

**Texas Chapter AFS Business Meeting Agenda  
February 12, 2011  
San Marcos, Texas**

**Call to Order:** by Ken Kurzawski at 11:27 am.

**Determination of a quorum:** Yes

**Approval of minutes:** -

- Ken asked for approval of last year's annual meeting minutes (as published in Volume 36(1) of the TCAFS Newsletter). John Taylor–made the motion to approve and it was seconded by Charlie Munger. Motion was approved.

**President's Report:** (Ken Kurzawski)

- Ken thanked the Past Presidents that attended the breakfast. Past Presidents in attendance at the business meeting were: Brian Van Zee, Tim Bonner, Art Morris, Debbie Wade, Dave Terre, Fran Gelwick, Gary Garrett, Gene Wilde, Gordon Linam, Charlie Munger, and Mark Webb.
- Ken extended his appreciation to all of the present Chapter committee members for their hard work and also to Craig Bonds for putting together a great meeting.
- Ken stated he did not get the chance to update the Chapter's bylaws.

**Secretary/Treasurer's Report:** (Greg Conley)

- The Chapter's cash account balance as of the business meeting was \$22,486.99, but was expected to increase after the deposit of the meeting's income. (Note: The balance as of 2/28/11 was \$28,578.74 after paying a total of \$15,197.05 to Embassy Suites Hotel for the meeting. Total income from the meeting was \$26,191.00 - \$21,580.00 for registration fees, member dues and various donations and \$4,611.00 from auction/raffle).
- There were a total of 206 registrations processed, 4 exhibitors/sponsors, and several volunteers assisting and spouses attending the banquet.

**Committee Reports**

**Awards** – (Matt Chumchal)

- Each of the Fisheries Worker of the Year categories received an award this year.
- Award Recipients are as follows – Fisheries Worker of the Year in:
  - Fisheries Administration** – Art Morris
  - Fish Culture** – Juan Martinez
  - Fisheries Management** – Dan Bennett
  - Fisheries Research** – Kristy Kollaus
  - Fisheries Student** – Katie Roach
  - Technical Support** – Danny Lewis
  - Education** – Fran Gelwick
  - Special Recognition** – Brian Van Zee
  - Special Recognition** – Craig Bonds
  - Special Recognition** – Carl Kittel

- 2011 Best Presentation winners are as follows:
  - Best Professional Oral – Dave Buckmeier
  - Best Professional poster – Rae Deaton
  - Best Student Oral – Bibiana Carrera
  - Best Student Poster – Jacob Wadlington

#### **Continuing Ed – Open**

- There were 71 participants in the workshop this year which was given by Adam Kaeser and Tom Litts of the Georgia DNR.

#### **Editorial – (Dan Daugherty)**

- This year there were more abstracts turned in than there were spots for presentations.
- The annual proceedings have now gone to electronic format only as discussed previously and have been approved by the Parent Society.
- Thanks to Tim Birdsong for his help in accomplishing this task.

#### **Endowments – (Dave Terre)**

- Dave is looking for additional members to assist him in this mission critical effort. Considerable effort was made to carve out our new relationship with the Sportsmen's Club of Fort Worth on the delivery of a new scholarship award program. Dave also worked with Merrill Lynch and the TCAFS EXCOM, to reorganize our investment portfolio to position it for better long term growth in the current market.
- The TCAFS started the year with a balance of \$100,333 in our Scholarship Endowment Account. Income during 2010 was \$23,317 (\$15,000 – Patsy B. Hollandsworth Family Foundation; \$2,000 – Sportsmen's Club of Fort Worth; \$6,317-Proceeds from the 2010 meeting and TCAFS Raffle). Debits during 2010 were \$4,500 (three student scholarships awarded @ \$1,500 each). The total amount invested in the endowment was \$18,817. The net interest and dividends on our investments during 2010 was \$3,727 giving us an ending balance of \$118,504.
- For 2011, we received an additional \$10,000 donation from the Patsy B. Hollandsworth Family Foundation. The Sportsmen's Club of Fort Worth paid two, \$1,500 scholarships this year to honor the legacy of one of their past members (Harry Tennison). The TCAFS paid out an additional three \$1,500 student scholarships, plus a \$500 student research grant award given in honor of Clark Hubbs. A total of 6 scholarships or awards (totaling \$8,000) were paid to deserving fisheries students (BS, MS and PhD candidates) using our internal selection processes. This was an all time record for the Texas Chapter. Proceeds from our 2011 meeting auction and raffle will be deposited in the endowment account as soon as possible.

- Dave Terre thanked all contributors to the student scholarship and research grant awards programs (The Patsy B. Hollandsworth Family Foundation; the Sportsmen's Club of Fort Worth; Kirk Winemiller and other former students of Clark Hubbs; members of the TPWD Watershed Program Team, and other monetary contributions made by the general membership, TCAFS sponsors, and through the TCAFS raffle/auction). The committee will continue to nurture the relationships we have with current Student Scholarship Program contributors and keep lines of communication open.
- Dave recognized two key individuals (Jimmie and Kirk Green) for their continued help with TCAFS Endowment Committee activities and for their communications with the Patsy B. Hollandsworth Family Foundation. He also recognized Ray Mathews for his tireless work on the Clark Hubbs Research Grant Award and Dr. Ray Drenner for his help with the Sportsmen's Club of Fort Worth. Dave also recognized Mike Morgan and the entire Student Scholarship Selection Committee, for all their outstanding work over the past year.

#### **History – (Michele Nations)**

- Michele requested that all University professors send in their local student chapter information and photos so she can add it to the history page.
- Still working on current events.
- Working with the University of North Texas to provide them Chapter information.

#### **Internet – (John Taylor)**

- Discussed the use of new online technology such as Google Docs for Chapter website information.
- Asked for anyone interested in working with the committee to call him.

#### **Issues – (Chris Moret, Niki Ragan)**

- No report

#### **Membership – (Dennis Smith)**

- 2010 membership was 210 members.
- 2011 membership so far is 210 but will update soon.

#### **Newsletter – (Kevin Storey)**

- In 2011, there were 4 issues released and the deadline for the upcoming issue is February 28, 2011 for all committees to send in their reports for submission to the next newsletter.

#### **Nominating – (John Clayton)**

- President-elect nominations for 2011 were George Guillen and Dave Buzan. George Guillen was elected as our new President-elect.
- Secretary/Treasurer nominations for 2011 were Hugh Glenewinkel and Robert Mauk. Robert was elected as our new Secretary/Treasurer.

- *Only about 40% (63% online and 37% paper ballot) of the membership voted in the election and John is encouraging all members to vote.*

**Pond Management – (John Tibbs)**

- No report

**Publicity/Exhibits – (Dan Bennett and Ben Neely)**

- The auction / raffle netted a profit of \$4,611.00.

**Scholarships – (Mike Morgan)**

- Mike thanked his committee members for all of their help in evaluating the applicants for student scholarships. Announcements regarding the student scholarship opportunities with TCAFS were mailed out to over 80 locations and only 12 applications were received.
- A total of 3 scholarships were awarded this year by the chapter, and the Chapter was given the opportunity to determine the applicants who received the two scholarships funded by the Fort Worth Sportsmen's Club.
- Award recipients were Mark Thomas (B.S), Nathan Furey (M.S.), and Niki Ragan (M.S). Receiving the Sportsmen's Club awards were Judson Curtis (Ph.D.) and John Mohan (Ph.D.)
- Ray Mathews gave thanks to all of those who donated to the Clark Hubbs Scholarship fund. Carmen Montana received the Clark Hubbs award.

**Student Outreach – (Mandy Scott)**

- Eight students showed up for the mentor lunch and a total of 38 students registered for the conference.
- The Texas Bass Brigades is going strong and under new partnership with the Texas Bass Federation.
- Cadets ages 13 – 17 are allowed to apply for the next brigade to be held on July 11-16, 2011 at the Warren Ranch in Coleman County.

**Old Business:**

1) Revision/updating of bylaws

- The bylaws and procedural manual need to be updated. Other considerations are how we want to present this material (web only?) and how to update the other materials in the manual.

2) Financial support to divisional/ annual meetings

- Last year the Chapter assisted Fred Jansen with his expenses to attend the SDAFS meeting. Other professional meetings have searched out financial support and approached the Chapter for assistance. There were no comments by the membership on this issue.

**Installation of New President:** Craig Bonds was installed as the new president.

Craig gave his appreciation and thanks to the outgoing officers for their hard work and support for the 2011 meeting. Craig also presented Ken with the Past President's plaque and also an appreciation plaque to Greg Conley for his service as the outgoing Secretary/Treasurer.

**Craig's Goals:**

- 1) To fill the two empty committee chairs (Continuing Education and Publicity/Exhibits).  
(Note: Since the meeting, Craig has filled each chair with Dan Bennett (Continuing Ed) and Greg Conley (Publicity/Exhibits co-chair).
- 2) Craig committed to update the Chapter Bylaws.
- 3) Craig will work with John Taylor to make the 2011 EXCOM meetings available in electronic format.
- 4) The next EXCOM meeting is scheduled for sometime in April 2011.

**New Business:** No new business.

**Adjourn:**

- The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm.