



ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The annual meeting of the Texas Chapter of the American Fisheries Society was held September 14 and 15 at the University of Texas Marine Science Institute at Port Aransas. President Gary Matlock called the meeting to order. Donald Wohlschlag, representing the director of the University of Texas Marine Science Institute bid the membership welcome to the facility. The Secretary-Treasurer determined that a quorum was present. Minutes of the 1983 business meeting were approved by acclimation of the membership. The Treasury Report was read. Ed Hegen audited the books and found them in order. Ed Schwille moved to approve the Treasurers Report and Ernest Simmons seconded. Leland Roberts moved to approve the Auditor's Report and Ernest Simmons seconded. Both reports were approved.

1. Awards Committee - Tom Linton

Tom reported to the membership that no awards will be given this year due to the fact that no nominations were received by his committee. Gary Matlock commented on the apparent apathy and opened the floor to discussion. Dennis Palafox asked what are the awards and procedures of selection. Tom described the four categories (culture, management, research, education) of selection. Clell Guest commented and the membership agreed that the awards committee should select their own nominees in the future as well as considering those names submitted by the membership.

2. Publicity Committee - Valerie Morrill

Valerie recognized her committee members; Gary Valentine, Billy Higginbotham and Mac McCune. She presented to the membership a copy of the new membership brochure, completed and ready for distribution. Her committee also drafted a procedural manual with emphasis on methods of bringing about cooperation with other agencies concerning exchange of information.

3. Membership Committee - Glen Cordova

Valerie Morrill representing Glen discussed the use of the new membership brochures. The committee also came up with a procedural manual for adoption and sent out 80 of the new membership brochures to various offices.

4. Newsletter Committee - Joe Tomasso

Joe reported that the Chapter had published three newsletters during the year. He thanked his graduate students for serving on committee and asked the membership to address him by letter on any changes in the newsletter they would like to see.

5. Exhibits and Advertising Committee - Ed Hegen

Ed reported that he had achieved his goal of collecting in contributions as much as Allen Forshage had done in the previous year. He reported that nine exhibitors were at the meeting and that twenty two companies and groups had donated to the Chapter. He also reported a raffle of ball caps and fishing plugs to be held during the meeting to raise money. Ed expressed disappointment that no individual fish farmers or bass clubs donated during the year.

6. Pond Management Committee - Ed Schwille
Ed thanked those members serving on committee with him; Brian Murphy, Bobby Fahrquahar, Billy Higginbotham, Rich Noble, Holt Williamson, and Paul Doss. He reported that a follow-up publication of the original draft of Assessment Techniques for Small Impoundments is coming. The committee has placed a November deadline on themselves. Then select individuals of the membership will review the final draft. The publication should be complete in six months. A motion was made by Ed Schwille to change the name of the committee from Farm Pond Stocking Committee to Pond Management Committee. Ralph Manns seconded and the membership approved.
7. Nominating Committee - Dennis Palafox
Dennis recognized other members Victor Palma, Nick Carter, Rich Noble and Gary Carmichael on the committee. He described the qualifications of three nominees for President-elect. The candidates were Dick Luebke, Valerie Morrill and Brian Murphy. Brian Murphy was elected. Dennis expressed disappointment that no one from membership submitted nominations.
8. Editorial Committee - Dick Luebke
Dick thanked his committee members Larry McEachron and Jamie Geiger for serving. He reported that the committee performed all functions required to put out the Proceedings. He thanked his secretary for the re-type of manuscripts. He also reported that the Proceedings was single spaced to save printing costs.
9. Program Committee - Maury Ferguson
Maury thanked Hal Osburn and Alan Rudd for their help on committee. She reported that the committee got a good deal on food and beverages. Shrimp for the social was donated by the Texas Shrimp Association.

Old Business

Gary Matlock again brought up the past stance of the Chapter not to enforce Parent membership for regular membership with the exception of those holding office. The membership agreed.

New Business

Ernest Simmons moved and Steve Marowitz seconded that the Chapter pay membership dues to AFS for a foreign fishery worker. Membership approved. Tom Linton brought up the problem of selecting an individual and whether the Parent Society should select someone. Gary Matlock brought up that the Executive Committee has a list of individuals, and Maury Ferguson suggested the Chapter make the selection rather than leaving it up to the Parent Society.

Leland Roberts moved and Clark Hubbs seconded that the Chapter provide with membership to a foreign worker the subscriptions to the AFS Transactions, North American Journal of Fisheries Management, and Progressive Fish Culturist. Motion passed by acclamation.

Gary extended his appreciation for support during his tenure to the membership and turned the gavel over to Maury Ferguson, president for 1984-85. Maury thanked Gary for a job well done and will present Gary with a Past-President's certificate in the near future.

Maury addressed the membership and outlined two primary goals of hers: 1) She would like to see more participation by agencies not typically represented in the Chapter such as EPA and the National Marine Fisheries Service, and 2) She would like to see the creation of a new ad hoc committee on juvenile recreational fishing in urban areas. Maury also expressed her concern that the Chapter not take an official stand on issues due to the diversity of the membership.

The meeting was adjourned.

NEW COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Advertising - Ed Hegen (512) 729-2328
Publicity - Jamie Geiger (512) 479-4800 ext. 2318
Newsletter - Joe Tomasso (512) 245-2284
Membership - Katheryn Palachek (512) 866-3356
Farm Pond - Ed Schwille (214) 563-6431
Editorial - Larry McEaron (512) 729-2328
Awards - Gary Powell (512) 475-4344
Nominations - Tony Maciorowski (512) 972-5483
Urban Fisheries (ad hoc) - Phil Durocher (512) 479-4800 Ext. 2302
Program - Brian Murphy (806) 742-2843

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Larval Fish Conference - February 24-25, U. T. Marine Science Institute, Port Aransas.

Texas Fish Farming Conference and Annual Convention of Fish Farmers of Texas - January 23-24, Texas A & M. For further information, contact S. K. Johnson, (409) 845-7471.

ANNUAL TREASURERS REPORT

The initial balance was \$1,632.83 (September 16, 1983). Income totaled \$1,509.20 and expenditures were \$2,059.74. The ending balance for the year is \$1,082.29.

INCOME

Balance from 1982-83	\$1,632.83
Dues	526.00
Contributions	915.00
Sale of Proceedings	0.00
Interest	68.20
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	\$3,142.03

EXPENDITURES

Printing of <u>Proceedings VI</u>	\$ 406.08
1983 meeting expenses	442.45
Postage	162.37
Print Newsletters (including postage)	218.10
Office Supplies	9.64
Membership brochure printing cost	593.00
Bank charge for check purchase	5.55
Monies set aside for outstanding 82-83 bills	222.55
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	\$2,059.74

BALANCE

\$1,082.29

The chapter has two bills as yet unpaid. Due to a shortage of Past President Certificates the Chapter will not receive one until next month. Last year this certificate cost \$20.50. Also the Chapter agreed to divide evenly with the Oklahoma Chapter any display fees monies left after the cost of printing Proceedings VI. Display fees collected from the Lake Texoma meeting came to \$700.00 and the cost of printing the Proceedings was \$406.00, leaving a balance of \$147.00 to be paid. This year's income was close to last year's. There was an increase of expenditures basically due to the new Membership Brochure.

In the future the cost of reprinting this brochure will be reduced by \$240.00 (type set fee). Membership declined but appears to be back on the increase this year. In general our financial position is fair and stable.

MEMBERSHIP DUES IS DUE !!!!

If you have not yet paid your 1984-85 Chapter dues, please send \$5.00 to Mike Zeman (1259 Oregon Street, Beaumont, Texas 77705).

NEXT NEWSLETTER

The next newsletter will be mailed in March. Anyone wishing to have material included in the newsletter, please send to Joe Tomasso (Aquatic Station, Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas 78666).

1984-1985 CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

Dawn Allen
Ann Arzapolo
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Wayne Boyd
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Brain Brawner
Nancy Brown
Colleen Caldwell
David Campbell
Ruben Cantu
Gary Carmichael
Nick Carter
George Chamberlain
Ron Chandler
Tom Cloud
Bill Colbert
Bob Colura
Jim Dallas
Wilfred Dean
Cecil Deauman
Michael Dentzau
William Dolman
Philip Durocher
Don Edmondson
Robert Edwards
Bobby Farquahar
Maury Ferguson
Jim Flynn
Billy Follis
Allen Forshage
Jaime Geiger
Mike Gonzales
John Gourley

Steve Marwitz
Kenneth Marshall
Gary Matlock
Jeff Matthews
Patricia Mazik
William Mercer
John Moczygemba
Valerie Morrill
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Brian Murphy
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 Joe Lock
 Juan Longoria
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 Mark Luebke
 Tony Maciorowski
 J. Rollin MacRae
 Jerry Mambretti
 Ralph Manns

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 Ernest Simmons
 Kirk Smith
 Scott Smith
 Steve Smith
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 Robert Spain
 Vernon Staats
 Gary Standard
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 Don Steinbach
 Kirk Strawn
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 Micheal Wood
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ERRATA FOR PROCEEDINGS NUMBER 6

Please replace paragraph 2 on page 43 of the most recent Annual Proceedings with the following paragraph.

Approximately 115 m of shoreline was sampled every 2 hours, at 0200, 0400, etc. hours (CDT). Two gill nets (inshore of 25-50-mm stretch mesh; offshore of 75-100-mm stretch mesh, each approximately 60 m long and set on the bottom) were examined at the same time (the initial gill net setting preceded the first seine hauls by 2 hours). Seine hauls involved a large bag seine, 12-15 m long and 2 m deep and three shorter seines, 4-8 m long and 1.5 m deep. The large seine sampled water up to 1.5 m deep (from that depth to shore); the shorter seines sampled water up to 1 m deep (one from that depth to shore, the others along shore at about 0.5 m depth and about 0.25 m depth). The precise location of sampling varied among years dependant upon lake level, i.e., during low water sampling was farther south. Sampling usually began at 0800 hours but was begun at 0600 hours, 1800 hours (twice), and 1600 hours. Sample intervals overlapped so that an average of 13.3 samples per year were obtained. The second sampling had equivalent numbers of fishes as the initial effort at the same clock hour, suggesting that sampling did not substantially deplete fishes in the area. An extreme example would be the capture of Menidia beryllina in 1976, when 5,252 were obtained in the first 0800 sample and 10,139 in the sample 24 hours later. When a clock hour was repeated, the two samples were averaged.