



South Carolina Chapter American Fisheries Society

Meeting Minutes

2007 Annual Business Meeting

Date: January 24, 2007

Location: Ocean Plaza, Tybee Island, Ga.

- The meeting was opened by president Marcel Reichert at 5:44 pm and a quorum was established.
This is our 24th meeting
- The meeting minutes from 2006 were read by Secretary/Treasurer Carrie Hendrix, and the meeting minutes were accepted.
- The treasurer report was read by Secretary/Treasurer Carrie Hendrix, and it was accepted.
- No representative was present for the Clemson sub-unit of SC-AFS
- Cecil Jennings vice president of the Southern Division AFS was introduced. He announced that Bob Curry is stepping down.
 - New officers for SD-AFS:
Cecil Jennings; VP
Dave Coughlan; Sec/Treas.
John Odenkirk; AFS nominating committee
 - SD-AFS annual meeting at Lake Placid in 2006 was the largest meeting attended in the 48 states, and the 2nd largest ever,
 - Chapter news:
Tennessee chapter won AFS 2006 Best Small Unit Award
ECU Student Sub-unit won 2006 Best Student Sub-Unit Award
Dr. Joe Hightower won 2006 AFS Excellence in Fisheries Education
Governing Board approved new marine and coastal electronic journal
AFS offers free assistance to units for establishing and maintaining unit listservs
 - Application for the 7th Annual Student Colloquium being accepted;
Auburn University Chapter is coordinating
 - Mr. Jennings encouraged chapters to get involved and participate;
Contact Fred Heitman about serving



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- Upcoming meetings:
 - SD-AFS Spring Meeting; Memphis, TN; Feb. 8-11, 2007
 - 4th North American Reservoir Symposium; Atlanta, GA; June 6-9, 2007
 - 137th Annual Meeting of the American Fisheries Society, San Francisco, Ca; Sept. 2-6, 2007
 - 2007 SEAFWA Conference; Charleston, W. Va.; Oct. 21-24, 2007
 - 2008 Southern Division AFS Spring Meeting; Wheeling, W. Va.; Feb. 28-Mar. 2, 2008
- SD-AFS has a disaster relief program for hurricane Katrina, and the funds were used for affected units to travel to meetings. To solicit funds visit the SD-AFS website; www.sdafs.org/relief/default.htm.
- Fred Heitman, SD-AFS president elect wants to encourage members to seek and receive professional certification. J. Fredd recently received his professional certification.
- No elections
- We will form an awards committee.
- Last years Jack Bayless award winner was Scott Meister with his talk entitled "Observations of Deep Sea Reef Fishes Using Under Water Video"
 - Scott was heavily involved in last years meeting so we commend him on his hard work
- No nominations were made for the Conservationist of the Year Award, but suggestions are welcome. Marcel will be working on this as well.
- Old business:
 - Tim Snoots was acknowledged for the great job he did getting our website updated; www.scafs.org
 - Allison White is collecting data on past presidents and members, and events/meetings. Members were asked to forward any pertinent information to her.
 - Fall Workshop held on Nov. 18, 2006 at Ft. Johnson in Charleston was a great success. The President thanks Carrie Hendrix, Glenn Ulrich, Josh Loefer, and Laurie Dijoy for their work. This workshop may be repeated in the Spring.



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- We did not spend the \$250 allotted to us for travel to the SDAFS annual meeting, but it is still in the budget and available for future travel if needed.
- Scott Lamprecht is going to the SD-AFS meeting and is willing to represent the SC-AFS chapter at that meeting.
- **New Business:**
 - A suggestion was made to start giving an award for the best student poster, Marcel asked for suggestions on the form of the award, we decided to give a plaque for this award starting at the 2008 annual meeting.
 - We will have a 2007 Fall Workshop in the form of a reunion to open our 25 anniversary year. The workshop will probably be held in Columbia.
 - The 2007 annual meeting will be the 25th anniversary of SC-AFS, this will be the theme of the meeting, it will be held in Columbia, SC.
 - A Spring workshop to be held in Charleston, SC was approved, we will use the \$500 credit at the James Isl. County Park that we have jointly with SCFWA from last year's meeting
 - Jeanne Riley, President Elect is handling the newsletter now so send suggestions for it to her.
 - Barry Gooch suggested having a public venue for poster displaying. Marcel suggested that this be done at respective organizations. Leo Rose then suggested putting them on the web, and Scott suggested we put the entire talks on the web. The issue was debated until Cecil Jennings raised the issue of proprietary data/work, and the issue was dropped.
- A motion was made to adjourn at 6:30pm.