



Arkansas Chapter of the American Fisheries Society

EXCOM Meeting Minutes (Detailed)

November 15, 2001

Steve Lochmann, President, convened an EXCOM meeting of the Arkansas Chapter of the American Fisheries Society at 13:15 at the Benton office of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission. Members Present were Betty Crump, President-Elect, Charlie Gagen, Past President, and Diana Andrews, secretary. Others attending were Chris Davidson, webmaster and Brian Wagner Chairman of the Southern Division Meeting Planning Committee.

Steve gave the financial report for John Jackson who was unable to attend. Steve began the report by stating that all of the money had been taken out of the Merrill Lynch account. The money had been placed in an interest bearing account with Simmons Bank. The financial report stated that the account balance was at \$10, 956.55. However, Steve knew of two expenses that had not been added to the report yet. He stated that the account balance as of the meeting was actually around \$10,000.

The EXCOM discussed the fact that a newsletter had not been done since the spring. It was decided that it was time for another newsletter.

Chris asked Brian about the second call for papers and registration package. The second call for papers had gone out only to the Southern Division members. Since not all Arkansas Chapter members are National AFS members not all of the Arkansas Chapter members had received the second call for papers. It was decided that Brian would send Chris the information again. Betty extended the deadline for abstracts to December 15th. Brian will also send the same information to Steve and he will send it out to the AR AFS again. Chris also asked for some clarification on some information for the website.

Brian was asked to update the EXCOM on the Southern Division Planning Committee. He stated that 48 to 50 abstracts have been turned in already. Mark and Brian had met with hotel and museum of discovery. The caterer had been changed at Steve Filipeks request. Brian had talked with Micro Brewery and they agreed to supply the beer for \$80 a keg. Betty asked if Brian had received all of the information about the posters. The poster information was discussed. Brian then informed the committee about registration procedures. Brian stated that a Fisheries Management meeting was added on Friday opposite the Chapter meeting. Brian is still working on getting a confirmation from

Hugh Durham on do the opening address. Mike Gibson will do the opening address is Hugh Durham is unavailable. Brian stated that he would ask the Southern Div. President to do a welcome speech. Steve asked Brian if the committee was behind on doing anything that is in the Southern Division Procedural manual. Brian stated that he thought that the committee was behind on donations. Brian stated that a lot of the places that were listed to contact for money had not been contacted. Brian stated that Donna Beckham had approached him about her contacting some of these people for donations. Steve said that another Planning Committee meeting needed to set ASAP with Donna invited. Brian said that another thing that needed to be considered was encouraging the commissioners of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission to attend. The EXCOM agreed to comp the meeting for commissioners and their companions. A Planning Committee meeting for the end of November was planned. The logistics of the Largemouth Bass Virus Workshop was discussed. It was decided to let Bruce use the Governors Suite instead of the Presidents Suite. Brian said that he had corresponded with April on the T-shirt. The Southern Division History Committee had told Brian that they wanted the 50th anniversary noted on the Southern Division Meeting. T-shirt. Steve recommended that April bring a sketch of the drawing for the shirt at the next Planning Committee meeting. Brian said that he had taken care of a few loose details that had come up. Betty said that she thought that a woman from the Forest Service could take care of the banners and signs. Betty agreed to take responsibility for signage. Brian stated that the preconference meeting had been scheduled.

Brian gave an update on the fishes of Arkansas CD Rom for Mark Oliver, who was unable to attend. He said that he had CD's and needed people to edit text.

Steve told the EXCOM that the Black Carp Resolution had received 30 affirmative votes and 11 opposed votes. The black Carp resolution had passed. Steve pointed out that the mailings proved to be an expensive way to handle an issue. He said that there were very few guidelines as to how to handle contentious issues. He stated that by reading other guidelines the EXCOM has the right to vote on this issue. He said that Chapter needed to be told that this was expensive and that similar issues in the future could be dealt with this way or the EXCOM could just approve or disapprove or an extra meeting could be held. Steve said that something might need to be written in the Procedural Manual about ways to handle contentious issues that come up outside of a business meeting.

Charlie updated the EXCOM on changes to the Procedural Manual. A few grammatical changes were made. During the review of the changes to the Procedural Manual Steve stated that Joe Stoeckle had asked for nominations to replace outgoing officers. It was stated that nominations needed to go out in the next newsletter. The EXCOM approved with a unanimous vote to approve the changes to the Procedural Manual. Charlie stated that he would make sure that Joe gives the nominated people a copy of Procedural Manual and that they know to be a member of parent society.

Steve told the EXCOM that Larry Rider had contacted about a scholarship that Trout Unlimited wanted to give to students doing trout research. The chapter would not have to donate any money it would just be lending credibility to the scholarship. Steve stated that

Trout Unlimited hadn't gotten to the point of knowing all of the criteria for the scholarship. They would also like for people from the chapter to be involved in picking and setting up winners of scholarship. Charlie recommended that the Past President be involved in helping with the scholarship and the EXCOM agreed.

Steve informed the EXCOM that the Saline River logging issue had come up again. However, the Arkansas Land Commission did not approve it.

Steve stated that he had given a report the Southern Division EXCOM at the Southeastern, but it didn't get in the booklet. Steve informed Betty that she needed a report by the Annual Meeting for the southern division.

Steve informed the EXCOM that Robert Beadel had requested a donation from the Chapter for a Youth Fishing Workshop next summer. The EXCOM agreed to donate \$100.00.

Steve told the committee that the Grand Prairie project got \$12 M to start construction on the pump. Steve stated that we would continue to sign our name to anything that would oppose the project. Betty stated that this project could still be stopped and that we do not need to drop the ball.

Steve informed the EXCOM about the current status of the Bear Creek lawsuit. Steve said that the dam had been approved at Bear Creek. The Ozark Society the Wildlife Society and others have filed a lawsuit against the project. Steve wanted to know if we were interested in signing on to the lawsuit. The EXCOM agreed to sign on to the lawsuit with a \$200.00 donation.

Steve updated the committee on the history of the Arkansas Chapter poster. Steve asked that people look in their picture files for pictures for the poster.

Steve then brought up the issue of the Student Workshop at the Southern Division Meeting. He told Charlie to contact Ed Buckner about the student workshop.

A discussion on the raffle items ensued. It was decided to talk with Jimmy to see how this was going.

Each committee member went over his or her action items to do before the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned 15:12.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Andrews
Secretary, Arkansas Chapter AFS