

MISSOURI CHAPTER, AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY

SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING, FEBRUARY 8, 1968

- Place: Student Union Auditorium, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri.
- President: Mr. Charles Purkett called the meeting to order and ascertained that a quorum was present. He called for a reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.
- Secretary-Treasurer: Willis Hanson read the minutes of the previous meeting and moved acceptance. The motion was seconded and the minutes were approved.
- President Purkett: Then called for a Treasurer's report.
- Secretary-Treasurer: Stated that there was over \$750.00 in the treasury, but that more had been collected this afternoon and a total, correct tally was not available. Joe Dillard was called upon for any further information.
- Joe Dillard: Said that apparently enough had come in to cover banquet expenses and that nearly all reservations had been taken.
- President Purkett: Called for any discussion.
- John Funk: Asked that the expenses we would incur be clarified.
- President Purkett: Stated that there was a \$35.00 charge for the Social Hour room at Holiday Inn West and \$3.00 each for the banquet.
- Joe Dillard: Said that there would be a \$615.00 minimum charge for the banquet, but that actually it would be some higher because of the unexpectedly favorable response for reservations.
- President Purkett: Called for any old business. There was none. Then he called for new business.
- John Funk: Related that the Conservation Federation of Missouri at their annual meeting nominated candidates for the Sears Award for various areas of conservation excellence including "Conservation Educator of the Year".
- The Missouri Chapter of the American Fisheries Society wishes to nominate for Conservation Educator of the Year a man who has taught fisheries and limnology at the University of Missouri since 1943. During this time 6 of his graduate students have received Doctors'

degrees and 19 Masters' degrees. Eight of these students have served as college or university teachers, 2 are serving as directors of research laboratories, 7 have served as state fishery biologists or administrators, and 5 as federal fishery biologists or administrators. We feel that this contribution to the professional aspect of conservation is outstanding, but we wish to nominate him for this award for another phase of his educational activities. He reaches the greatest number of students of various sorts through teaching a course in "Principles of Wildlife Conservation" each fall. This course is known campus-wide as a fine liberal arts offering, and it serves to acquaint students of many interests with contemporary conservation problems. When he started teaching the course in the fall of 1953 the enrollment was about 25, chiefly wildlife majors. Enrollment in the course has grown steadily, and in the fall semester of 1967, 280 students took it. The breadth of interest of the students is reflected by a study made of the 220 who took the course in 1965. About 20 were wildlife conservation majors, and the remaining 200 were majors in thirty departments, ranging from forestry, pre-medicine and pre-veterinary to education and political science, to such diverse fields as mathematics, economics, art and Latin. We feel that this achievement of bringing the "word" to this many potential leaders in these diverse fields is an outstanding achievement, and for it we wish to nominate Dr. Robert S. Campbell as Conservation Educator of the Year.

George Fleener:

Seconded the motion. There was unanimous approval by the Chapter.

President Purkett:

Asked John Funk to prepare formal write-up and he would see that it came to the attention of the Conservation Federation.

President Purkett:

Called on George Fleener to report on the Fisheries Career Booth at the FFA's annual convention in Kansas City, Missouri.

George Fleener:

Stated that the booth was again unusually popular and successful. It was set up close to the Wildlife Society's booth. He suggested that in 1968 the two Societies' efforts be combined into a single booth with identity of each being maintained. This would eliminate duplication of materials and cut down on the number of people involved to man the booths. He said that a very select group of young people attend the FFA Convention and our effort there was well worth it. Moved accordingly.

- President Purkett: Called on President of Wildlife Society Chapter for comment.
- Paul Johnson: Mr. Johnson indicated his favor in operating a joint booth as outlined by George Fleener and seconded Fleener's motion.
- President Purkett: Called for the question. It was carried. He then explained further what the FFA meeting was and what it entailed. Called for other new business.
- Richard Stroud: Arose to convey Executive-Secretary of the American Fisheries Society Robert Hutton's regards. Mr. Hutton was unable to attend every year because of a profusion of commitments, but would try to attend another year.
- President Purkett: Expressed thanks for having Mr. Stroud in attendance.
- Mr. Don Leedy: (President, North Central Division, A.F.S.) said he was proud of the Missouri Chapter and their excellent meeting. He also expressed his pleasure in our working with the FFA youth through our fisheries booth at their convention.
- President Purkett: Called for the Nominating Committee's Report. Committee members were: Chairman Jim Fry, Reed Twichell and Willis Hanson.
- Jim Fry: Nominated were:
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| President:      | Dr. Robert S. Campbell |
| Vice-President: | George G. Fleener      |
| Sec.-Treasurer: | Joe G. Dillard         |
- President Purkett: Called for nominations from the floor, if any.
- John Funk: Moved nominations close and that the slate of officers nominated be accepted.
- Otto Fajen: Seconded the motion.
- President Purkett: Called for vote. Nominated officers accepted. The new officers were then escorted to the front by Dr. Anderson and Jim Kahrs.
- President Campbell: Promised to try to make the Seventh Annual Meeting as good as the Sixth. He expressed his thanks for the honor accorded him by the Chapter. He then called for adjournment.