

MISSOURI CHAPTER, AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY 11th ANNUAL MEETING
February 1-2, 1973

(Minutes of Business Meeting)

- Location: Student Union Auditorium, University of Missouri
Columbia, Missouri
- President: Willis Hanson called the meeting to order and estimated a quorum being present. He called for reading the minutes of the 10th annual business meeting.
- Secretary-Treasurer: Blake Grant read the minutes; Art Witt moved acceptance; several seconded the motion and the minutes were approved for the record. He stated that copies of all 1972 correspondence concerning chapter affairs was available for anyone to read after business meeting.
- President Hanson: Called for a treasury report.
- Secretary-Treasurer: The balance of the account after all expenses during 1971 as of February 2, 1973 was \$337.44. We began the year (February 1, 1972) with \$309.97; expenses incurred were \$137.53; and dues receipts were \$165.00.
- Mr. Chas. Purkett: Moved acceptance of report.
- Mr. Ralph Steppe: Seconded the motion; the motion carried.
- President Hanson: Reported that the approved motion of last meeting to split the office of Sec.-Treas. had not been accomplished because it required change in chapter by-laws and AFS approval of the change.
- Mr. John Funk: Stated the split required a change to chapter by-laws and did not know if a change would be acceptable to the parent society. But reported that the parent society asked Arizona-Nevada chapter to change their split office to one when they submitted a draft of their by-laws having the functions separate.
- President Hanson: Tabled the question for present. Suggested that no problem would arise if the Sec.-Treasurer solicited help from appropriate members in carrying out duties. He thanked participants especially Arvil Ming who served as advisory to the new Executive Committee.

He extended special thanks to Mr. Funk and Mr. Otto Fajen for their response to the Corps of Engineers proposed projects concerning Truman and Pattensburg Reservoirs. Their excellent comments were included in the Chapter records.

President Hanson: ✓ Proposed that we decide what to do with the Schwarz prints received from the Chapter's donation of \$100.

Discussion: Several suggestions were made: auction, raffle, give to Missouri Historical Society, use as an award for outstanding accomplishments of one or more members.

Mr. Ming: Made motion that the executive committee decide one of the suggestions during 1973.

Mr. George Fleener: Seconded the motion; the motion passed.

President Hanson: Called for any old business; asked how we accomplished our dues collection.

Mr. Grant: No one questioned our right to collect at the meeting entrance, so we did just that.

Mr. Jim Wencker: Asked how increase of dues affected attendance.

Mr. Grant: Reported \$165 this year at \$2.50 per person, i.e. 66 registrants.

Mr. Ming: Reported previous receipts averaged \$100 at \$1.00 per person, i.e. nominally 100 registrants. (See Mr. Osborn's comment).

Mr. Richard Anderson: Reported that the North Central Regional Division of AFS is a good organization and deserves member's support.

President Hanson: Reported his attending their executive committee meeting in St. Louis. They are very business-like and complete a full agenda. Indicated agreement with Dr. Anderson.

Mr. John Belshe: Questioned whether Chapter membership was worth \$2.50 based on what correspondence he'd received in the past year. He had received only the announcement of the current meeting and had not attended the last two.

- Mr. Grant: Stated that the current mailing list had been made up from the National Directory and the register of our last meeting. Only two items were mailed to the general membership during 1972; one was the meeting program and the other was a questionnaire for donating \$100 to support the Citizens Committee for Conservation.
- President Hanson: Stated that the Parent Society would not collect chapter dues.
- Mr. Funk: We considered our financial situation and voted last year for an increase in dues, accordingly. Stated that if we are to collect dues, we should get them from national membership belonging to the Missouri Chapter and the mailing list should include all National members that are also in the Chapter.
- President Hanson: Recommended that "we" shape up on this, meaning the our mailing list.
- Mr. Belshe: Thought he was entitled to a copy of the Chapter's by-laws.
- Mr. Ming: Prefaced his comments with his not wishing to be thought of as a "rubble rowser" and realizing he was a junior member...he directed his first comment to Dr. Belshe- "If you had wanted copies of the by-laws, you could have gotten them."
To the chair-We need a newsletter and separate offices of secretary and Treasurer. He also suggested that we consider having a spring meeting of some kind.
- Mr. Joe Dillard: Discussed possible problems of not having enough affiliate membership.
- President Hanson: Stated that the whole membership structure was being considered by the Parent Society now.
- Mr. Funk: Asked how second-class membership promotes communication.
- Mr. Anderson: Stated that affiliate membership was not second-classed.
- Mr. Funk: Stated that affiliates cannot vote. He questioned the need to ammend by-laws to put out newsletter; suggested a newsletter committee be appointed and that it not fall on the Sec-Treasurer.

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Mr. Chuck Hicks: Stated that the Information Health Section (?) puts out a letter for about \$38 (not including postage). He stated that Gerry Hamilton (?) at a recent meeting discussed dropping his membership. Chuck believed a newsletter would help the Chapter retain membership. Suggested that the duties of Vice President be to put out a newsletter.

Mr. Jim Fry: Stated that this subject should not even be a consideration of the business meeting.

Mr. Funk: Remarked that the authority was needed.

Mr. Belshe: Wanted to have the distribution of finance settled i.e. how we were to spend our funds.

Mr. Hansen: Indicated that indirect cost exist in mailing out a newsletter.

Mr. Funk: Made a motion that the Executive Committee review the possibilities of 2 newsletters per year.

Mr. Ming: Seconded; the motion passed. He also moved that the Executive Committee ask the parent society the status of affiliate membership and about feasibility of splitting Sec.-Treasurer office.

Mr. Hicks: Seconded; the motion passed.

President Hanson: Asked for a report of the nominating committee consisting of Professor Campbell, Mr. Fleener, and Mr. Funk. The committee entered the following names for
President: Richard A. Schoettger
Vice President: Dean A. Rosebery
Secretary-Treasurer: Blake F. Grant

President Hanson: Asked for additional nominations from the floor; *there were none*

Mr. Witt: Moved that nominations cease;

Mr. Jim Brauhn: seconded; the motion carried.

President Hanson: Asked for a voice vote on each nominee; all were elected. He asked that Mr. Funk and Mr. Anderson escort Richard Schoettger to the podium and that Mr. Hicks and Mr. Fleener escort Mr. Rosebery to the podium.

President Schoettger: Assumed the chair and stated that ^{we} was privileged to serve for 1973 and the Executive Committee would be very busy. He thanked all of the program participants and attendees. He asked for any further comment.

Mr. Chuck Purkett: Raised a question that he believed the Executive Committee should address and asked that Paul Osborn comment regarding the alledged loss of the commercial audience this year attributable to program format or joint nature of meeting.

Mr. Ming: Added thanks to Bill Nichols for providing part of the Soiree's refreshments. All applauded Bill Nichols.

Mr. Hanson: Queried Paul Osborn. Mr. Osborn said that Stan Hudson did not attend because the program offered him nothing. He said the dues increase did not cause a drop in attendance because the increase became known at the door. He said that he'd always come regardless...

From the floor: Suggestion^{ed} applauding the outgoing committee
(Jim Fry, I think)

Mr. Funk: Moved for adjournment

Anonymous: Seconded; passed.

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