



NEWSLETTER

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EXCOM MEETING

The executive committee meeting was held in Austin on December 05, 1991. Attendees were Roy Kleinsasser, Bobby Whiteside, Bill Provine, Allen Forshage, Bobby Farquhar, Barbara Gregg, Charles Leigon, Joan Glass, Gene McCarty and Pat Hutson. A quorum was present.

Old Business

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: 105 members paid at the Chapter Meeting. Letters were sent out to unpaid 1991 members reminding them to renew. An additional 27 memberships have been received. Discussion of printing a new membership brochure was held and Alan Forshage will work with Ronnie Pitman to print 1,000 brochures. A motion was made and seconded to allow expenditures not to exceed \$200.00. Also discussions on setting up a booth at functions around the state to increase involvement by university students and the visibility of the chapter.

Nominating: Nominations will be needed for President Elect this year!

Publicity: Several news releases were prepared and sent out regarding the scholarship recipients. The new Fisheries workers directory will be sent out for comments to ensure all individuals are listed. Also the Texas Chapter will set up an information booth at more functions this year to publicize chapter activities. Past president Gene McCarty will be scheduling these activities. Dr. Whiteside will check on the chapter using SWT building display racks for the chapter booth. Gene will also check into the purchase price of display racks.

Pond Management: More Pond Management brochures will need to be printed. Bill will check on the possibility of Inland Fisheries printing approximately 3,000 copies. The Chapter will set a price on the brochures and either charge accordingly or the Chapter will make a donation to the department to help offset the printing costs. Discussion were also held on setting up a symposium at different locations within the state to discuss pond management with the public.

Exhibits: The Chapter meeting had 5 exhibitors and 10 donations were received. 120 letters were sent out soliciting donations and exhibitors. \$425 was donated to the chapter and approximately \$799 worth of contributions were received. The raffle generated about \$1,000 for the chapter. Thank you letters have been sent out to these individuals. Charles will also check into the possibility of having corporate memberships.

Issues: Roy Kleinsasser discussed the issue of the new monetary guidelines for fish kill reimbursement. The chapter will prepare a policy statement on the

problems with the new guidelines.

Endowment: A five member committee will be appointed to review scholarship nominations. Requests for nominations were sent out in February.

Newsletter: The first newsletter was mailed in December. The next newsletter will follow in March and continue quarterly.

Urban Fishing: Production of a brochure on setting up an urban fishery program is pending. Committee members appointed are Dave Terre, Mark Webb, Richard Ott, Mike Reed and John Dennis. Discussion of increasing the number of committee members for a broader base were held. The goal is to have a draft of the brochure at the next annual meeting.

Treasurer Report: \$5,918 was in the checking account, \$4,223 in the money market account and the annual donation from the National AFS has yet to be received. A motion was made and seconded to move \$2,500 from the checking account to the money market account.

Program: Discussion was held for having the next years meeting in a central location (possibly Kerrville area). The possible dates are September 24 and 25 or October 1 and 2. A special symposium will be on Bio-diversity. Gene and Barbara will work on the specific location of the annual meeting.

Awards, Editorial, and Grass Carp had no report.

New Business

The Chapter Goal is to be actively involved in Southeastern meeting. Suggestions are to sponsor a beach-seining/student-mixer (which will be scheduled to not conflict with any Southeastern activities), to set up an information booth and to sell t-shirts and memberships. Barbara and Nick Parker will work on arrangements. The President will contact the arrangement chair person for Southeastern to get the chapter involvement started.

The supply of adult size T-shirts is low and a motion was made and seconded to order 150 more to insure a good supply for the upcoming meetings.

The meeting was then adjourned at 10:30 A.M.

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PROCEEDINGS

The Texas Chapter proceedings have been received from the printer and disbursed. If you were supposed to get one and have not received a copy, contact Dick Luebke at 512/866-3356 or write:

Dick Luebke
Heart of the Hills Research Station
Junction Star Route, Box 62
Ingram, TX 78025

SKINNER MEMORIAL AWARD

The John E. Skinner Memorial Fund was established in memory of John Skinner, former Chapter and Western Division American Fisheries Society president. The Fund provides monetary travel awards for deserving graduate students or exceptional undergraduate students to attend the annual American Fisheries Society meeting. The 1992 meeting will be held in Rapid City, South Dakota, 13-17 September.

Awardees are chosen by a committee of the AFS Education Section. Selection is based on academic qualifications, professional services and promise, and reasons for wishing to attend the annual meeting. We are making a special effort to distribute announcements for this award widely, to attract eligible women and minorities to apply.

Travel support not to exceed \$650 per award will be made available to successful applicants. We anticipate selecting at least six recipients from among the pool of applicants.

Please request the revised 1992 application form for the award from

Christine M. Moffitt, chair Skinner Awards
Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources
University of Idaho
Moscow, ID 83843

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SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE AGENCIES

May 1, 1992 is the deadline for submission of abstracts for technical papers for the Southeastern Meeting in Corpus Christi. Since we are hosting this meeting, it would be nice to have good representation.

In addition to the normal technical session, there will be an invited session on timely topics including, but not limited to: 1) Use of chemicals and hormones in fish culture and problems (attacks by animal rights groups and animal welfare groups); 2) Coastal resource management; and 3) Shad management.

The Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies will again sponsor a student dinner and mixer at the Corpus Christi meeting. The mixer will give students the opportunity to meet professionals from universities and natural resource agencies. There will be tables set up where agencies can advertise job openings and accept resumes. Students should be aware that there may be special funds available to offset travel costs to the meeting. Contact Nick Parker, Fish & Wildlife Coop Unit, Dept. of Wildlife Science, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Tx 79409-2125 for more information on travel funds. Everyone needs to make plans to attend.

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Newsletter Materials: Please send material for the newsletter to: Joan Glass, 1601 E. Crest Drive, Waco, Texas 76705. I would like to continue the quarterly format with the next issue in June.

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