

~~CHARTER MEETING OF THE~~  
MISSISSIPPI CHAPTER OF THE  
AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY

Minutes-October 9, 1975

Members Present

Randy Robinette	Jack Herring	Allen S. Dearing
Richard Coleman	Luther A Knight, Jr.	John Eaves
Tom Wellborn	Doug Williams	Don W. Finnie
Kenneth Allen	Billy M. Teels	Harry Barkley
Roland Reagan	David E. Nixon	Wendell Lorio
Troy Millican	Jerald L. Williamson	

Meeting called to order by Dr. Roland Reagan; 10:00 A.M.

Dr. Reagan announced that the Mississippi Chapter had been formally approved at the National meeting in September. He also reported on the new publication policy and dues structure. Discussion followed on the merits of such a move and particularly on the way the change was handled. Several members felt that the AFS will lose members because of the changes.

A motion was made and passed unanimously that the Mississippi Chapter go on record as opposing the method by which the new organization and dues structure was passed, i.e. passed by vote of those attending the National Meeting and not by polling the entire membership.

The second order of business was the report of the By-laws Committee, Dr. Knight reporting. The committee recommended the following changes:

Section 4:(1) change office of Vice president to President-elect. (2) add the office of Executive officer to give continuity.

Section 5:add descriptive paragraph about the duties of the Executive Officer.

Section 9:change the quorum figure from 33% to 25%.

The motion was made that the changes be accepted and was seconded by Dr. Robinette. The following discussion dealt with whether there was a real need for an Executive Officer in a small chapter. Dr. Wellborn motioned that the position of Executive Officer be deleted from the amendments, seconded by Dr. Teels. Motion passed. Therefore, the Executive Officer paragraph in

Section 5 was also deleted by voice vote. Section 4 was passed as amended and Section 9 was passed as recommended.

The third order of business was a discussion on the chapter function. It was decided that the function was stated in the original petition for chapter membership.

A discussion followed on whether to try to hold our meetings in conjunction with the Mississippi Wildlife Society meetings. Two main objections were raised: (1) conflict in time of business meetings since some individuals belong to both organizations and (2) the time of the annual meeting. A motion was made and passed that the chapter Executive Committee act as a liaison with the Wildlife Society. Dr. Knight moved that the AFS Chapter have separate meetings at present and the liaison committee act to investigate a future joint meeting. ✓  
Dr. Wellborn seconded and the motion passed.

After a discussion on chapter dues, Dr. Robinette motioned and Mr. Finnie seconded that students pay one-half of the normal dues assessment. Dr. Lorio ✓  
moved and Dr. Wellborn seconded that the normal dues assessment be \$2.00 per person. ✓  
Motion passed.

✓ Dr. Lorio motioned and Mr. Williams seconded that the next meeting be held at Bay St. Louis on April 8th, 1976. Motion passed.

The following committees were appointed by Dr. Reagan:

Nominating Committee: Harry Barkley - Chairman  
Tom Wellborn  
Wendell Lorio

Resolution Committee: Troy Millican - Chairman  
Billy Teels  
Jack Herring

✓ Each individual gave a brief summary about his agency and/or particular work.

The meeting was adjourned 3:30 P.M.

Respectively submitted,  
*H. Randall Robinette*  
H. Randall Robinette, Sec-Treasurer  
Mississippi Chapter AFS