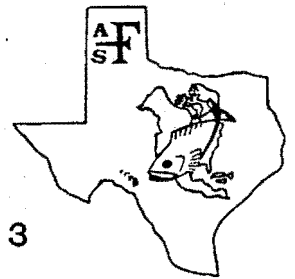


NEWSLETTER

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AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY



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ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING REPORT

Friday, September 16, 1983, University of Oklahoma Biological Field Station

President Don Steinbach called the meeting to order. The Secretary-Treasurer determined that a quorum (over 24 voting members) was present. The minutes of the 1982 business meeting were read by the Secretary-Treasurer. Bill Rutledge made the motion to approve, seconded by Ed Schwille. The vote was to approve. The Treasury report was read. Nick Carter audited the books and found them in order. Bobby Whiteside moved to approve; Allen Forshage seconded. The treasury report was approved.

Don Steinbach addressed the membership, stating that the committees were the backbone of the organization. He felt proud of the chapter's accomplishments and its influence as a molding agent for public and private opinion and policy.

Committee Reports

1. Exhibit and Advertising - Allen Forshage

Don Steinbach commended Allen for his fine work on the committee. Allen thanked Bryan Brauner for his help on the committee.

Allen said he had met his goal of \$1,000. for the year (\$300. from contributions, \$700. from display fees). Since the committee was formed it has brought in \$1900. He feels that the displays add to the meeting. This year Allen also got donated beer and cokes from Coors, Budweiser & Coca-Cola distributors.

2. Publicity - Clell Guest

Clell recognized his committee members, Jimmy Dean and Ray Drenner, who did an outstanding job. Activities this year included publicizing the awards, election of the various officers and the annual meeting. Two hundred flyers advertising the meeting were distributed. The committee also developed a rough draft of a new membership brochure to aid in attracting new members, and publicize the Texas chapter's activities.

Don Steinbach expressed his appreciation that the committee had taken hold of the brochure idea and forged ahead with it.

3. Newsletter - Joe Tomasso

Joe thanked Randy Palachek for his help. Joe changed the number of newsletters to 3 a year from 4 a year, timed for soon after the annual meeting (Fall), Spring, and a month or two before the annual meeting (Summer). Joe also wants to start a new section in the newsletter for news on promotions, family additions and other big events in members' lives.

Don Steinbach thanked Maury Ferguson for her previous work on the newsletter.

4. Membership - Bobby Whiteside

Bobby thanked his committee member, Harry Bishop, for his help. Their committee sent over 200 letters encouraging new membership or renewal to past members of the Texas chapter, current members of the parent society and non-members listed in the Fisheries Worker's Directory.

Don Steinbach commented that it is important to keep the numbers up as it reflects the strength of the organization.

5. Editorial - Dick Luebke

Don Steinbach stated that the committee's structure had been changed to streamline its efforts and thanked Dick for his work. Dick acknowledged the help of his committee members, Larry McEachron and Gene Gilliland, in getting out Proceedings V. He also thanked others who reviewed manuscripts and Jim Davis who handled the printing at Texas A & M. Dick noted that the Fisheries Worker's Directory had been incorporated into the Proceedings and considerable effort had been made to streamline the editorial work.

6. Program Committee - Don commended Gary Matlock, and Dick Luebke for their work. He stated that the committee may want to expand its responsibilities to include such things as site selection.

7. Awards - Tom Linton

Tom thanked Bill Rutledge and Holt Williamson for their help. Tom read a resolution drafted by the committee that outlines areas of specialization to be considered for recognition, changes the number of actual awards to one/year, establishes an award for the outstanding presentation at the annual meeting and establishes procedures for nomination and selection. Tom moved that the membership adopt the resolution. Clark Hubbs called the question. The motion and resolution passed. Tom then presented an award for the outstanding fishery worker of the year in the area of fisheries management to Robert Kemp of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Mr. Kemp accepted the award and thanked the Texas chapter, saying the highest recognition is that of your peers.

8. Farm Pond Stocking - Brian Murphy

Don recognized the past chairmen of the committee, Charlie Inman and Bill Rutledge. He suggested that the committee's function has expanded and we may want to change the name of the committee. Brian thanked his committee members who helped add Corrective Stocking to the manual and developed a draft for a new publication for pond evaluation. The committee members were Charles Inman, Richard Noble, Gary Valentine, Billy Higginbotham, Bob Lusk, and Mike Zeman.

9. Nominating - Billy Higginbotham

Billy recognized his committee members, Frank Sprague, Ray Drenner, and Chuck Mulford.

Maury Ferguson and Allen Forshage were nominees for President-Elect. Maury Ferguson was elected.

Dick Luebke, Roger McCabe, and Mike Zeman were nominees for Secretary/Treasurer but Dick Luebke and Roger withdrew. Clark Hubbs made the motion to accept Mike Zeman by acclamation. Ed Schwille seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Don Steinbach acknowledged the presence of three previous chapter presidents: Bill Rutledge, Charlie Inman, and Bobby Whiteside.

Old Business

Maury Ferguson brought up previously discussed plans to send old extra copies of the Proceedings to fisheries libraries in Texas and out-of-state. Bill Rutledge made that motion; Joe Tomasso seconded. Bill Rutledge moved that current copies should be kept for two years, but withdrew his motion after learning that no more than 10 copies of any one Proceeding had been sold. The original motion was voted upon and passed.

New Business

Dick Luebke stated that the editorial procedure has been to include only papers presented at the annual meeting in the proceedings. Dick would like to see publication of additional papers; for example, those that are submitted for the annual meeting but not accepted because of time constraints. He said the submission level was up. Clark Hubbs asked if the rule is by precedent or written procedure. The rule has been by precedent. Gary Matlock noted we would have to change the title from Proceedings to ? Clell Guest suggested adding presentation of abstracts at the annual meeting. Clark Hubbs suggested presentation of titles. Allen Forshage asked if this would allow inferior papers to be published. Dick replied that was not necessarily so since presently only abstracts are submitted before the meeting. Acceptance was influenced by subject matter. Simultaneous sessions were suggested. Alternate papers could be presented as titles and abstracts, then published. Dick moved that resolution of this procedure be put to the editorial committee. The motion was seconded and approved.

Ed Schwille reported that the Farm Pond Stocking Recommendations had been distributed to widely diverse groups; 20-25,000 by the Agricultural Extension Service and 10,000 by the Soil Conservation Service. Ed Schwille brought up the distribution of the publication at field days for pond owners. He suggested that the chapter cosponsor or support such field days. Gary Matlock moved that the chapter send a letter to the agencies involved in the field days encouraging and supporting the distribution of our publication at field days. Tom Linton seconded. Brian Murphy wanted the chapter to add its name to the list of sponsorship. Gary Matlock replied that the letter would formalize actions that are already occurring.

The attendance at the meeting was announced as 65 people from 17 organizations. Clell Guest recognized Bruce Hysmith for his local publicity efforts.

Don Steinbach recognized Gary Matlock as the new President. Gary presented the Past-President's Plaque to Don.

Gary Matlock addressed the membership directly. His goals for the coming year are to increase membership from the coastal areas and development of the membership brochure aimed not just at fisheries managers and scientists but also to fishermen and fish farmers who could benefit from the expertise represented by the chapter's membership.

The meeting was adjourned.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The Texas Fish Farming Conference and Annual Convention of the Fish Farmers of Texas will take place January 25-27, 1984, at Rudder Tower, Texas A & M University. For further information contact Dr. S. K. Johnson; Department of Wildlife and Fisheries; Texas A & M University; College Station Texas, 77843; phone, (409) 845-7471.

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT 1982-83

Presented by Maury Ferguson

The initial balance was \$1,463.26. Income totaled \$1,764.39 and expenditures were \$1,594.82 leaving a balance of \$1,632.83.

INCOME

Balance from 1981-82	\$1,463.26
Dues	702.00
Contributions	950.00
Sale of Proceedings	0
Interest	62.39
Finders fee from parent society	50.00
	<u>\$3,227.65</u>

EXPENDITURES

Printing of Proceedings V	\$ 452.17
1982 - Barbecue dinner and meeting expenses	690.69
Postage	204.38
Print newsletters	130.28*
Stationery and envelopes	96.80
Past President's certificate	20.50
	<u>\$(1594.82)</u>

BALANCE

\$1,632.83

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Our income keeps growing--primarily due to contributions and display fees. The majority of the members have not yet paid their 1983-84 dues, which will increase the balance by about \$500. We still owe \$300 to help pay travel expenses for Tom McIlwain to attend the panel discussion. In general, our financial position is good.

PANEL DISCUSSION TOPICS

Please send any ideas for panel discussion topics for next year's meeting to Maury Ferguson; Texas Parks and Wildlife; 4200 Smith School Road; Austin, Texas, 78744.

This year's panel discussion was taped and is being transcribed for inclusion in Proceedings VI.

AWARDS RESOLUTION

Passed at annual meeting. Establish a four member awards committee for the Texas Chapter of the American Fisheries Society.

The following areas of specialization will be represented

- 1) Culture
- 2) Management
- 3) Education
- 4) Research

Purpose

- a-Select the outstanding fisheries worker in Texas
- b-Special recognition in fisheries work
- c-Select outstanding paper presented at the annual meeting

Procedure

- 1) Each member may seek nominations
- 2) Each member may make nominations
- 3) Committee will meet prior to annual meeting to present nominees
- 4) Each member will bring at least one nomination to the meeting
- 5) The committee may select one nominee to receive the award
- 6) At the annual meeting the top four nominees will be announced
- 7) The award of the outstanding Fisheries Worker in Texas will be made
- 8) In addition, a Special Category will be available; the recipient may be member or non-member
- 9) In recognition of special accomplishments in fisheries work resolutions will be proposed outlining the accomplishments of the individuals and this will be presented to the recipient

Outstanding Presentation

- 1) The committee will hear presentations of papers at the annual meeting
- 2) They will meet and vote on the one outstanding presentation
- 3) A suitable award will be made to the presenter for the outstanding presentation.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Anyone who has not paid their 1983-1984 dues may do so by sending \$5.00 (regular membership) or \$4.00 (student membership) to: Michael E. Zeman; 1259 Oregon; Beaumont, Texas, 77705. Please include name, address, phone, affiliation and fishery interests.

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS FOR THIS YEAR

<u>COMMITTEES</u>	<u>CHAIRMEN/PHONE</u>	<u>GOAL</u>
Exhibit and Advertising	Ed Hegen (512) 729-2328	Recruit exhibitors and contributions for the 1984 meeting.
Publicity	Valerie Morrill (817) 685-3114	Publicize activities of the Chapter to fishermen, aquaculturists, fishing groups, universities, and government agencies. Complete development and publication of membership brochure.
Newsletter	Joe Tomasso (512) 245-2284	Write, publish, and distribute newsletter to Chapter members 3 times/year.
Membership	Glen Cordova (713) 474-2811	Identify and recruit potential new members to the Chapter and Parent Society. Assist publicity committee in completion of membership brochure.
Editorial	Dick Luebke (512) 866-3356	Edit, compile, and publish Proceedings of 1983 Meeting. Assist in selection of manuscripts for presentation at the 1984 meeting.
Program	Maury Ferguson (512) 479-4863	Plan 1984 meeting including identification of potential sites, program, and meeting dates.
Awards	Phil Betolli (409) 845-5777	Institute the resolution adopted at the 1983 meeting.
Farm Pond Stocking	Ed Schuille (214) 563-6431	Complete new publication on pond evaluation.
Nominating	Dennis Palafax (512) 479-4800 Ext. 2304	Nominate members for President-Elect and Secretary/Treasurer.

NEXT NEWSLETTER

The next newsletter will be prepared in March. Anyone wishing to include news or announcements in the March newsletter, please send to Joe Tomasso by March 1, 1984, Aquatic Station; Southwest Texas State University; San Marcos, Texas, 78666.

1983-1984 MEMBERS

John Ballard
Homer Boyd
Norman Boyd
Wayne Boyd
David Brymer
Colleen Caldwell
Gary Carmichael
Nick Carter
Ron Chandler
Bob Colura
Glenn Cordova
Philip Durocher
Robert Edwards
Bobby Farquhar
Maury Ferguson
Jim Flynn
Allen Forshage
Bob Garretson
James Geiger
Randal D. Glass
Mike Gonzales
Hugh Goodrich
Albert Green
Lee Green
Clell Guest
Mike Gutzmer
Paul Hammerschmidt
Bill Harrington
John Harvat
Ed Hegen
Thomas Hellier
Billy Higginbotham
Clark Hubbs
Bruce Hysmith
C. R. Inman
Jake Isaac
Malcolm Johnson
Kathryn Kulzer
David Lee
Tom Linton
David Loper
Dick Luebke
Mark Luedke
Tony Maciorowski
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Don Steinbach
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