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Annual Meeting Held at Gulf Coast

The Seventh Annual Meeting of the MidSouth Aquatic Plant Management Society was held October 12-14, 1988 at the Gulf State Park Resort in Gulf Shores, Alabama.

Board of Directors Meeting

The meeting began Wednesday morning with the Board of Directors Meeting - The MidSouth Aquatic Plant Management Society (MAPMS) board met at 10:00 a.m., October 12, 1988. Those attending were:

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| ● President; | A. Leon Bates |
| ● President-Elect; | Raymond Cooper |
| ● Secretary-Treasurer; | Earl Burns |
| ● Editor; | Scott Lankford |
| ● Board Members; | Joe Stephenson |
| | Barry Smith |
| | Mike Eubanks |
| | Randall Goodman |
| | David Franks |

Minutes of the last board meeting were presented in writing to board members by the Secretary/Treasurer. The minutes, which had already been published in the Newsletter, were accepted as written by the board.

Committee Reports

1. Secretary/Treasurer: A financial statement of the Society was presented to the board. The society had a \$3,917.13 balance on hand as of September 30, 1988. Barry Smith and David Webb, past Secretary/Treasurer, were asked to audit records and books prior to the first business meeting.

2. President's Report: President Bates informed the Board the MAPMS President was automatically a member of the Aquatic Plant Management Society (APMS) board and that he should try to attend the annual APMS meeting. President-Elect Cooper said that he planned to represent MAPMS at the 1989 APMS meeting in Scottsdale, Arizona.

3. Membership Committee: A discussion was held on ways to solicit new members. A suggestion to contact leaders in BASS to see if they would be interested in participating in future programs was accepted. Barry Smith agreed to make contacts.

4. Editorial Committee: Editor Scott Lankford informed the board of plans to turn files and mailing lists, including a floppy disc, over to the new editor. The board commended Scott Lankford for a job well done as editor. Scott reported that Alabama Power Company could continue printing the program.

President Bates asked that as soon as new officers were elected that the information be sent to Steve Dekozlowski, Chairman of the Local Chapters Committee of APMS. In addition, Ken Langland, Editor of the APMS Newsletter needs a summary of the MAPMS meeting to include in the next APMS Newsletter. President-Elect Cooper will send this information.

The newly-elected editor should send an updated membership list to Dan Thayer, Editor of the Aquatics magazine. Secretary/Treasurer Burns will provide a list of new members to the new editor.

5. Internal Audit Committee: Barry Smith and David Webb, Past Secretary/ Treasurer, will audit records and report at the final business meeting.

6. Nominating Committee: The board approved the slate of nominees presented by Joe Stephenson, Chairman of the Nominating Committee. The slate, as follows, will be presented to the Society membership along with nominations from the floor at the first business meeting. The slate of nominees are as follows:

President-Elect, Barry Smith; Secretary/Treasurer, Earl R. Burns; Editor, Stan Cook; Directors (two to be selected); David Tarver, Kurt Getzinger, Lance Hammond, and Scott Lankford

Certificates of appreciation will be presented to retiring board members as well as students who present papers.

7. Bylaws Committee: The board accepted the revised bylaws presented by Bylaws Chairman David Franks with a note that two typographical errors should be corrected. The general membership will be asked to accept the revised bylaws at the business meeting.

8. Program Committee: President-Elect Cooper reported that arrange-

ments had been made for sponsors to pick up the tabs for breaks and a luncheon. The pavilion had been rented for a seafood buffet. Two student papers were to be given. Students had complimentary rooms, would be given free banquet tickets, and be awarded \$25 each for their presentation. A door prize of \$50 was proposed to be given away at each business meeting to encourage attendance. Since the program was printed, there have been four cancellations; however, a good slate of speakers are still scheduled.

President-Elect Cooper expressed his appreciation to the board for their help in developing the program. President Bates and the board commended President-Elect Cooper for doing an excellent job of arranging the program and getting the early printing.

New Business

1. Certificates of Appreciation: President Bates had certificates printed. President-Elect Cooper's wife will letter Certificates for outgoing board members Joe Stephenson and Scott Lankford, and Students Jeff Scott and Timothy Pfeiffer.

2. Certification Points: Secretary/Treasurer Burns will provide signup sheets for certification points at the registration desk and send a list to the appropriate State Agency.

3. Proceeds from Raffle for Compound Bow: It was decided that proceeds from the raffle be kept in account with a note to be used for a Scholarship Fund when sufficient funds become available.

4. Gale Research: President Bates informed the board that Gale Research Publication will list Society and officers.

5. Incorporation: President Bates reported that an attorney had estimated a cost of \$300 for incorporat-

ing. Barry Smith will check on the procedure used by the Alabama Fisheries Association to see if we can incorporate without using an attorney to reduce cost.

6. Water Hyacinth: Mike Eubanks read a proposed resolution to send to EPA expressing our concern about the use of water hyacinth in waste treatment facilities without adequate precaution to prevent the introduction and spread of the weed to new areas. A recommendation was made that the resolution be worded to include other noxious aquatic plants as well as hyacinth.

The board accepted the resolution and will present it to the general membership for approval at the business meeting.

7. Term of the Editor: The board agreed to consider a suggestion to extend the term of the Editor prior to the next election.

Meeting was adjourned.

General Session

The general session was opened Wednesday afternoon by MidSouth President Leon Bates. Following Leon's address, three sessions were held on Wednesday and Thursday. Topics included certification, plant management, plant biology, chemical control, biological control and chemical reports.

The Thursday afternoon session was concluded with the First Business Meeting. President Bates called the meeting to order and asked for committee reports.

Committee Reports

1. Finances: Secretary/ Treasurer Earl Burns, reported that the Society was on sound financial footing with a \$3,977.13 balance as of September 30, 1988. He reported that there had been 74 regular and 1 student

registrants for the annual meeting. The 1988 membership dues were collected from 68 regular members, 2 students, and 3 sustaining members. Total paid-up membership for 1988 was 88 regular members, 2 students, and 3 sustaining members. Ten members paid their 1989 dues. Seventy-six banquet tickets and 81 raffle tickets were sold. The gross income from the annual meeting was \$2,438.50. It appeared that, although we would lose money on the banquet, we would show a positive net income from the meeting after all expenses were paid.

2. Internal Audit: Internal audit Committee Chairman Barry Smith reported that books and records had been audited and were in good order.

3. Election of officers and directors: Nominating Committee Chairman Joe Stephenson passed out ballots containing names of members nominated by the committee. President Bates asked for nominations from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor and members were asked to mark their ballots and turn them in. Randall Goodman, Mike Eubanks, and Joe Stephenson would count the votes and report results at the final business meeting.

4. Bylaws Committee: Chairman David Franks discussed the amended bylaws noting the two typographical corrections that would be made. The amendments were approved by the membership.

5. Program Committee: President Bates commended President-Elect Raymond Cooper and the Program Committee for arranging an excellent program and expressed appreciation to corporate sponsors Valent, Gilmore, Pennwalt, Uniroyal, Elanco, AquaServices, American Sport Fish, and Applied Biochemists for support of the meeting.

6. Proposed Resolution: Mike Eubanks read the proposed resolution concerning noxious aquatic plants. The resolution was approved by the general membership. It will be

finalized and sent to EPA and other Federal agencies involved in research or other uses of aquatic plants.

Resolution, Noxious Aquatic Plant, i.e. Water Hyacinth Usage for Wastewater Treatment

WHEREAS, the use of noxious aquatic plants such as water hyacinth is becoming more common in wastewater treatment lagoons in the southeastern United States, and

WHEREAS, many of these treatment systems are being built within flood-prone areas, and

WHEREAS, the presence of noxious aquatic plants such as water hyacinth has been and continues to be a significant problem in the public waters of the southeastern United States, causing adverse navigation and environmental impacts;

THEREFORE BE RESOLVED that the MidSouth Aquatic Plant Management Society, in its annual meeting on October 12-14, 1988, in Gulf Shores, Alabama, encourages the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency and other appropriate agencies to impose stringent monitoring requirements for all existing and proposed wastewater treatment systems utilizing noxious aquatic plants such as water hyacinth to insure proper containment of these plants (including seeds and other reproductive plant parts) and adequate disposal of excess plants, and that the potential usage of native species will be fully evaluated.

7. New business from the floor: David Franks requested chemical manufacturers review the Mississippi Farm Pond Management publication and provide labels for any chemicals not included.

Tom Schmidt recommended that we continue to publish minutes of the

meeting in the newsletter rather than read minutes.

Lewis Decell extended an invitation to members to attend the United States Corps of Engineers Aquatic Plant Research meeting in West Palm Beach, Florida, the third week of November.

8. Drawing for Compound Bow: Jeff Davies won the bow. The bow was donated by Lewis Decell. Proceeds from the raffle netted \$81 and will be applied to a scholarship fund.

9. Drawing for Door Prize: Dave Tarver won the \$30 door prize.

The meeting was adjourned.

We gathered again that evening to enjoy an "All you can eat and drink" seafood buffet at the open-air pavilion. This time of eating, socializing, and relaxation was once again well received.

Final Business Meeting

The Friday session was comprised of government and agency reports and concluded with the Final Business Meeting. President Bates called the meeting to order and asked Secretary/Treasurer Burns to report on registration, expenses, and income from the annual meeting.

1. The 1988 Meeting Summary (see box on next page) was presented by Secretary/Treasurer Earl Burns.

2. Certificates of Appreciation were presented to outgoing editor Scott Lankford and Past President Joe Stephenson.

\$25 checks were presented to Jeff Scott and Timothy Pfeiffer for presenting student papers.

3. Results of the election were reported; Officers and Directors for the 1988-89 year are as follows:

President,	Raymond Cooper
Pres.-Elect,	Barry Smith
Sec./Treas.,	Earl Burns
Editor,	Stan Cook
Past Pres.,	Leon Bates
Directors,	Randall Goodman
	Mike Eubanks,
	Scott Lankford,
	David Tarver

4. Outgoing President Bates turned the gavel over to Raymond Cooper, who will serve as 1988-89 President of MAPMS.

5. President Cooper expressed appreciation to all who had helped with the program and presented outgoing President Leon Bates with a plaque in appreciation for a job well done.

6. President Cooper reminded board members of the final board meeting immediately after adjournment.

7. An invitation was extended to members to attend the Alabama Fisheries Association meeting in Tuscaloosa, February 22-24, 1989.

8. Tom Willis won \$50 in the Final Drawing for the Door Prize.

The 1988 Final Business Meeting was adjourned.

Final Meeting of the Board of Directors

Following adjournment of the Final Business Meeting the Board of Directors met once again.

President Raymond Cooper called the meeting to order. Those present were:

Raymond Cooper
Leon Bates
Barry Smith
Stan Cook
Earl Burns
Randall Goodman
Mike Eubanks
Scott Lankford
David Franks

A motion was made and accepted to waive reading of the minutes.

Old Business

1. Banquet Fee: A discussion was held on how to handle the banquet fee in future years. A suggestion to include it in the registration fee was discussed, but the decision was made to continue making it a separate item

1988 MEETING SUMMARY

Income	At Meeting	
1988 Membership	68	\$680.00
1989 Membership	10	100.00
Student Membership	2	10.00
Registration for Meeting:		
Regular	74	370.00
Student	1	2.50
Banquet	76	1,045.00
Raffle Tickets	81	81.00
Sustaining Members: (Pennwalt, Valent, AquaServices)	3	150.00
Total Income from Meeting		<u>\$2,438.50</u>
Expenses		
Student Presentation		\$50.00
Door Prizes		100.00
Projector		16.20
Pavilion Rental		100.00
Banquet		<u>1,375.00</u>
Total Expenses		<u>\$1,641.20</u>
Gross Income		\$2,438.50
Expenses		<u>1,641.20</u>
Net Income		<u>\$ 797.30</u>

from registration. A suggestion to round off the banquet fee at future meetings to the nearest dollar to keep from having to handle loose change at the registration desk was accepted.

2. Aquatic Plant Resolution: Mike Eubanks will incorporate suggested changes in the resolution to go from the society to appropriate Federal agencies.

3. Duties of Officers: President Cooper will make copies and send to all board members.

4. Bylaws: Temporary copies of the newly-approved bylaws were given out by David Franks. Printed copies will be mailed later.

5. Past President Bates passed records and information from past meetings to President Cooper.

6. President-Elect Barry Smith will contact BASS to determine their interest in participating in future meetings.

7. Secretary/Treasurer Earl Burns will send copies of meeting minutes to Stan Cook, Editor, for publication in Newsletter.

8. Editor Stan Cook passed out an up-to-date mailing list, and will add new names to the list as soon as received from Secretary Burns. The list will be sent to Dan Thayer, Editor of Aquatics magazine to ensure new members are on the Aquatics mailing list.

New Business

1. The next board meeting will be at the Alabama Power Company offices in Birmingham. The second week of February was tentatively set as the time of the meeting. President Cooper will check dates and confirm the meeting time.

2. The 1989 meeting site will be approved at the February 1989 board meeting. President-Elect Smith will make suggestions for board approval.

3. Randall Goodman suggested that the Society get involved as lobbyist in legislative activities. Leon Bates pointed out that the APMS has a legislative committee made up of chapter presidents. Participating in the committee activities is one way the Society can play a role in legislative concerns. Another suggestion was made to invite political figures to our annual meetings.

4. The need for an updated film on hydrilla was discussed. Leon Bates will provide information on the status of update of the TVA film by the next board meeting.

The Final Board Meeting was adjourned.

Meeting Summary

The meeting provided an opportunity for excellent exchange of information between attendees and all areas related to the management of aquatic plants. The cooperative spirit that has developed in the 7-year-old society is outstanding and serves a worthwhile function of information exchange between various agencies, universities, and industries.

New Members

Welcome new MAPMS members:

Larry Dyck,	Clemson University
Paul Ferrell,	Pat Harrison Waterway District
Stuart Goldsby,	AQUASERVICES
Alton Hall,	TVA
Jerry Hooper,	Alabama Game and Fish Division
Wayne Lanier,	U.S.A.C.E.
Jerry Moss,	Alabama Game and Fish Division
Dennis Nix,	Georgia Power Company

Jim Piper,	Alabama Game and Fish Division
Douglas Powell,	TVA
Harold Sherman,	U.S.A.C.E.
Bill Smallwood,	U.S.A.C.E.
Sam Spencer,	Alabama Game and Fish Division
Gidget Zolczynski,	Alabama Marine Resources Division

PRESIDENTIAL NOTE

I would like to thank everyone who attended the seventh annual meeting. If you enjoyed the meeting tell your friends and associates. If you had any kind of problems please let me or any of the board members know so we can work on making next years' meeting even better. The only way we have of improving is through you and your comments. **Raymond Cooper**

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