/or Universities. These include Texas A&M University, University of Texas, Stephen F. Austin University, Southwest Texas State University, Soil Conservation Service, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Texas Agriculture Extension Service, Texas Electric Service Co., Private Consultant Co., Oklahoma Coop. Fish Res. Unit, Public School Teacher, Department of Human Resources, and National Marine Service. Many thanks go to Richard Noble and Texas Chapter of the AFS for their organization of the annual meeting and fish fry social.

The proceedings of this meeting will be printed and provided to all Texas Chapter members. This publication should be available by January 1980.

Dues

Now is the time to pay your annual dues. If you find a red ✓ beside your name on this mailing label, you are in our records as having paid your 1980 dues. If not, you may send the convenient, attached application along with your check.

An effort should be made by each member, when the opportunity arises, to acquire new members. If you know of someone who wants to join, send me their name and address. Membership in our parent society is not a prerequisite for joining the Chapter.

A membership directory will be prepared this year and distributed to all members. So get your dues in now to eliminate any problems.

MINUTES
BUSINESS MEETING
TEXAS CHAPTER, AFS
SEPTEMBER 29, 1979 COLLEGE STATION

The fifth annual meeting was called to order by President Bobby Whiteside. Secretary Allen Forshage determined a quorum of 20 members were present. Dr. Whiteside welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Dr. Richard Noble for his making of arrangements for the meeting at Texas A&M University. Thanks was also given to the A&M Chapter of the AFS for their help with the meeting and for the fish fry social.

Introduction of Dignitaries - Welcome ^{was} given by Charles Cichra, (President, Texas A&M Chapter of the AFS), Wallace G. Klussman (Head Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Texas A&M University) and Perry L. Adkisson (Vice-President for Agriculture and Renewable Natural Resources, Texas A&M University).

Secretary-Treasurer's Report - Presented by Allen Forshage who made a motion to except the minutes of the 1978 San Marcos meeting as presented in the October newsletter Number 10. The motion was second and approved by voice vote. The secretary reported membership in the Texas Chapter increased to 123 members during 1979. The balance at audit on September 26, 1978 was \$656.80. Dues since collected amounted to \$371.50. Total expenditures were \$646.10 leaving a cash balance of \$382.22. The major expenditures during the year was for publication and distribution of Annual Proceedings of the Texas Chapter Meeting (\$387.27). The second greatest expenditure was associated with reproduction and mailing of four newsletters (\$134.39). Other expenditures included refreshments for the 1978 meeting (\$99.25), bank service charges (\$3.15), and for stationary (\$7.25).

Audit Committee Report - Chairman Billy White was not present, however, Dr. Whiteside indicated he had received a report which verified the Secretary-Treasurer's report and the report was adopted.

Membership Committee Report - Chairmen Dale Caldwell was not able to attend the meeting. Major accomplishments by the membership committee include an effort to contact Texas members of the American Fisheries Society and encourage them to join the Texas Chapter. The American Fisheries Society currently has 243 members in Texas, only 41 of whom are members of the Texas Chapter. The membership committee mailed each of these 243 members an invitation to attend the 1979 Annual Meeting and join the Texas Chapter.

Awards Committee Report - Presented by Paul Seidensticker who reported nominations

had been received in all categories. Robert R. Stickney (Texas A&M University) received the Culture Award for his work with the culture of Tilapia, catfish, and freshwater shrimp. In addition, he has recently published a book entitled Principles of Warmwater Aquaculture. Research Award was given to Phil Durocher (TP&W) for his work with the ADP system to compile and analyze data for the Inland Fish Branch of the Parks and Wildlife Department. Gary Valentine (S.C.S.) received the management award for his work with the Soil Conservation Service fish stocking program and for his training of other SCS representatives in the area of pond management. Dr. Richard Noble received the Education Award for his work at A&M University. In his 7 years at A&M he has been very active and productive in the field of education and fishery research. Charles Inman (TP&W) received the Special Catalog Award for his work with the TPWD. During his 25 years with the Department, he has planned and implemented numerous projects impacting the State's fishery resources. Included in this is his work with pond management, work with the diseases and parasites of warm-water fishes, research with Florida largemouth bass and management and protection of the public waters of the State.

Nominating Committee Report - Clell Guest acted as chairman this year and offered thanks to Joe Lock and Ralph Manns for their help in the selection of new officers. Nominations for President-elect were Charlie Inman and Don Steinbach, for Secretary-Treasurer were Gary Valentine and Allen Forshage. Charles Inman was chosen President-elect and Allen Forshage, Secretary-Treasurer.

Farm Pond Stocking and Management Policy Committee Report - Don Steinbach presented the committee's report. He recognized Charles Inman and Gary Valentine who work with the committee. A hand-out which discussed pond stocking techniques was provided.

Editorial Committee Report - Jim David thanked everyone on the editorial committee for their help in our first publications of the Chapter's proceedings. He also thanked Nick Carter and Bill Rutledge for their work in getting the 1978 Proceedings printed. He indicated the editorial board of the Chapter will be responsible for setting guidelines and approving papers to be published in the proceedings. He brought to our attention that at least one of the authors must be a member of the Chapter to have a paper published.

Old Business: Past President awards were presented to Bill Rutledge and James Davis.

New Business: Secretary-Treasurer made a motion to increase annual membership dues from \$3.00 (student \$2.00) to \$5.00 (student \$4.00). This was deemed necessary because of deficit spending during 1979. Approximately \$5.10 was spent for each member during the year. At this spending rate, the Chapter would have enough money to operate during 1980 but not during 1981. The motion was second and approved by vote.

Jim Davis made a motion to charge \$2.50 for extra 1978 Proceeding and \$5.00 for extra 1979 Proceeding. These copies are extra after free distribution to all members and selected state and federal agencies, universities, and private enterprise. The motion was second but was not approved by vote of members. President Richard Noble suggested further discussion after the program.

A program of 15 papers was presented. Topics of these papers included research in coastal and freshwater fisheries, fish culture, and work in fishery management. These papers will be published in Volume II of our Annual Proceedings.

After the program, new business was continued. Dr. Whiteside made a motion to study present and up-coming cost of the publication of Proceeding and free distribution. The purpose of the study would be to determine the most economical way to provide members and fill request for copies of the publication. The motion was second and approved by membership vote.

A second motion was made to adopt the Farm Pond Stocking and Management Policy Committee Report and distribute it to agencies involved with pond stocking and management. After a brief discussion this motion was tabled.

President Richard Noble appointed the following people as committee chairman. Publicity Clell Guest; Nomination - Nick Carter; Editorial - Jim Davis; Audit - John Means; and Farm Pond - Gary Valentine.

The meeting was adjourned.

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)
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