

**MINUTES OF THE EXCOM MEETING, ARKANSAS CHAPTER OF THE
AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY, 11 January 2000**

President Brian Wagner called the meeting to order at 1016 hours January 11, 2000. Officers in attendance included: President Brian Wagner, President-elect Charlie Gagen, Secretary Tom Bly, Treasurer Rich Standage, Nominations Committee Chair Joe Stoeckel, Web Master Chris Davidson, John Rickett, and Jim Winter.

Pres. Brian distributed the agenda for the meeting. The only officer with anything to say was Treasurer Rich. He informed us that he is still trying to work out the bugs with our accounting software, Money 2000. He is also trying to work through some glitches in the Merrill Lynch account that rounds to the nearest dollar in the monthly statements. He is also looking to archive the old checking account files to make the financial statements a little more manageable. He provided us with an updated membership list that also included many member e-mail addresses. It was proposed that we include e-mail addresses on the web site to make communications between members easier. Concerns were voiced whether everyone wanted this exposure so it was decided to bring it to the Chapter at the annual business meeting.

Chris gave us an update on the web page. He has been hard at work making improvements that will allow members to keep up with Chapter activities.

Awards Committee Chair Joe, announced the nominees for the two officer positions, president-elect and secretary, that will rotate out this year. The nominees for president-elect were Steve Lochman with UAPB and Ken Shirley with the Game and Fish. The two nominees for secretary were Jeff Quinn and Diana Saul, both with the Game and Fish. As stated at the last EXCOM meeting, the recipient of the Bob Jenkins Award for Individual Achievement is Bill Keith, ADEQ and the Joe Hogan Conservation Award is Fred Berry, Crooked Creek donor. Per Steve Filipek's suggestion, Sec. Tom made a motion to present a special recognition award to Bob Glennon, NRCS, for his work in Riparian Area Management. Treas. Rich seconded the nomination. Joe noted that he had not received the names of the sub-unit outstanding members yet but would contact the sub-units to expedite this matter. At a previous business meeting it had been decided to award plaques and a \$50 cash prize to these recipients. It was decided that the plaques will be the type that will stay with the sub-unit's institution and the award winner's name will be added each year.

Secretary Tom said that he would order the plaques this week. There will be a total of nine plaques this year, Outgoing President, Outgoing Secretary, Outgoing Treasurer (Betty Crump 1997-1999, sorry we forgot), Bob Jenkins Award, Joe Hogan Award, Bob Glennon Special Recognition Award, and the three sub-unit awards. The sub-unit award plaques and the special recognition award plaque will not be annual items.

Pres.-elect Charlie gave highlights of the upcoming Y2K meeting in Bossier City. It was decided that the EXCOM will again meet on Sunday 23rd, at 1630 hours in the registration area to go over any last minute details.

The meeting was adjourned at 1232 hours.