



# American Fisheries Society

November 15, 1994

The annual fall business meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Chapter was called to order by President John Clark following an informative group of presentations (attached). A total of 59 members and guests were present. John C. thanked IMCS for hosting the meeting and Eleanor Bochenek for making the arrangements.

John C. had contacted Bill Hyatt, President of the Northeast Division, and reported on happenings of interest.

1) A second meeting of the Black Bass Task Force, resulting from the 1994 Warmwater Workshop, will be held November 30 in Albany, NY.

2) A groundfish committee has been formed; if anyone is interested in participating, contact John Boreman.

3) A Great Lakes Commercial Fishing conference is being planned by Chairman Bob Lange (NY).

4) The Awards Committee is working on a chapter awards.

John C. summarized the results of the membership survey conducted by this Chapter to increase attendance and interest (survey form and results attached). There was a 24% response rate to the survey. The most favorable responses were received for increased input of chapter members on meeting topics and occasionally including nationally or internationally-known guest speakers. Results were mixed between one and two day meetings. The idea of a newsletter received a favorable response but only nine respondents were interested in working on it.

Minutes of the May meeting were passed out to all attendees. The Treasurer's report was given by Cathy Martin.

Balance 5/95		\$2242.44
Disbursements		
Lapps Catering 5/19 mtg	\$300.55	
Student travel award	60.00	
Receipts		
Mtg 5/19	\$242.00	
Current Balance		\$2123.89
Bills		

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E. Bochenek food/supp. mtg of 11/15/94	\$ 34.69
B Halgren framing/stamps duck print (raffle)	72.50

New Balance

\$2016.70

T Lankford, student representative, reported on items of interest to student members. A fisheries employment handbook will be available to aid students. Copies are free to members, \$5 for non-members. An announcement will be forthcoming in Fisheries. Student registration fees may be waived at the 1995 AFS meeting in Tampa for students who will help at the meeting. The next Northeast Divisional meeting will be held in Ocean City, MD. Travel assistance awards are available for students. Two slots will be allotted for student articles on the Student page of Fisheries during 1995.

After some discussion on a newsletter, Cathy M. made a motion to set up a committee to explore the possibility of a chapter newsletter. Desmond Kahn seconded. Cathy M. and John C. volunteered to head the committee and work with those who expressed interest via the chapter survey.

John C. asked if anyone felt there was a need for a program committee. Bruce Halgren suggested that a committee was already in place (the Executive Comm.), but maybe topics should be discussed at meetings to allow input from more members.

**Committee Reports**

Roy Miller (Resolutions Comm.) reported on pertinent resolutions **approved** from the National AFS meeting.

Resolution to block introduction of black carp currently being considered for control of two species of mussels.

Resolution requesting that fluorescent lamps be treated under the pollution control act of 1990 regarding the disposal of mercury.

Resolution urging AFS to adopt stewardship of rotenone: define appropriate uses and finance mechanisms needed to maintain its use.

Resolution urging Ontario to reinstitute the educational requirements for biologists which were recently eliminated.

Walt Murawski (Nominations Comm.) made the following nominations for officers for 1995.

**President Elect:** Stan Gorski (NMFS, Sandy Hook)

There being no further nominations from the floor, Roy M. moved to close nominations, Stewart Michels seconded.

**Secretary/Treasurer:** Cathy Martin (DE Fish & Wildlife)  
There being no further nominations from the floor, Bernie Petrosky moved to close nominations, E. Bochenek seconded.

**Student Representative:** Melissa Newmann (Rutgers Univ)  
Bruce H. moved to close, E. Bochenek seconded.

John Clark then turned the meeting over to incoming President, Eleanor Bochenek. Eleanor B. asked for any discussion on topics for the spring, 1995 meeting. There were no topics suggested from the floor. Eleanor requested that anyone with a topic of possible interest contact her at 908-505-8941.

The Treasurer reported that the raffle netted approximately \$105.00. Stan Gorski then drew the winning ticket, that of Stewart Michels.

Roy M. announced that as outgoing President, John Clark would receive a plaque from national AFS. John C. made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Stan G. seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

*Catherine C. Martin*

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