

Meeting Minutes
Annual TAPMS Business Meeting
Wednesday, September 10, 2008
The Mayan Lodge, Mayan Dude Ranch, Bandera, Texas

I. Call to Order: President Howard Elder called the meeting to order at 11:40 AM. A Motion to Order was made by Industrial Affairs Committee Chair Kelly Duffie and seconded by Past-President Blake Kellum. The motion passed. Approximately 40 TAPMS members were present at the meeting

II. Approve June 2008 Minutes: Editor Patrick Moran orally summarized the minutes of the June 2008 BOD Meeting, held June 11th, 2008 at the Mayan Dude Ranch (copies of the June 2008 BOD meeting minutes were not available for distribution to the members). Past-President Blake Kellum moved to accept the minutes. Director Gary Brown seconded. The motion passed.

III. Election Results: Ballots were tallied by Nominating Committee Chair Mack Chapman. Mack announced the following Election Results:

President-Elect: Gary Brown

Treasurer: David Sauer

Secretary: Mary Gilroy

Editor: LeeAnn Glomski

Director: A.J. Thibodeaux (2009-2010)

Director: John Payne (2009-2010)

Director: Randy Epps (2009-2010)

President-Elect Michael Masser moved to accept the election results. Wilfred Korth seconded. The motion passed.

In addition to the Officers and Board members noted above, Michael Masser, currently President-Elect, will serve as President in 2009 and Howard Elder, currently President, will serve as Past-President in 2009. Directors Paul Dorsett and Richard Ott will serve the second year of their terms as Directors in 2009.

IV. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer David Sauer introduced Donna Hanson, the contracted tax consultant for TAPMS. Donna provided a summary of the discussions held at the TAPMS BOD meeting on September 9th, 2008 regarding the tax status of TAPMS, actions taken by Donna to verify/update our status with the State of Texas and the IRS, and her recommendations for actions by TAPMS to clarify the status of TAPMS as a 501(C)(5) tax-exempt organization (see Minutes from the September 9, 2008 BOD meeting for details).

Treasurer David Sauer passed out copies of the Treasurer's Report, dated September 6, 2008. TAPMS currently has total assets of \$36,454.51, with \$25,445.70 in checking, and 11,008.81 in a 9-month Certificate of Deposit. All accounts are maintained at Wells Fargo Bank. Between June 11, 2008 and September 6, 2008, TAPMS had total deposits

of \$11,205.00 and total expenses of \$1,460.19. David noted that the final bill for the Mayan Dude Ranch still needed to be paid, and that he would send a new Treasurer's Report to the BOD once this account is settled and all other late revenues/expenses associated with the 2008 Annual Conference are accounted for.

Director Paul Dorsett moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Wilfred Korth seconded. The motion passed.

IV Editor's Update: No update was provided by Editor Patrick Moran

V. Committee Reports

Auditing: Committee chair Malcolm Johnson reported that he examined the financial records of TAPMS for the past year and that the books are in order. President-Elect Michael Masser moved to accept the Auditing Committee's report. Director Paul Dorsett seconded. The motion passed.

Conference Program: Committee Chair and 2008 Program Chair Michael Masser thanked all of the presenters and meal/break sponsors at the 2008 Annual Conference. The membership acknowledged Dr. Masser's efforts to prepare a stimulating and educational 2008 Annual Conference Program.

Editorial: Committee Chair Patrick Moran reported that he has received very few contributions of articles for the TAPMS Newsletter during his four years as Editor. He asked all members to contribute case studies, success stories, information about new invasive plants, and other information for the October 2008 Newsletter, and for the 2009 issues, to be edited by LeeAnn Glomski.

Governmental Affairs: Committee Chair Chetta Owens had no report.

Industrial Affairs: Committee Chair Kelly Duffie had no report.

Membership/Publicity: No report was requested from Committee Chair Patrick Moran.

Nominating: Committee Chair Mack Chapman had no report. President Howard Elder and the membership acknowledged Mack for putting together the ballot for the 2008 TAPMS Elections.

Public Education: Committee Co-Chair Michael Masser reported that two sets of promotional TAPMS posters are now available for display at conferences, workshops, field days, etc. Each set consists of two approximately 6-ft tall posters that are free-standing. Micheal Masser has one set and Howard Elder has the other. Contact them to borrow a set. They can ship a set via FedEx if necessary.

Scholarships/Awards: Committee Chair Jason Lewis announced that the First Place (\$150 plus a book) Student Competition winner for the 2008 Annual Conference was Patrick Ireland, Texas A & M University, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Science

(WFSC), for the oral presentation entitled “Changes in Native Aquatic Vegetation and Associated Fish and Macroinvertebrate Assemblages Following Addition of Triploid Grass Carp to Manage *Hydrilla verticillata* in Lake Conroe, TX”. Second Place (\$50 and a book) went to Kelsey Gocke, Texas A & M University-WFSC, for the oral presentation entitled “Impacts of Watershed Changes on the Lake Conroe Fish Community”. There were no student competition poster entries this year. Jason thanked the judges.

Web Site: Committee Chair/contractor Gail Treece was not present. President Howard Elder noted that some changes have been made to the TAPMS website. Editor Patrick Moran reported that, as noted in the June 2008 BOD meeting minutes, Gail Treece, our contracted Webmaster, is currently focused on maintaining/updating the website, and we have not asked her to make major changes.

V. Old Business: None

VI. New Business:

A. TAPMS Tax Status and Board of Directors Meeting: President Howard Elder explained that Donna Hanson’s recommendations regarding the tax status, finances and organization of TAPMS included making a few changes to the TAPMS Bylaws, and that this process would be initiated by the BOD at its January 2009 meeting, and would involve a vote by the membership at the 2009 Annual Business Meeting during the 2009 Annual Conference. Howard Elder also noted that the TAPMS BOD will likely hold another physical meeting prior to the end of 2008, to discuss Donna’s recommendations, obtain updates, and plan actions to take in 2009.

B. Acknowledgment for TAPMS BOD Members: Kelly Duffie made a motion to authorize the TAPMS BOD to purchase fishing shirts to give to all current Officers and BOD members each year, to acknowledge their service to TAPMS. Donna Hanson indicated that the purchase of these shirts would not be a problem in terms of the 501 (C) (5) non-profit tax status of TAPMS. Wilfred Korth seconded the motion. The motion passed.

VII. Motion to Adjourn: Editor Patrick Moran made a motion to adjourn. President-Elect Michael Masser seconded. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 PM.

Prepared by Editor Patrick Moran for Secretary Mary Gilroy