

CHARTER MEETING OF THE
MISSISSIPPI CHAPTER OF THE
AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY

Minutes-May 7, 1975

Members Present

Roland E. Reagan, Jr.
Thomas L. Wellborn, Jr.
Barry O. Freeman
Billy H. Smith
Randall H. Robinette
W. H. Turcotte

Troy B. Millican
A. Jack Herring
James H. Barkley
W. Dan Cotton

Meeting called to order by Dr. Roland Reagan; 1:30 P.M.

First order of business was a discussion of By-laws. Each section was read by Dr. Reagan and discussion followed. Mr. Barry Freeman motioned that the By-laws be accepted and the motion was seconded by Dr. Robinette. Motion passed unanimously.

Next order of business was election of officers.

President - Dr. Roland Reagan - nominated by Dr. Tom Wellborn - unanimous

Vice President - Dr. Luther Knight - nominated by Dr. Randy Robinette - unanimous

Sec.-Treas. - Dr. Randy Robinette - nominated by Dr. Roland Reagan - unanimous

It was pointed out that there are 49 AFS members in Mississippi and that according to the just adopted By-laws, one-third of those AFS members must be present to represent a quorum to carry on business. Therefore, the motion was made and passed that the By-laws language on quorum be changed to read ten members in good standing.

Dr. Reagan appointed a committee composed of Dr. Luther Knight (chairman), Mr. Barry Freeman, and Mr. Jack Herring to study the By-laws for possible amendment.

✓ Concern was expressed that only freshwater biologists were present and that all segments of the Society should be represented in the state chapter. It was pointed out by Dr. Reagan that the Gulf Coast people had expressed an interest, but were probably not present due to the inclement weather.

✓ Discussion followed on organization of our annual meetings. Mr. Freeman suggested that we have an informal round table discussion the first couple of years. This would involve talking about our individual projects and common items of interest. No motion was passed, but the idea was generally accepted.

✓ Future meetings will probably work into short paper presentations and each agency bringing the chapter up to date on research projects and goals.

✓ It was mentioned that AFS student members should be encouraged to attend chapter meetings. The presentation of papers would be excellent training for students, as well as affording the opportunity for students and representatives of the various agencies to become acquainted.

✓ Dr. Reagan suggested a rotation of the annual meeting at various agencies. Perhaps a tour of facilities could be worked into the meeting.

Dr. Reagan directed that copies of the minutes be sent to all Mississippi AFS members in the hopes of encouraging active participation by all members.

Dr. Wellborn offered for Extension Services to do the mailing for the present.

Formation of the local chapter will not be official until our petition and By-laws are accepted by the National Executive Committee. This will probably occur at the national meeting in September. Therefore our next meeting is tentatively set for October 9, 1975. It was the majority opinion that thereafter the annual meeting be held in late May or early June.

Registration fees will reflect the organization of the next meeting (meals, etc.) and therefore, have not been set. Registration fees will be included in the notice mail-out of the fall meeting.

Meeting adjourned; 3:15 P.M.

Respectively submitted,


H. Randall Robinette, Sec.-Treas.,
Mississippi Chapter AFS

