

NEWSLETTER

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER - AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY

January, 1981

Minutes of the Fall Business meeting follow. There was good attendance despite the late hour and crowded room. Several people have not renewed membership for this year. Please look at your address on this Newsletter, and if there is an asterisk by your name it means you have not paid your 1981 dues. Unless we receive dues (\$2.00) you will not receive additional Newsletters and your name will be dropped from the membership rolls. Dues should be sent to Conrad Kleinholz, 433 Life Science West, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK 74078.

Minutes
Business Meeting - University of Oklahoma
November 14, 1980

Mr. Steve Lewis, 1980 President of the Oklahoma Chapter, AFS, opened the meeting by presenting the Secretary-Treasurer's report (in Ron Suttles' absence) and Membership Committee report. Members were reminded of Chapter dues and were notified to renew their memberships for 1981 with the Secretary-Treasurer.

Mr. David Martinez presented a report for the Water Quality Committee outlining background, progress, and objectives of the committee. One group of the committee had submitted a draft paper on monitoring of toxic substances and other committee groups had papers in various stages of preparation. The committee plans to prepare a combined position paper for consideration by the membership at the Fall, 1981 Business Meeting. If approved, the paper will then be submitted to the Oklahoma Water Resources Board for consideration in the 1982 revision of the Oklahoma Water Quality Standards. Interested members were encouraged to participate on the committee and additional comments were provided by Mr. Steve Lewis and Mr. Bill Cox.

Mr. David Combs presented a report from the Topics Committee, stating the two topics selected for a spring meeting: effects of sedimentation from forestry practices on aquatic resources in Oklahoma, and current fisheries management practices in the state. Steve Lewis initiated a discussion to identify favorable times and locations for the spring meeting, based on the two topics. A majority of the membership indicated a desire for a weekend field meeting on the forestry topic. Mr. Kim Erickson made a motion that the Chapter select topic 1 (effects of sedimentation from forestry practices) and that the President appoint a committee to make the necessary arrangements. The motion was seconded and passed.

It was agreed after a brief discussion that Chapter dues would remain at \$2.00 and duration of membership would run from one fall business meeting to the next.

Dr. Harold Namminga distributed copies of "Rules of Procedure for Submitting, Considering, and Implementing Resolutions" to the Chapter membership. Copies of the Chapter Bylaws were also distributed.

Dr. Namminga presented a report updating the D-J Expansion program and explaining the purposes and benefits of the Act. Reasons why the Chapter was supporting an expansion of the program were presented. Mr. Lewis had also written to the State Legislature on behalf of the Chapter, requesting support of the D-J Expansion bill.

Mr. Lewis stated that earlier in the year, representatives of the Oklahoma Chapter if the AFS met with members of the Wildlife Society, Oklahoma Chapter, to discuss mutual concerns with the Oklahoma Water Transfer Plan. As a result of that meeting, the societies prepared a joint letter and resolution, sent to Robert S. Kerr III, State House of Representatives. Copies of the letter and resolution had been distributed to the membership in the October 1980 Chapter newsletter. Mr. Lewis read the letter and resolution, and Mr. Kim Erickson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Gene Gilliland. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lewis then explained Chapter offices to be filled and initiated procedures for nominations and elections. Persons elected to hold office until November, 1981, were: Mr. Charles Scott, President-Elect, and Mr. Conrad Kleinholz, Secretary-Treasurer. Dr. Harold Namminga, President-Elect for 1980, assumed position as Chapter President. The membership expressed their appreciation for the work performed by Steve Lewis over the past year and to Dr. Gene Maughan for his interest in re-establishing the Oklahoma Chapter.

Dr. Namminga suggested the reorganization of the Chapter committees be performed later from interests indicated on the meeting attendance list. As a part of new business, Mr. Kim Erickson encouraged national membership on behalf of the National Membership Committee. He discussed the national AFS publications and other benefits and announced formation of a new section oriented to applied fishery management. Dr. Namminga entertained a motion to adjourn which was spontaneously endorsed.

Subsequent to the meeting, Dr. Namminga appointed the following committee members:

Executive Committee

Harold Namminga President
Charles Scott President-Elect
Conrad Kleinholz Secretary-Treasurer
Steve Lewis Immediate Past President

Membership Committee

Gene Gilliland, Chairman
Mark Ambler
Kim Erickson
Dave Peck

Spring Meeting Committee

David Martinez, Chairman
O. Eugene Maughan
Ken Morris
Harold Namminga
Ron Suttles

Topics Committee

David Combs, Chairman
Fred Heitman
James Layzer
Charles Wallace

Water Quality Committee

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Bill Cox

Bill Matthews

Ken Morris

Patricia Lanford

Susan Torrans

Anyone wishing to participate in or provide information to the committees should contact the chairmen.

The next Newsletter will include brief information items from the several agencies and universities represented within the Chapter. Hopefully, a highlight of fisheries work each federal, state, and municipal agency, university, unit, or station is doing can be presented so all members can be better informed about fisheries work in the state. Please prepare a brief statement of your organization's involvement with fisheries (titles, topics) and send to Conrad Kleinholz by February 15, so that it can be included in the next Newsletter.

Plans are being made for the Spring, 1981, meeting to be held in Southeast Oklahoma concerning sedimentation, fisheries, and forestry practices. Plan to attend. The details will be in the next Newsletter. If you have ideas for topics for the next spring meeting, be sure to let the Topics Committee know.

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