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Several members of the executive committee - Gary Valentine, Charlie Inman, Holt Williamson and Jimmy Dean - braved sleet, rain and dire warnings of inclement weather to meet in Austin on January 12th. Gary Matlock and I were lucky in that we just had to drive to work to attend.

The chairmanship of the Pond Management Committee was changed from Charlie Inman to Bill Rutledge. Names of members of committees were provided: Joe Tomasso - Auditing; Bobby Whiteside and Bobby Fahrquahr - Awards; and Joe Krai, Barry Lyons and Jim Cox - Publicity. Although Jim Cox is not a Texas Chapter Member we appreciate his help and feel he can contribute a lot through his position in Information and Education at Texas Parks and Wildlife.

Gary Matlock reported that the editorial committee work is going full steam ahead. The Proceedings will be sent to Texas A&M, who submitted the lowest bid, for printing by March 1. Jim Davis is helping at the Texas A&M end. Contents of the Proceedings will include 1. Papers. 2. Abstracts of papers not published. 3. Fisheries Workers Directory. 4. List of Reviewers. 5. Copy of Program. 6. Advertising Contributors. 250 copies of the Proceedings will be printed.

Holt Williamson presented the report for the awards committee. He has finally obtained the awards forms to present to the winners. He says his committee would appreciate getting nominations for awards starting now! An awards nomination form is included at the end of this newsletter. You must be a Texas Chapter Member to nominate someone for an award. Please fill in as much as you can about the person you are nominating. It sure will make Holt and his committee members jobs a little easier!

Gary Valentine presented the Advertising committee report for Allen Forshage. Complementary copies of the newsletters and Proceedings will be sent to all contributors. Gary had a suggestion that all members could apply to increase contributions. When reading Texas related publications and scientific articles jot down any business names and send the list to Allen. It was decided to have a representative of the Texas Chapter attend the Fish Farmers Convention at A&M and encourage contributions and membership in the Texas Chapter. (Gary Valentine reported to me that it appears Bill Harvey had a good response at the convention with all application forms handed out.)

Gary Valentine reported for the membership committee that Bobby Whiteside has access to a computer for storing the Fisheries Workers Directory. This could be very effective and more efficient for revision in the future.

The Farm Pond Committee reported that too much compromise was required to publish the Farm Pond Stocking Recommendations with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service through the Texas Extension Service. The Texas Chapter deserves the credit for the recommendations and it was decided to continue to explore other possibilities for printing. Gary Valentine has printed 5000 copies and distributed 4500 to Soil Conservation Service officers. Bill Rutledge and Don Steinbach have also reproduced small numbers of the recommendations. Bill Rutledge would also like to request input from the membership regarding the future direction of the farm pond committee. The stocking publication can be expanded into a full-blown farm pond handbook, the committee can develop smaller publications on such subjects as fertilization, habitat improvement, vegetation control, etc., or the committee can disband for several years and regroup as necessary to update the stocking bulletin. Please submit your comments to Bill Rutledge at Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744.

The establishment of a Resolutions Committee was discussed extensively. Only 1 letter supporting such a committee was received from members. The

committee feels that resolutions could cause fragmentation of our membership. There are state and local issues that should receive attention and discussion by the Texas Chapter however we have two suggestions to solve the problem. One is to establish a Letters to the Editor section in the Newsletter with a limit of 2 per Newsletter and 200 words per letter. The other method is to have one panel discussion per annual meeting. More about that later.

And now the big news! The selection of sites for the 1982 meeting resulted in Kerrville as the number 1 choice and Texas A&M as the second choice. The meeting will be a 2 day affair with registration beginning at 11:30 Friday morning and presentations beginning at 1:00 pm Friday afternoon. A panel discussion will be held at 4:00 or 4:20 Friday afternoon for 40 minutes. Pros and cons on a "hot" issue will be presented by experts and hopefully a lot of discussion will occur at the social Friday evening. The rest of the presentations and the business meeting will be held Saturday morning. If the meeting is in Kerrville a field trip to the Heart of the Hills Research Station will be arranged for Saturday afternoon. Kerrville would be the ideal location with all members staying at one location in the beautiful hill country. One location would provide for better communication between members. Don Steinbach will let us know soon about arrangements. Several topics have been suggested for the panel discussion: 1. Grass Carp. 2. A General Discussion of Introduction of Exotics. 3. Freshwater Inflow. Please let me know your preferences or any other suggestions for topics.

Other activities since the last Newsletter: Charlie Inman presented the Texas Chapter Report to the Southeastern Meeting and emphasized our achievements such as the Farm Pond Stocking Recommendations, the Fisheries Workers Directory and the Proceedings. He also made the comment that "We as a Chapter need to meet and deal with other resource societies. If we are to protect resources we need to band together!" Bobby Whiteside was to present a talk on the Texas Chapter at the Coastal Staff Meeting of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in January in San Antonio. Unfortunately the snow forced a shift in the meeting to the afternoon and he couldn't stay. I presented the talk. Thanks for your effort and the preparation of the presentation, Bobby!

Also included in this newsletter is a form for the Fisheries Workers Directory. If you wish to revise anything or know of someone who should be included please fill it out and send it to Don Whitmore.

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1982

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 ()
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