

**Minutes of the Florida Chapter of the American Fisheries Society 2005
Annual Business Meeting
Ocala, FL
February 26, 2006**

President Rich McBride established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Rich reviewed the minutes from the 2005 business meeting and made a motion the minutes be accepted as published in the April 2005 Shellcracker newsletter. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The chapter recognized Jack Dequine and Larry Conner as past Southern Division AFS presidents in attendance. The chapter recognized past Florida chapter AFS presidents in attendance. They were: Marty Hale, Wes Porak, Paul Shaffland, Larry Conner, Bob Wattendorf, Ron Taylor, Rich Cailteux, and Mike Allen.

Eric Nagid presented the Treasurer's Report for the 2005 calendar year (attached). A motion was made and seconded to approve the report and was accepted by unanimous vote.

Mark Rogers, Florida Student Subunit President reported subunit updates. The subunit held their first official meeting, and held elections. Matt Catalano was elected President-elect, and Jennie Sandberg remained as Secretary-Treasurer.

Rich McBride announced that Jackie Debicella remained as the Shellcracker newsletter editor.

Bob Wattendorf reported on website updates. Abstracts from oral and poster presentations will be available online. Additionally, Nicole Morris is currently managing the Student Subunit website.

Bridget Tiffany reported on raffle updates. Notable comments focused on the exceptional prizes and the large number of contributors. The chapter recognized Tom Maher with a certificate for his service and commitment as raffle Chair.

Chuck Cichra reported on this year's student travel grant recipients. From the 32 students that registered and attended the meeting, 19 students received travel grants that funded room and board. The students were: Dustin Addis (UWF), Ivy Baremore (UF), Beverly Barnett (UWF), Coleman Bender (Florida Gulf Coast), Jason Bennett (UF), Mike Dance (UWF), Drew Dutterer (UF), Stacy Galleher (UNF), Suzi Gibson (UWF), Sarah Jeffers (UWF), Eddie Leonard (UF), Cecelia Louder (UWF), Kari MacLauchlin (UF), Lauren Marcinkiewicz (UF), Nicole Morris (UWF), Jason Rock (UF), Mark Rogers (UF), Jennie Sandberg (UWF), Rachel Wilborn (UWF).

Chuck Cichra described the Roger Rottmann Scholarship. There were no PhD applications received this year. The application committee could not make a distinction between two equally qualified applicants for the Master of Science level. Therefore, Ivy Baremore (UF) and Drew Dutterer (UF) were each awarded \$500, and this year's recipients of the Roger Rottmann Scholarship.

Larry Conner provided Southern Division AFS updates. He spoke of the successful SEAFWA annual meeting held in St. Louis, MO, and the successful Southern Division annual meeting held in San Antonio, TX. The 2006 SEAFWA annual meeting will be held in Norfolk, VA. The 2006 Southern Division annual meeting will be held in Lake Placid NY, Memphis TN in 2007, West Virginia in 2008, and Mississippi in 2009. Larry also commented and reminded the members about The Hutton Junior Fisheries Biology Program. Larry closed by commenting about the AFS Hurricane Relief Task Force designed to provide assistance for hurricane impacted fisheries facilities and/or equipment. Potential aid in this effort could (1) provide temporary complimentary memberships to AFS, (2) provide complimentary journal subscriptions, (3) create of a virtual distribution point (e.g. equipment assistance),(4) contact vendors for loans, resources, and equipment, and (5) provide agencies and/or individuals with meeting scholarships to impacted members. The discussion will be brought to the AFS governing board in March 2006.

Rich McBride introduced Eric Nagid and Justin Krebs as presidential candidates, and Linda Lombardi-Carlson and Bill Pouder as Secretary-Treasurer candidates. Subsequent to ballot tabulation, Rich McBride announced Eric Nagid as President-elect and Linda Lombardi-Carlson as Secretary-Treasurer.

Chuck Cichra presented Rich McBride with the President's Plaque, and chaired the remainder of the meeting.

New Business

A motion was made to allocate funds to the AFS Hurricane Relief Task Force as described by Larry Conner. The initial motion was to commit \$1500 over a 3-year period, but was later amended to a single contribution of \$1500. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Ron Taylor made a request to the chapter to support the Snook V Symposium. Mike Allen made a motion to fund the symposium in the amount of \$500. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

A motion was made to discontinue USPS mailing of the Shellcracker newsletter to reduce spending. An unspecified number of members indicated preference of hard-copy newsletters by show-of-hand. However, a motion was made by Rich McBride to table the discussion due to Jackie Debicella's (newsletter editor) absence. The motion was seconded.

Following no additional new business, a motion was made to adjourn the annual business meeting. The motion was seconded and the meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

**Treasurer's Report
Florida Chapter AFS
1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005**

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| Beginning Balance: January 1, 2005 | \$ 14,862.89 |
| Closing Balance: December 31, 2005 | \$ <u>15,350.03</u> |
| Difference: | \$ 487.14 |

Credits:

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| Deposits | \$21,958.67 |
| Dividends & Interest | \$ 441.58 |
| Other credits | \$ 368.91 |

Debits:

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| Checks | \$(19,175.05) |
| Funds to Purchase Securities | \$ (644.72) |
| Other debits | \$ (306.68) |
| Withdrawals | \$ (2549.85) |

Asset Value:

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| January 1, 2005 | \$ 10,609.67 |
| Securities Purchased | \$ 644.72 |
| December 31, 2005 | \$ <u>11,003.95</u> |
| | \$ (250.44) |

Major Expense Categories:

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| Annual Meeting | 84% |
| Newsletters | 5% |

Eric Nagid
Secretary/Treasurer FL chapter AFS