

TCAFS EXCOM and Committees Meeting Report

July 28, 2011 Moody Gardens Galveston, Texas

by *Robert Mauk, Secretary Treasurer*

Those attending Craig Bonds, George Guillen, Ken Kurzawski, Robert Mauk, Chris Moret, and Mike Morgan, and attending remotely via iLinc were Niki Ragan, Debbie Wade, Dan Daugherty, Mandy Scott, Michelle Nations, and Dave Terre.

Approval of minutes: The previous EXCOM meeting's minutes were approved unanimously.

Secretary Treasurer's report: (*Robert Mauk*)

- The Chapter's cash account balance as of the EXCOM meeting was \$11,506.43.
- After the annual meeting bills were paid, \$16,546.44 was moved into the endowment fund from the cash account.
- The TCAFS donated \$500.00 to the Southern Division of the American Fisheries Society Small Impoundments Committee to support the publication of a text book that focuses on farm pond and small impoundment management with some of the book's chapters having TCAFS members as authors.
- The TCAFS received a thank-you letter from the Texas Brigades for a \$300.00 donation made to support their programs.

President Elect report: (*George Guillen*)

- Discussed planning for the 2012 TCAFS annual meeting to be held at Moody Gardens at Galveston.

Committee Reports:

Awards (*Matt Chumchal*)

- No report

Continuing Education – (*Dan Bennett*)

- No report.

Editorial – (*Dan Daugherty and Tim Birdsong*)

- The committee is continuing with the preparation of the 2010 and 2011 proceedings for electronic format publication.
- Discussed the need for help to finish the proceedings preparation with Michelle Nations volunteering her time.

Endowments – (*Dave Terre*)

- Dave announced that the endowment fund balance as of June 30th was \$139,219.48.
- Dave had made contact with the Sportsmen's Club of Fort Worth and they will once again support two \$1,500 scholarships like they did last year. This will result in six \$1,500 scholarships being awarded next year.

History – (*Michele Nations*)

- Michele worked on the TCAFS Facebook page since the last meeting.

- Discussed sending out invitations to the Facebook page.

Internet – (John Taylor and Janet Wisian)

- TCAFS web page has been updated with new committee chairs.

Issues – (Chris Moret and Niki Ragan)

- Thanked Kevin Storey for article in TCAFS newsletter about *Salvinia* control.
- Reported on efforts to control giant salvinia at B. A. Steinhagen.

Membership – (Debbie Wade)

- Debbie reported that we currently have 216 members.
- Committee discussed the need to recruit new members and retain those we have.
- Committee discussed the need to encourage TCAFS members to join the parent society.
- Committee discussed possibly conducting a survey on how better to retain members and attract new ones.
- Discussed sending out reminders to lapsed members immediately after the annual TCAFS meeting.

Newsletter – (Kevin Storey)

- Kevin requests news items and committee reports be sent to him by an August 26th deadline for inclusion in the next edition of the newsletter.

Nominating – (John Clayton)

- Discussed automatically seating the Past-President on the nominating committee through a change in the by-laws.

Pond Management – (John Tibbs)

- No report

Publicity/Exhibits – (Brad Littrell and Greg Conley)

- No report

Scholarships – (Mike Morgan)

- Working on expanding contacts at schools so as to better communicate to students the availability of TCAFS scholarships.

Student Outreach – (Mandy Scott)

- Reported that Bass Brigades went well.
- Cadets have been asked to stay involved and are always looking for events to promote the program or areas where they can help.
- Craig requested a list showing the cadets distribution throughout the state so as to better utilize their enthusiasm and talents.

Old Business:

- No old business.

New Business:

1. 2012 TCAFS annual meeting at Moody Gardens in Galveston

- EXCOM committee toured facilities and made recommendations to meet the anticipated needs of the chapter for a successful meeting.

2. TCAFS Guidance Document/Bylaws Update

- Craig offered changes to the procedures and by-laws of the TCAFS that are perceived to need changing. They have not been updated since 1998 and there have been many changes in technologies since that has altered our operations and need to be reflected in the procedures and by-laws.
- Discussed the procedure for acceptance of these changes, both through the parent society and through the chapter.