



NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

First, I want to thank everyone involved in the October meeting at Junction. The meeting went very well, and its success was due to the hard work of many people.

I discussed several goals for the Chapter at Junction. Through the Pond Management Committee, we plan to complete a revision of the Chapter's first special publication, "Stocking and Management Recommendations for Texas Farm Ponds". Through the Urban Fisheries Committee, we plan to sponsor fishing derbies and/or clinics in metropolitan areas. My final objective is to encourage broad-based participation in Chapter activities, and in the AFS above the Chapter level. We are all professional aquatic biologists of one type or another, and I encourage you to join the American Fisheries Society if you are not already a member. "What does AFS do for me?" is the question that is often heard. The AFS is the organization that represents us on a nationwide and worldwide basis, and needs our support. AFS was the driving force behind the recent expansion of the excise tax program (Wallop-Breaux), and that expansion promises to have more impact on our profession than anything else in several decades. AFS has special interest sections (Fisheries Management, Culture, Education, Administration, Computer Users, Water Quality, Exotic Fish, Marine Fisheries, Fish Health, Early Life History) that are involved in activities of direct interest to all fisheries professionals. However, things only happen if interested members become involved and make something happen. No Society has life or momentum without members. Get involved at any and all levels! Be part of the group that makes things happen in fisheries science! Any AFS member can give you a membership application, which appears monthly in FISHERIES magazine. Feel free to contact me if you can't locate one.

At the Junction meeting I encouraged members to take an active role in the Chapter through committee activities. Committees are the heart of our organization, and only through committee work will the Chapter move forward. Over 2 dozen people volunteered for committees at the annual meeting, and I thank all of them for their willingness to participate. Committee chairperson assignments are listed in this newsletter. If you volunteered for a committee, you should hear from your respective chairman in the near future. If you didn't contact me at Junction and wish to become involved, contact me or the chairman (see numbers below) of the committee that interests you.

Brian R. Murphy

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1984-85 TEXAS CHAPTER AFS ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

The initial balance on 14 September 1984 was \$1,082.29. Income totaled \$3,958.92 and expenditures were \$2,737.24. The 4 October 1985 balance for the year was \$1,221.65. Following is a breakdown of income and expenditures.

INCOME

Balance from 1983-84	\$1,082.29
Dues	910.00
1984 Annual meeting fees	1,014.95
Contributions	815.00
Interest	136.68
Total	<u>\$3,958.92</u>

EXPENDITURES

Printing of Proceedings VII	\$ 710.26
1984 meeting expenses	746.64
Postage	397.62
Oklahoma Chapter joint meeting display fees	147.00
Newsletter printing cost (3)	161.04
Office Supplies	21.63
Lake Assessment Manual Art Fee	300.00
Donation to Skinner Memorial Fund	50.00
Matlock and Ferguson Past-President certificates	39.00
Letterhead printing cost (500)	58.05
Foreign scientist membership fees	106.00
Total	<u>\$2,737.24</u>

ENDING BALANCE

\$1,221.68

The Chapter has yet to receive a bill for lodging and meals from the 1984 annual meeting at Port Aransas. Printing costs for the Proceedings rose 75%. Although increased membership has brought in more revenues, postage fees and newsletter printing costs have risen considerably. This year's closing balance of \$1221.68 is higher than last year's but the Port Aransas bill will likely be several hundred dollars. It appears our financial position is worsening primarily through higher costs being absorbed.

SUMMARY OF WINTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Executive Committee met on 29 December 1985, at Texas A & M University. Summary reports follow:

- Treasury Report -- Chapter funds are deposited in a money market account at the First National Bank, Copperas Cove, Texas. The account requires a maintained balance of \$1000, and checks are limited to three per month. Earned interest for November and December was \$31.21. The current account balance is \$2368.00.
- Newsletter Report -- Newsletters will be prepared and distributed in March, July-August, and November 1986. 1985 members will be maintained on the mailing list to allow renewal of lapsed memberships.
- Membership Report (David Lee) -- A computer program for membership files is being completed and will allow preparation of mailing labels, membership directories, etc.
- Advertising and Exhibits -- A committee has been formed to continue the successful fund raising projects. It was suggested large scale fund drives require specific objectives (eg., scholarships), and the Awards committee will be directed to explore the issue.

- Farm Pond -- The final draft version of the revised "Special Publication #1 Stocking and Management Recommendations for Texas Farm Ponds" was approved for publication. A draft of the edition was presented to the Fish Farmers of Texas Governing Board for review with a request for endorsement. The latter body endorsed the publication.
- Program -- Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos has been approved as the site of the 1986 meeting. Red drum biology and management has been selected as the panel discussion topic.
- Urban Fisheries -- The committee is coordinating plans with a similar program in the Texas A & M Agricultural Extension Service. No date has yet been set, but an urban fishing day for kids will be scheduled in spring.
- Awards -- No report
- Nominating -- No report
- Editorial -- A concern has developed that Chapter Proceedings have been rejected as literature citation for papers submitted to Transactions. The chapter needs to decide the future direction best suited for the Proceedings.
- New Business -- A request for chapter members to collaborate on a standardization of aquatic habitat evaluation terminology and methodology was received from AFS Southern Division. The president will recommend that Clark Hobbs and Tony Maciorowski serve on this committee, pending their approval.

THE ANNUAL MEETING FOR 1986

The Annual meeting will be held in October, at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos (final date to be announced). It is not too early to begin preparing for the meeting now.

- First Call of Officer Nominations -- Nominations for the 1987 President-elect and Secretary/Treasurer should be forwarded to Jaime Geiger, TPWD, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, TX. 78744 (512)479-4800
- First Call for Awards -- The 1985 recipients included Dr. Connie Ray Arnold and Dr. Donald Wohlschlag, respectively, for the research and education awards. Nominations for awards should be forwarded to Bobby Whiteside, Aquatic Station, Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos, TX. 78666 (512)245-2284
- First Call for Papers -- Papers for presentation at the 1986 San Marcos meeting should be forwarded to Joe Tomasso, Aquatic Station, Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos, TX. 78666 (512)245-2284

GRASS CARP POSITION STATEMENT?

Some interest was expressed at the Junction meeting in formulating a position statement or resolution relative to grass carp within the state. Anybody wishing to become involved in this obviously controversial, but potentially important topic should contact Brian Murphy (409)845-5777.

DEADLINES FOR THE JULY-AUGUST NEWSLETTER

Anyone wishing to place an announcement in the next newsletter should send it to any of the Newsletter Committee members: Tony Maciorowski or Anne Arzapolo, Star Route Box 385, Palacios, TX 77465; Bruce Hysmith, Route 4, Denison, TX 75020; Carl O'Kelley, Dundee Fish Hatchery, Route 1, Electra, TX 76360. Announcements should be received by 15 JULY 1986.

DUES, BACK DUES, POSSIBLE SUSPENSION

Dues for this year will remain at \$5.00 per year (regular) and \$4.00 per yr. (student). Dues next year (86-87) will be raised to \$8.00 for regular members and \$5.00 for students. This newsletter is being mailed to paid 1986 members, as well as 1985 members who have not paid 1986 dues. If your name appears in the list below, you are not currently a paid member and do not appear on the 1986 roster. Therefore, use the attached renewal form (last page) to pay your 1986 dues. If you have not paid dues by July 1, this will be the last notice from the chapter. If you feel an error has been made, contact Valerie Morrill, at (817)287-3114 weekdays, and (817)547-6701 evenings and weekends, or write to the address on the renewal form.

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The chapter needs help with current addresses for shipment of the 1985 proceedings to the following individuals:

Dawn Allen
Ruben Cantu
Mark Westerman

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