



## American Fisheries Society Arkansas Chapter

### EXCOM Meeting Minutes (Detailed)

**February 6, 2001**

Charlie Gagen, President, convened an EXCOM meeting of the Arkansas Chapter of the American Fisheries Society at 17:07 at Lindsey's Rainbow Resort near Heber Springs. Others present were Steve Lochmman - President-Elect, Brian Wagner - Past President, Rich Standage - Treasurer, Diana Saul - Secretary, Joe Stoeckel - Nominations and Awards Committee Chairperson, Bill Shinn - Education Liaison Committee Chairperson, and Mark Oliver - Newsletter Editor.

Diana presented the meeting minutes from the past EXCOM meeting. Steve motioned to approve the minutes and Rich seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion was approved.

Diana then presented the sample T-shirt that she had gotten as a possible generic T-shirt for the 2002 Southern Division Mid-Year meeting. A discussion ensued over the cost and style of the shirt. It was decided that since Missouri had used it for the national meeting that the market would probably be flooded for that particular shirt. Having some nongame species on the shirt along with game species was suggested. A discussion ensued over using Tomelleri's prints. Mark also suggested that some local artists might be willing to donate some artwork. The EXCOM committee decided that a color T-shirt was preferred to a line-drawing shirt. It was decided to create an Ad-Hoc Committee for this shirt. The committee would consist of Charlie, Mark, Brian and Diana.

Rich began his Treasurer's Report by stating that 128 people had registered for the meeting, as of the time of the EXCOM meeting. The checkbook balance was \$12,308.28 at the time of the EXCOM meeting. Approximately \$1,600.00 had been spent on the meeting. Steve added that about \$600.00 had also been spent for break refreshments. Rich stated that at that time he couldn't give an accurate account of how much money had been spent for the meeting, but that he felt that the Chapter would make money from the meeting. Steve asked if we wanted to cut back on the number of dinners for the banquet because there weren't as many people attending as had been estimated. A discussion issued over the amount of people that could be attending the banquet. It was decided that the number of dinners should be cut back to 160 people.

Charlie asked Brian to update the EXCOM on the plans for the 2002 Southern Division Mid-Year meeting. Brian had read both the Mid-Year Meeting and National Meeting arrangements manuals to see how the meeting should be setup. He stated that there

would be an Oversight Committee consisting of the Southern Division Vice-President, and President-Elect along with the Host Chapter Chairperson and the Chairperson from the previous year. There are four other main committees: Program Committee, Advertising and Publicity Committee, Local Arrangements Committee and Finance Committee. The responsibilities of the Program Committee are to recommend subcommittee representatives to handle technical sessions, to organize symposia, poster sessions, workshops, audiovisual needs, signs and student paper awards. The Advertising and Publicity Committee is responsible for advertising and printing. The local Arrangements Committee is responsible for the social activities and entertainment, welcome and protocol, transportation information, student affairs, sponsorship raffles and tradeshow. The Finance Committee will handle the finances for the meeting. The Southern Division Secretary/Treasurer will sit on the Finance Committee. Registration was to be the responsibility of the Local Arrangements Committee, but Brian and Mark recommended that it be moved to the Finance Committee. A discussion ensued over how the money for the meeting was to be handled. Rich suggested that the Chapter open a separate account for the meeting with a Little Rock bank. Steve asked Brian how he thought that EXCOM would play a part on the committees. Brian suggested that the President-Elect be the Chairperson for the Program Committee. Rich suggested that the Treasurer be on the Finance Committee but not be the chairperson for the committee. Rich felt that it would be too confusing to have one person trying to handle the finances of the Mid-Year meeting and the Chapter. Charlie asked Brian if the Southern Division Secretary/Treasurer usually chaired the Finance Committee or if the host chapter chaired it. Brian stated that the manual did not specifically say which one chaired the committee. Brian stated that Mark Oliver would be the Chairperson of the Local Arrangements Committee. Brian asked the EXCOM if registration responsibility should be under the Finance Committee. Rich stated that he thought that the hotel had offered to provide that service. It was decided to move the registration responsibility to the Finance Committee. It was also decided to look into the different ways the registration could be handled. Rich stated that he felt that someone from Little Rock should be the Chairperson of the Finance Committee. Brian stated that he had considered asking Mike Armstrong to chair the committee. Brian reminded the EXCOM that the dates for the 2002 Southern Division Meeting were February 21 - 24.

Charlie asked Steve to update the EXCOM on how the annual chapter meeting was going. He stated that the meeting was going fine. The Wildlife Society business meeting would be held at the Brighton and the Chapter would use the meeting room at Lindseys. The banquet starting time had been changed from 7:30 PM to 7:00 PM per Tom Bly's request. Steve stated that he felt that an Ad-Hoc Committee needed to be formed to formulate a resolution on the Black Carp issue. This issued a discussion about whether the Ad-Hoc Committee would have the right to formulate a resolution and how the whole Chapter could vote on the resolution outside the annual business meeting. Charlie felt that the voting on the resolution could wait until the next annual business meeting. A discussion ensued over the deadline of the creation of the resolution. Several EXCOM members felt that this resolution should not wait until the next annual business meeting. This gave rise to another discussion on how the whole chapter could vote on the

resolution outside a business meeting. The EXCOM felt that if the resolution was printed in the newsletter and put on the webpage that the Chapter could vote by E-mail.

Bill Shinn updated the EXCOM on the upcoming science fairs. He stated that he had the plaques for the winners. Charlie told Bill that during the revising of the Procedures Manual the EXCOM had decided that the Past President serve on the Education Liaison Committee. The Past President would have the responsibility of acting as the Liaison between the Chapter and the Subunits.

Joe Stoeckel told the EXCOM who the nominees for President and Treasurer were. He also stated that the winners of the Best Student Paper awards had already been determined.

Mike Oliver began his update on the Fishes of Arkansas CD-ROM by stating that the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission was excited about the idea. The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission had donated a lot of money to have the "Fishes of Arkansas" book published. The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission would like to see the book revised in conjunction with the production of the CD-ROM. Dr. Buchannon had told Mark that he and Dr. Robison had already been talking about revising the book. Dr. Buchannon liked the idea of a CD-ROM and would like to have the book and CD-ROM sold as a package. Mark did not feel that there would be a problem with the Chapter making some money off the project. Mark stated that the book would first have to be scanned using OCR to convert it to an electronic format. The scanned pages could then be sent out to different people for editing. Steve stated that he would like to be able to search for species lists by watershed. Different uses of the CD-ROM and methods to create these uses were discussed. Charlie asked Mark to present this information at the Annual Business Meeting.

Charlie discussed the agenda for the upcoming Annual Business Meeting. Charlie adjourned the meeting at 18:25.