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MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING 1 May 1976

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Mazurkiewicz at 1155. He then thanked Tony Calabrese and Chris Biela for chairing the morning sessions.

The Bubonic Award, a large slightly used chocolate bunny, was presented to Stephen Dudley for the loudest most outrageous attire of those presenting papers. Herb Hida was awarded honorable mention and given a sticker proclaiming the established fact that "Beer drinkers make better lovers".

The president then thanked the host organization, and especially Tony Calabrese and Fred Thurberg, for making all the arrangements that made the meeting run so smoothly. He also noted that numerous people on the staff of NMFS had been involved in the preparations and that all the subtle contributions had done much to improve the meeting. The appreciation of the society was expressed by an enthusiastic round of applause.

The minutes of the fall 1975 meeting were read and accepted. The Secretary-Treasurer reported that the organization was in "Pretty good financial shape, I think." Chris Biela promptly moved that this report be accepted - and it was!

The only old business was the forwarding of Paul Chanley's request (to EPF) to launch a campaign to obtain massive funding for research that could lead to the production of filter-feeding invertebrates as a source of inexpensive animal protein. Mike Mazurkiewicz reported that this would be discussed at the EPF governing board meeting next week.

The president then stated that with the tightening of budgets it was difficult to arrange travel to EPF governing board meetings but that he thought we should be represented. Dave Dean moved that NEEPS provide travel funds to our representative to the EPF Governing Board up to an amount deemed appropriate and affordable by the Secretary-Treasurer. At this point the president discovered the secretary-treasurer was drinking his beer and almost blew his cool. Nonetheless Richard Burton seconded the motion and it passed.

The president requested members to notify the secretary-treasurer of address changes and especially if they failed to get meeting notices. Several correctly addressed notices, mailed first class, have been returned as undeliverable. Undoubtedly some members have been dropped because of post office incompetence. He also requested that members send Ernie Ruber items for the EPF newsletter, after June, when Ernie returns from sabbatical.

Membership lists will be mailed with the fall meeting notices.

We are instituting a policy of posting any job openings on a bulletin board near the registration desk during meetings. The cooperation of the membership is requested.

Mike Mazurkiewicz announced that leaflets describing the publications resulting from Mel Carriker's Systematics Ecology Section at Woods Hole were available at the registration desk. He recommended the publications as extremely valuable, especially in the New England area.

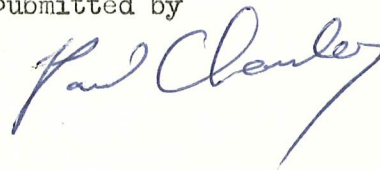
We have accumulated a considerable amount of records and the president asked if anyone was interested in serving as a historian or could offer storage space. Marie Abbott volunteered to store the records at Woods Hole.

The site committee for the 1977 ERF meeting is considering the New England area. Any ideas or input from NEEPS members would be appreciated.

Richard Burton asked if anyone was going to the AEPS meeting. Mike Mazurkiewicz admitted he was and was presented with a package for delivery.

Burton moved we adjourn and Brian Field seconded, so we did at 1232.

Submitted by

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul Chantley", written in a cursive style.