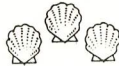


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## MINUTES OF THE SPRING MEETING IN ROCKPORT MAINE 26 APRIL 1975

Meeting began at 1210 PM.

President Mike Mazurkiewicz clarified costs and charges for meals.

On the matter of establishing an estuarine sanctuary in Maine, the President announced he would establish a committee to examine the possibilities. Committee members would be notified by mail.

About 40 membership applications were received. John Tietjen moved to accept all applicants, Paul Chanley seconded the motion and all were accepted unanimously.

The award for the best student paper presented at the meeting was given to David Phillips. Larry Kelts, Steve Macko and Frank Cantelmo were also congratulated for their excellent work and reports.

The Secretary-Treasurer's reports were read and accepted.

The Secretary-Treasurer read some of the proposed changes in the BY-Laws that will be voted on at the next meeting. Some of the changes are necessary for uniformity with the ERF non-profit status incorporation.

The following nominations for ERF offices were made:

President: Ruth Turner, with John Tietjen as alternate.

Vice President: Joel O'Connor with Bernie McAlice as alternate.

Secretary: Barbara Welsh

Treasurer: Marie Abbott with Mattie Chanley as alternate.

There were no nominations from the floor.

The fall meeting, in conjunction with ERF, is scheduled for Galveston, Texas, 6-7 October. Since few of our members will be able to attend, Bernie McAlice moved that we hold an additional meeting in our geographic area. Dave Dean seconded and the membership approved. Halloween weekend was suggested, so as not to conflict with the Galveston meeting. Bill Gilbert asked if we had an invitation. There was no immediate response but Perry Jeffries announced that Marie Abbott had extended an invitation to Woods Hole.

The National Marine Fisheries Service Laboratory at Milford has offered to sponsor the spring 1976 meeting. The membership voted to accept this invitation.

President Mazurkiewicz announced that our members could be given a discount for the Journal of Estuarine and Coastal Science by joining the sponsoring organization.

Perry Jeffries suggested the possibility of changing the format of the meetings to encourage more informal presentations. Mike Mazurkiewicz suggested the possibility of having a session of simultaneous individual displays-discussion groups instead of formal papers. Mattie Chanley suggested such a session might be planned for the next meeting.

Barbara Walsh suggested the possibility of a beer and sandwich luncheon with displays and informal exhibits or discussion groups.

Considerable discussion followed.

The gratitude of NEERS was expressed, by applause, to the Ira Darling Center for sponsoring the spring meeting and the business meeting was adjourned at 1255.

Paul Chanley asked that at the next meeting NEERS consider endorsing a request for massive federally supported mariculture research.

Paul Chanley  
Secretary/Treasurer