

NEWSLETTER
TEXAS CHAPTER - AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY
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Annual Meeting: The annual meeting in Austin was an unqualified success. Attendance included 85 members from 15 agencies and/or universities including Fort Hood Fish and Wildlife Section, Hydrolab, Louisiana Tech, Oklahoma State University, Soil Conservation Service, Southwest Texas State University, Texas A&M University, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas Department of Water Resources, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Texas Tech, University of Texas, University of Texas at Arlington, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Wildlife Management Institute. Twenty papers covering a wide range of topics were presented. Thanks go to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for hosting the meeting and to all the committee members who worked hard to make the meeting a success.

MINUTES
BUSINESS MEETING
TEXAS CHAPTER, AFS
26 SEPTEMBER 1981, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department,
Austin Headquarters

Charles Inman called the meeting to order and thanked the arrangements committee. He recognized several past presidents of the Texas Chapter.

The Secretary determined that a quorum was present.

The Secretary said there were 145 members in 1981 and that 58 members had preregistered for 1982. The Secretary's report was accepted.

Phil Durocher presented the auditor's report. The treasury presently contains \$509.16.

President Inman thanked his fellow officers for their work in the past year. He also thanked the Farm Pond Stocking Committee for their excellent publication and the editorial committee for the Proceedings. He discussed his activities with the parent organization in the D-J Expansion program. He praised the membership committee for their work on the Fisheries Workers Directory.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Clell Guest. Clell thanked his committee for working up the Texas Fisheries Workers Directory and plans on putting the Directory into the Proceedings. He hopes to update it every year or two.

Awards: Roger McCabe thanked his committee members and said he received many fine nominations. He then presented the awards:

Culture: Billy White, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Management: Bob Hofstetter, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
(rescinded because he was not a member)

Research: Al Green, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Education: Bobby Whiteside, Southwest Texas State University

Special Category: Jim Davis, Texas A&M University

Program: Gary Valentine thanked committee members for help in putting together the program. All papers were accepted. He encouraged everyone to stay in the time frame allotted for papers.

Mr. Charles Travis, Executive Director, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, gave the welcoming address.

Publicity: Dick Luebke thanked the other members of his committee. Their activities centered around the annual meeting. He said he would like to have everyone together at lunch to take a picture.

Editorial Committee: Jim Davis - No report.

Nominating Committee: Bobby Whiteside.

Don Steinbach and Allen Forshage nominated for President-Elect.

Don Whitmore and Maury Osborn nominated for Secretary-Treasurer.

Clell Guest was nominated from the floor for President-Elect.

Don Steinbach and Maury Osborn were elected.

Farm Pond Stocking Committee: Gary Valentine thanked his committee members. Last year the membership approved draft copy. In December 1980 the draft copy was widely distributed. Most errors have been corrected. Publication was revised in April 1981. \$6,000 has been located for publishing the report. Fish and Wildlife Service will fund it. There is presently a heavy demand for this publication. Hopefully the funds will print 25,000 copies.

Exhibit Committee: Jim Flynn tried to get exhibits but regulations prevent exhibits in State buildings.

Advertising Committee: Allen Forshage contacted people in Fisheries - related fields for contributions and received \$250. He proposed acceptance of money and that contributors be listed in the Proceedings. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business: Executive Committee filled Monty Millard's unfinished term with President-Elect Gary Valentine who presided over the meeting. Gary Presented Charles Inman with the Past-President's Certificate.

A program of 20 scientific papers was presented.

85 persons from 15 organizations attended the meeting.

New Business: Gary Valentine named his committee chairmen: Membership - Don Whitmore, Nominations - Jerry Turrentine, Awards - Holt Williamson, Publicity - Jimmy Dean, Advertisement - Allen Forshage, Editorial - Gary Matlock, Audit - Mike Zeman, Farm Pond Stocking - Charlie Inman.

Ralph Manns suggested that we should have made some sort of stand on the Texas grass carp issue. Proposed that Executive Committee should discuss the set-up of a resolutions committee. The motion was seconded and approved.

Meeting adjourned.

I have received the following reports from the President and other committee chairmen:

President's Report: New officers and committee chairmen are becoming acquainted with their positions. Members interested in serving on committees should contact chairmen as soon as possible.

- Nominating Committee - Jerry Turrentine, Post Office Box 1001, Uvalde, Texas Phone: 512/278-7444
- Auditing Committee - Mike Zeman, 855 Interstate 10, South Room 135, Beaumont, Texas 77701 Phone: 713/839-2675
- Membership Committee - Don Whitmore, Biology Department, University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, Texas 76109 Phone: 817/273-2871
Members - Brian Murphy and Clell Guest
- Awards Committee - Holt Williamson, Rt. 1, Box 159D, San Marcos, Texas 78666 Phone: 512/392-8814
- Editorial Committee - Gary Matlock, Coastal Fisheries, TPWD, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744 Phone: 512/479-4862
- Advertising Committee - Allen Forshage, Rt. 10, Box 1043, Tyler, Texas 75707 Phone: 214/566-1615
- Publicity Committee - Jimmy Dean, 134 Braniff, San Antonio, Texas 78216 Phone: 512/349-2174

During the upcoming year we plan to continue many worthwhile activities, i.e., publication of Proceedings of the Annual Meeting, Extension of Fisheries Directory

and publication of the pond management booklet. Additionally, improvements in some activities will be explored, as well as involvement in new projects. The quarterly newsletter will be the vehicle for requesting your participation. When comments are solicited, please respond quickly.

Charles Inman, immediate past president, will represent the Texas Chapter at the "Southeastern" in Tulsa, Oklahoma, October 18-21, 1981.

Award's Committee Report: An unfortunate situation, for which committee chairman Roger McCabe is deeply apologetic, occurred at the chapter meeting. Due to an oversight, a non-member was nominated and selected for an award which is limited to members only. In order to comply with prescribed guidelines, another nominee was selected for this award. Steve Smith of the Texas Utilities Generating Company has been selected as the recipient of the Fisheries Management Award. Congratulations Steve!

Adverstisement Committee Report: Contributions for 1981 were:

Hydrolab-Jim Flynn
R. R. Reeves Enterprises
Espey, Huston & Associates, Inc.-George L. Vaught, associate
Frigid Units, Inc.-Dexton McClougham
Texas Instruments-Lynda Coumelis

The goal for 1981-82 is to obtain \$750.00 in contributions. We have recieved a list of possible contributors from the membership committee. Additional names from the members will be greatly appreciated. Please send to: Allen Forshage, Rt. 10, Box 1043, Tyler, Texas 75707.

As promised we are soliciting your views on activities for the coming year. Please let me know your opinions of:

- ~~1. Using two days for our next annual meeting?~~ The meeting could begin Friday noon with the social Friday evening, and the meeting could adjourn Saturday noon. Some restlessness during the last part of the annual meeting was noted and this might help.
2. Establishment of a resolutions committee? The bylaws and standing rules of the American Fisheries Society and our chapter approve the establishment of resolutions committees. A committee would be responsible for consulting pp. 328 and 329 of "A Century of Fisheries in North America" which defines and describes the nature of resolutions and formats, watching and recording important issues and problems that arise on the local level, compiling and preparing final drafts for presentation at the annual meetings. Appropriate resolutions would be accompanied by a recommendation for further support from the Division and/or the Parent Society, if desired. The definition of a resolution in "A Century of Fisheries of North America" is 'a motion presented in writing because it is especially important or because the subject matter is complicated' ... 'to call the attention of the members of the Society to important matters which require action' ... and to 'place the views of the Society on record on matters of concern'.

~~The executive committee will discuss these two subjects so let me know what you think, by December please!~~

And now for membership! I count 63 full 1981 members who have not paid their 1982 dues. If you find a red ✓ beside your name on the mailing label, you are in our records as having paid 1982 dues. If not, you may send the convenient, attached application along with your check. Also please circulate this newsletter among your co-workers and/or students and encourage those who haven't joined to do so.

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 1982 dues.

CHECK ONE: Regular Membership (\$5 dues) Student Membership (\$4 dues)

School _____

~~TYPE OR PRINT:~~ Name _____ Address _____

Primary field of interest _____
City State Zip

Send with check to: Texas Chapter - AFS
c/o Maury Osborn
1113 Spearson Lane
Austin, Texas 78745
