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Annual meeting
Lake Texoma Lodge
September 20, 1990

President Bobby Farquhar called the business meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. September 21, 1990. The first order of business was to recognize the past presidents in the audience. Those present were Dick Luebke, Brian Murphy, Maury Osborn, Bobby Whiteside and Bill Rutledge. A motion was made by Roy Kleinsasser to accept the minutes of last year's meeting as published in the Chapter newsletter. Bruce Hysmith seconded the motion and it carried by acclamation. Barbara Gregg declared that a quorum of the membership was present.

The Treasurer Barbara Gregg reported a balance as of 9/18/90 of \$1,971.12. During the year, the chapter had expenses of \$3,376.74 and income of \$5,461. A Certificate of Deposit for \$2,000 was purchased during the year and interest of \$119.27 was accrued by August 22, 1990. Pat Hutson audited the books and reported no irregularities. Gene McCarty moved to accept the treasurer's report and David Terre seconded. Passed by acclamation.

Bobby Farquhar thanked Gene McCarty for his work on the program for this annual meeting and Dick Luebke for his work on the proceedings from last year.

Chairman of the nominating committee, Bobby Whiteside presented the two candidates for President-elect. They were Victor Palma - Texas Department of Agriculture and William Provine - Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. A close vote went to Bill Provine.

Nick Parker, representing Rich Noble, president of the Southern Division Committee of the AFS reported that the Southeastern was committed to having a longer meeting time (adding one day this year) and a new emphasis on aquaculture (new committee with survey to each state to determine scope of committee). One-half day at the Richmond meeting next month will be dedicated to aquaculture issues.

Membership Chairperson Loraine Fries reported that the chapter had 147 members last year and 97 have renewed already for this year. When proceedings are sent out, she will ask former members to renew.

Editorial committee people, Joe Fries and Dave Terre were thanked by chairman Dick Luebke. Solicitations resulted in 16 papers presented this year. Half the papers were from Texas authors and half from Oklahoma. In addition, the gray literature issue has again reared its head. A letter was sent to Bob Kendal, editor for AFS, describing how we handle our proceedings and asking for his opinion about whether this procedure will suffice for AFS requirements. Otherwise, future proceedings must have a disclaimer. Response had not been received yet.

Exhibits chairman Ralph Manns said that 14 donations added \$725 cash into fund. Additional contributors and donors were added to the list published in the program. Special thanks went to Bruce Hysmith for his work. Ralph's work on this committee was applauded.

Newsletter report by Fred Stevens presented by Bobby Farquhar encouraged everyone to get their news items in early.

Publicity chairman Roy Kleinsasser stated that press releases were sent out last year. This year his committee will update the Texas Fisheries Workers Directory and they need non-TPWD employees to fill out form.

Pond Management committee chairman Hal Schramm thanked members of the committee, Dick Anderson, Michal Brice, Bobby Farquhar, Billy Higginbotham, Malcolm Johnson, Bob Lusk, Mac McCune, Bob Anilon, Randy Palachek and Gary Valentine. The following annual activities were completed.

- a) Compiled a list of people for pond assessment services.
- b) Sought additional outlets for pond management assessment survey.
- c) Received 119 responses to survey.

The following activities were scheduled.

- d) Develop a pond case history program with the 119 responses.
- e) Expand efforts to contact pond owners. All chapter members are asked to help.

Issues and Policies report by Victor Palma indicated that the parent society wanted us to address the acid rain question in Texas and we prepared and sent comments.

Awards (committee were Bill Seawell, Gordon Linham, Bobby Whiteside and Loraine Fries) were presented by David Terre.

- a. Presentation last year -- Robert Clay Smith
- b. Administration -- Gene McCarty
- c. Culture -- Glen Alexander(STB) & David Campbell(LSL)
- d. Fisheries Management -- David Terre (presented by Farquhar)
- e. Scholarship -- Michael W. Brice & Tommy Bates

Gary Valentine, chairman of the scholarship committee, would like to thank his committee of Leland Roberts, Alan Rudd, Gene Gilliland and Gary Powell. The committee would like to increase the number of universities solicited.

Motion was made to accept the committee reports by Bruce Hysmith and seconded by Maury Osborn. Gavel passed to new president Gene McCarty who presented the past president's certificate.

New president Gene McCarty thanked each one for attending. He wants to a) increase visibility of chapter, b) take proactive stance on issues of the day, c) work with arrangements committee for 1991 AFS, d) continue efforts in fund raising and e) increase participation by presenting opportunity for all members to sign up for other committee.

2. New business.

a) Hal Schramm- The Vegetation Management Ad Hoc committee was formed as a part of pond management committee. That committee recommended that activities to develop an aquatic vegetation management manual be suspended. The reasons given were that a manual has already been developed by the Ag Extension Service and is being updated. The methods and approved chemicals change rapidly and the procedures for certain situations are difficult to perform. Also, restrictions on use of grass carp and triploid grass carp preclude their recommendation.

b) Committees were set up for 1991 meeting. First meeting will be in December. The committee will need a loan from the chapter. Treasurer Barbara Gregg said at least \$1,000 should be available. Ex com was authorized to set amount of the loan based on funds available at the time. Motion made by Luebke and seconded

by Osborn. In subsequent discussion, Hal Schramm asked what the monies were needed for. Response by Gene McCarty was that cash was needed to solicit funds for the 91 meeting. Time period of the loan to be decided by ex-com. Monies will be used to support the meeting of the parent society, not Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

c) Next year's meeting- Nick Carter moved that 1991 annual meeting be held in conjunction with AFS meeting September 8-12. Rutledge suggested that we have a session for chapter members, but there may not be time to set it up. Motion changed to let excom make this decision. Whiteside suggested having the meeting one day early, but there may be too much activity associated with the parent society. Second by Dave Terre. Passed.

d) Proceedings - Dick explained at length that parent society's policy is for formal publications to be approved by Bob Kendall. If not sanctioned, then it must have a disclaimer. Our proceedings should be sanctionable. Clell said recent editing by Kendall accepted proceedings and added Austin as site. Nick Parker mentioned that the elevation from gray literature adds problem of dual publication. Thus, could not be published somewhere else. Left as waiting for response from Kendall.

e) Adjourn Bruce Hysmith. Second Roy Kleinsasser.

EXCOM MEETING

At the last excom meeting it was decided that a 1991 annual meeting would be held sometime in late October. Bill Provine will investigate possible sites and report at the next excom . Meeting date and location will be made available as soon as possible.

The following members have agreed to chair committees for 1991:

Secretary/Treasurer-----	Barbara Gregg
Membership-----	Loraine Fries
Nominating-----	Bobby Whiteside
Awards-----	Dave Terre
Publicity-----	Roy Kleinsasser
Pond Management-----	Hal Schramm
Editorial-----	Dick Luebke
Exhibits-----	Bruce Hysmith
Issues-----	Victor Palma
Endowment-----	Gary Valentine
News Letter-----	Pat Hutson
Program-----	Bill Provine

Newsletter Materials:

Please send material for the newsletter to : Pat Hutson, P.O. Box 947, San Marcos, TX 78667. We would like to prepared another newsletter in April. Please send information as soon as possible.

IF YOU HAVE FORGOTTEN TO PAY YOUR 1991 DUES, YOU MAY USE THE APPLICATION FORM BELOW:

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