

MISSOURI CHAPTER, AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY

TENTH ANNUAL MEETING, JANUARY 28, 1972

(Minutes of Business Meeting)

- Place: Student Union Auditorium, University of Missouri
Columbia, Missouri
- President: Arthur Witt called the meeting to order and ascertained that a quorum was present. He thanked all program participants. He then called for a reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.
- Secretary-Treasurer: Arvil Ming read the minutes and moved acceptance. President Witt seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.
- President Witt: Called for the Treasurer's report.
- Secretary-Treasurer: The balance in our account after all expenses during 1971 was \$354.35 as of January 1, 1972. Income during 1972 including banquet and conference fees was \$797.55. Expenses for 1972 were \$841.93 leaving a balance as of February 1, 1972 of \$309.97. The Treasurer moved acceptance of this report.
- Mr. Joe Dillard: Asked if the final balance included the deduction of all expenses for 1972. Ming affirmed that it did.
- Mr. Paul Osborn: Then seconded the motion that the Treasurer's report be approved. The motion carried.
- President Witt: Called for any old business. President Witt told the membership about the formation of an Environmental Impact Committee to answer environmental impact inquiries from the U.S. Corps of Engineers. This committee during 1971 had issued comments on Truman Reservoir, Long Branch Reservoir, and County Line Reservoir. President Witt felt that this committee should be continued.
- Mr. Chuck Hicks: Asked what authority this committee had to represent the total membership of the Chapter. He felt that comments of this committee should at least be attributed to the committee.
- President Witt: Answered that the committee was formed by the executive committee of the Chapter and any comments from the committee were issued under the president's signature.
- Mr. John Funk: Moved that the president empower the executive committee to set up an environmental impact committee

that will respond to environmental impact drafts for the Chapter.

- Mr. Jim Wencker: Would it be possible to summarize such a statement to mail out to the membership so that they can learn what's going on.
- Mr. Funk: Stated that we have no money for such a mailing.
- Mr. Wencker: Felt that possibly our fees could be doubled to allow for this.
- Dr. Dillard: Mentioned that the State Chapter of The Wildlife Society manages to get out 2 newsletters a year to their membership and they have about the same amount of funds as we do.
- Mr. Fry: Seconded Mr. Funk's original motion and it was passed.
- President Witt: Called for any more old business. There was none. He then asked for any new business. He mentioned that resolutions last year were presented from the floor. This was not good because it was difficult to rewrite or discuss them in this manner. There should have been more time given for the membership to study them. This year a resolutions committee chaired by Joe Dillard, with Otto Fajen and Richard Anderson as members was appointed. The president then called for a report of the resolutions committee.
- Mr. Dillard: Stated that only one resolution had been submitted this year. He read the resolution which resolved that our Chapter endorse the Citizens Committee for Conservation and their effort to fund an expanded Department of Conservation program.
- President Witt: Moved for acceptance of the resolution as read. Mr. Funk seconded the motion and it was approved.
- Mr. Spencer Turner: Asked that a copy of any future resolutions be displayed prior to or on the first day of our conference.
- Mr. Dillard: Stated that this resolution had been on display at the present meeting. He also remarked that more care should be taken to inform persons present that only members of the parent society could vote on new resolutions, or motions.
- President Witt: Then called for a report of the finance committee. The committee was chaired by Mr. Funk with Mr. Flegner and Mr. Ming as members.

- Mr. Funk: Reported that average expenses each year came to about \$100 and average income from registration fees each year was about \$100. This gives no leeway for paying guest speakers, etc. Also, we may want to present an award in future years. He suggested that we might charge dues to the membership and that the National Chapter could collect the dues for us. He asked for comments from the membership.
- Mr. Wencker: Remarked that if we charge dues, we might miss Game registrants through the registration fee we have charged in the past.
- Mr. Willis Hanson: Felt that we should have our meeting at some other place than the Memorial Union because they had usurped our chance to collect our registration fee.
- Dean Rosebery: Asked about moving our meeting place to a college.
- Mr. Fleener: Asked about Stephens College as a meeting place.
- Mr. Loren Moseley: Asked if we could set up an associate membership for persons that did not belong to the parent society. Mr. Funk answered that we could not.
- Mr. Ming: Commented that the New York State Chapter had tried this and found it to be unconstitutional with the parent society.
- President Witt: Proposed calling the fee something other than dues.
- Mr. Osborn: Suggested we charge a fee for attending the conference, other than a registration fee, but not call it dues.
- Mr. Wayne Porath: Asked about consulting the parent society to change the national by-laws so that associate members could be allowed.
- Mr. Funk: Felt that this could not be done. He then moved that we assess ourselves dues that would be collected by the parent society.
- Mr. Hicks: Didn't like the idea of being assessed divisional or state dues by the National Society.
- Mr. Richard Schoettger: Asked if the dues could be included in the attached cost of the banquet ticket.
- Mr. Jim Fry: Asked about merely charging extra for the banquet ticket and thereby obtaining operating funds.

- Mr. Anderson: Mentioned that the billing by the National Chapter for regional and state chapter dues was not completely approved. It will be voted on in March.
- Mr. Wencker: Suggested we delete the cost of the dues but vote on it from year to year.
- Mr. Moseley: Wanted the dues to be higher than \$1.00. Our need precedes our resources.
- Mr. Jim Kahrs: Felt that he got more out of our state chapter meetings than he gets out of national meetings and we pay \$20 dues to the national chapter. He also asked about soliciting funds from commercial sources.
- Mr. Wencker: Proposed an ammendment to the original motion to charge \$2.50 for dues. Mr. Turner seconded. Both the motion and the ammendment carried.
- Mr. Ming: Made a motion that the present office of secretary-treasurer be split into two separate offices with a treasurer being selected by the 1973 nominating committee. Mr. Dillard seconded. The motion carried.
- President Witt: Then called for the Nominations Committee chairman report.
- Mr. George Fleener: Reported the following nominations:
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| President: | Willis Hanson |
| Vice-President: | Richard Schoettger |
| Secretary-Treasurer: | Blake Grant |
- Mr. Funk: Moved nominations cease and the slate of officers nominated by accepted.
- Mr. Larry Belusz: Seconded the motion. The nominated officers were accepted.
- Paul Osborn escorted Richard Schoettger, John Funk escorted Blake Grant and John Robinson escorted Willis Hanson to the front.
- President Witt: Turned the meeting over to Willis Hanson.
- President Hanson: Expressed his thanks to everyone concerned with making the program a success. He then moved for adjournment. Richard Anderson seconded. Motion approved.