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## WELCOME TO 2000...

If you're reading this edition of the newsletter, maybe most of the Y2K worries were either unfounded or solved! This will be an interesting year for the MSAPMS: a new website, new officers and directors, and *Salvinia molesta* has been confirmed in most southern states (including Georgia). This plant may cause many sleepless nights for lake managers. My sleepless nights will most likely stem from a new addition to our family, a boy that's scheduled to arrive on February 11. I look forward to these challenges, and to serving another year as editor of the newsletter - *Scott Hendricks*

## MSAPMS 1999 MEETING...

The MSAPMS Board of Directors sincerely thanks the many individuals, agencies, and companies that helped make the 1999 annual meeting successful. Mark Tow pulled together a great program, and as always, we had great support from our sponsors:

American Sportfish  
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The entire minutes of the Board meetings and the MSAPMS annual business meetings, as submitted by Ken Weathers (Sec./Treas.) are included in this edition of the newsletter. Please take a few minutes to peruse the information, which contains financial reports, new business, and officer changes. The Board thanks Marty Brunson of Mississippi State for agreeing to fill a vacant Director position. Marty also agreed to post newsletters and other information on the new MSAPMS website. More information on this site will be provided in the next newsletter. **Officers and directors: mark your calendars for the Board meeting on February 23, 2000**



**Minutes for the 1999 Initial Board Meeting  
MidSouth Aquatic Plant Management Society  
Gulf Shores State Park; October 20, 1999**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by President Harry Knight. Members present included: Ken Weathers, Lewis Decell, Harry Knight, Steve Miranda, David Franks, Wendy Seesock, Mark Tow, and Joe Jernigan. Secretary/Treasurer Ken Weathers reviewed the minutes from the 1999 Winter board meetings. After a motion to accept the minutes by Mark and a second by Joe, the minutes were approved by the Board and the following items were discussed.

**Financial**

Ken Weathers passed out a current financial statement (attached) for October 1, 1998 through October 1, 1999, which indicated that as of October first the MidSouth Operational Account contained \$10,449, the MidSouth APMS Scholarship account contained \$14,232, and the AL POWER Scholarship account contained \$11,091. No scholarships were awarded from either of these accounts during this period. According to the Boards instructions, \$402 was transferred from the operations account to the MidSouth Scholarship account, along with \$100 from Brewer International and \$50 from Kurt Getsinger. Two thousand dollars had been transferred to the Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Foundation in fulfillment of the MidSouth APMS's pledge. Expenditures during 1999 included 3 president's plaques purchased for Lewis Decell, Stan Cook, and Harry Knight, \$100 for web-site set up, and other routine expenses. At that time 11 Corporate Sponsors had contributed \$2,750 for the annual meeting, along with several commitments for breaks, door prizes, and other donations. The financial report was approved by the Board after a motion to accept by David Franks and a second by Joe Jernigan.

**Membership Report**

Ken reported that the current membership role was composed of 92 members with dues paid through 1999, and 33 members with dues paid through 2000, for a total of 125 members. Nine of these are sustaining members. Board members were asked to mark names to leave on the mailing list so that expired member names could be removed.

**Scholarships**

The Board discussed the problem of lack of scholarship applications. Wendy stated that one of the Auburn Fisheries students was planning to apply for the scholarship this year. The group discussed the deadlines and restrictions to just students from the MidSouth region. David stated that a large enough sum of money would get student's attention. Lewis suggested that announcements be sent out to all colleges in the region. Steve suggested broadening the scope of the scholarship program by allowing professors to apply for this money to use on assistantships. Joe brought up the possibility that professors may be able to get this money before students would have a chance at it. After discussion, the Board agreed that scholarship money could be awarded for use by a professor to supplement an assistantship at the discretion of the Scholarship committee. Priority would still be expected to go to qualifying student applications. Harry stated that the Web site should help to advertise the scholarships. Lewis ask about using the money to sponsor high school projects associated with aquatic plant management. Harry passed out an education packet titled "Kids Journey to Understanding Weeds." This was discussed, then the Board agreed to consider what level of support to offer at the final Board meeting.

**Web Site**

Harry lead a discussion about the APMS web site,



after which the Board decided to fund the site from the MidSouth operations account as expenses occurred. The Board agreed that links to licensed aquatic plant control product web sites were fine as long as all were treated the same, with no endorsements or promotions made. Lewis suggested that a person be set up to serve as a go between for people to make suggestions to the web master. Harry said this may not be necessary but he would ask Marty Brunson if this was needed. Everyone agreed that Marty had done a good job and should be commended for his hard work on the web site.

### **Nominations**

Lewis reported that Bob Gunkel had to drop his acceptance of nomination for President Elect, and Ken Weathers had agreed to be nominated for this position. Joe Jernigan had agreed to be nominated for secretary/treasurer, and Eric Barkemeyer and David Franks had agreed to be nominated for Board members.

### **By-Laws Changes**

David Franks reported that the vote for establishment of the Scholarship Committee as a standing committee was published in the March newsletter as required. This change could be announced in the initial business meeting, then voted on in the final business meeting. Copies of the updated by-laws would be available at the registration desk.

### **Other Business**

Harry ask Joe to check on the noxious weed list for Alabama so this could be published on the MidSouth web site. Mark reminded everyone to talk up the Internet Workshop at the meeting. Mark made a motion to adjourn, Lewis seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 am.

## **Minutes for the 1999 Initial Business Meeting MidSouth Aquatic Plant Management Society Gulf Shores State Park; October 20, 1999**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by President Harry Knight. Minutes from the previous years business meetings were summarized by Ken Weathers. Ken gave the financial report, stating that as of October 1, 1999, MidSouth APMS held total assets of \$35,772, with \$8,119 in the operational account, \$14,232 in the MidSouth Scholarship Fund, and \$11,091 in the AL Power Scholarship Fund. The minutes and financial report was accepted unanimously.

### **By-Laws**

David Franks stated that he had copies of the latest By-Laws available for any interested member. He also announced the vote for the proposed by-law change to set up the scholarship committee as a standing committee would be taken at the final business meeting.

### **Certification Points**

Scott Lankford reminded members to be sure to sign the attendance list to receive Pesticide Applicators Certification Points, and stated that he also had copies of the form needed for certification in Florida.

### **Nominations**

Lewis Decell read the nominations of Ken Weathers for President-Elect, Joe Jernigan for Secretary/Treasurer, and David Franks and Eric Barkemeyer for Board of Director Members. A motion to accept the nominations was made and seconded, and the nominations were passed unanimously by the membership.

### **Scholarships**

David Bayne reported that he had received word from one applicant for the upcoming year. He requested members to keep publicizing the schol-



arships. Harry Knight informed the members of the Boards decision to allow scholarships to be awarded to professors for use on aquatic plant management related assistantships, at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee. He also discussed the use of the MidSouth web site for advertising scholarships.

### **Other Business**

Mike Eubanks brought the "Kids Journey to Understanding Weeds" program up for discussion. The membership was asked to review the literature which Harry had available and give input to Board members. Harry stated that Mark Tow had done an excellent job organizing this years meeting. David Franks made the motion to adjourn, Randell Goodman seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

### **Minutes for the 1999 Final Business Meeting MidSouth Aquatic Plant Management Society Gulf Shores State Park; October 22, 1999**

The meeting was called to order at 10:45 am by President Harry Knight. The following reports were given:

### **Registration and Financial Report**

Ken Weathers reported that 75 people had registered at the meeting. The Scholarship Golf Tournament sponsored by Elf Atochem had 10 golfers and yielded \$500. The door prize raffle generated an extra \$330, for a total of \$830 earmarked for the scholarship fund. The revenue on hand at that time was \$3,802, while conference center and banquet cost amount to \$2,396. MidSouth APMS should clear approximately \$1,500 from this meeting, depending on other expenses and credits still coming in.

### **Financial Audit**

Tom Broadwell reported that the books had been audited by Eric Barkemeyer and himself, and all financial records were accurate and up to date.

### **Introductions**

Harry introduced the two oncoming Board members David Franks and Eric Barkemeyer.

### **By-Laws Addition**

A vote was taken on the Board's proposal to change the status of the scholarship committee to a standing committee. It was noted that this By-Law change proposal had been published in the Newsletter the required amount of time before the vote was taken as outlined in the By-Laws. The proposal was passed unanimously.

### **Recognition**

Harry Knight was presented with a President's Plaque and thanked for his excellent work. He expressed appreciation to the Board, the general membership, and the secretary/treasurer.

### **Final Business**

Mark Tow was congratulated on an excellent meeting. He expressed thanks to Lewis Decell, Terry Goldsby, Barry Smith, and Joe Zolczynski for their help with the Seafood Banquet. Randell Goodman reminded everyone of the MidSouth archives at A.U. Randell made a motion to adjourn, Frank Ellis seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 10:50 am.

### **Minutes for the 1999 Final Board Meeting MidSouth Aquatic Plant Management Society Gulf Shores State Park; October 22, 1999**

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 am by President Mark Tow. Members present included: Ken Weathers, Scott Hendricks, Lewis Decell,



Harry Knight, Eric Barkemeyer, David Franks, and Mark Tow. Mark lead the discussion about the Winter Board Meeting site. This meeting was tentatively scheduled for February 23, 2000, at 10 am at the AL Power Headquarters, Building #8. This is located off I-65, exit 234 (Shelby Co. Airport exit).

### **Kids Journey to Understanding Weeds**

Harry stated that the National APMS was donating \$2000 to this project. Each regional APMS had been asked to contribute so that programs on aquatic plants could be developed and implemented in schools for each region. After discussion, Eric Barkemeyer made a motion that MidSouth APMS donate \$500. This was seconded by Harry Knight, and passed unanimously. Ken agreed to send the check as soon as possible.

### **Other Business**

David Franks distributed copies of the by-laws to new Board members, and Ken Weathers stated he would send a copy to Randell Goodman for the archives. Mark led a discussion about the possible impacts of chemical company mergers. He also asked Board members to think about possible changes to the format and timing of next years annual meeting. The Board also discussed the problem of being one Board member short since Joe Jernigan had agreed to serve as Secretary/Treasurer before his term was over. Lewis Decell made a motion to adjourn, Harry seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 am.

Submitted by: Kenneth C. Weathers  
Sec. / Treas.



## **WINTER BOARD MEETING**



**February 23, 2000, 10:00AM**

**Alabama Power Company GSC Bldg #8  
(Exit 234 from I-65, Shelby Co. Airport)**



# **AQUARIUS SYSTEMS**

## **AQUARIUS ANNOUNCES NEW WEBSITE**

In May 1999, Aquarius Systems was awarded a \$1.7 million contract through World Bank and the Lake Victoria Environmental Management Project (LVEMP) to chop water hyacinths on Lake Victoria.

In response to the tender specifications, Aquarius will be using two specially designed chopping machines called "Swamp Devils" to shred 1500 acres of water hyacinth in a twelve month time frame. A medium sized Harvester and a Shore Conveyor will also be brought in to help remove the chopped hyacinths from Lake Victoria.

Based out of Kismuth, Kenya, target areas for the project include: the Port of Kisumu, Kendu Bay, Homa Bay, Port Victoria, and Nya Bay. These areas will be addressed on an "as needed" basis, to be determined by the LVEMP project manager.



Aquarius has developed a new website to publicize the water hyacinth control efforts as the project moves forward. You can view this information at:

**<http://www.water-hyacinth.com>**

# 2000 MEMBERSHIP DUES

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