

New England Estuarine Research Society

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Minutes of Business Meeting
1 May 1981, Narragansett, Rhode Island

President Gaudette called the meeting to order at 2058 hrs. and immediately extended the gratitude of the membership to the local committee for the fine job they did with the meeting.

The minutes of the Fall Meeting were read and accepted as was the Treasurer's report.

President Gaudette introduced the members of the new Executive Committee who were present.

Old Business

The background of the *Estuaries* page charge fund was explained and the existence of the fund was emphasized. Payments from the fund will be at the discretion of the Executive Committee and will depend on page costs, demand for funds and length of the article. No more than one year's income to the fund will be paid out in a given year. The Secretary-Treasurer (bless his heart) will be the point of contact for those applying. Barbara Welsh stated that there was probably no mechanism to pay partial page charges and Ted Loder encouraged members to apply for funds.

New Business

President Gaudette explained that the publication of *Estuaries* now exceeds two years and suggested that we request of the Journal why this situation exists. A moderate length discussion followed along the line that we must know the cause of the delay before we can suggest corrective action. President Gaudette stated that he sensed general agreement and the Executive Committee will take action. A motion was made to so sense and it was passed by a murmur from the attendees.

The Executive Committee discussed special membership status for Marie Abbott and John "Stubby" Rankin because of their fine and extended past service. Doug Tolderlund moved that they be elected Honorary Members. Gib Chase seconded and the motion passed. Buck Ketchum suggested we present them with an appropriate gift to commemorate the occasion.

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The location for the fall meeting was discussed. The questionnaire accompanying the spring meeting announcement indicated overwhelming support for a fall meeting in spite of the ERF meeting. President z Gaudette announced that UNH would be willing to organize a meeting in the Portsmouth area. There was a short discussion on the possibility of holding the meeting on the Isle of Shoals but the concensus was that, although tours would be nice, the meeting should be on the mainland. President Gaudette stated that he would contact the local committee.

President Gaudette announced a mutual interest in holding a joint meeting between NEERS and the Fundy Environmental Studies Committee.

NEERS suggestions as to nominees for ERF offices were announced as for President: Barbara Welsh; Vice-President: Bernie McAlice; and Secretary: Berry Lyons.

President Gaudette explained that the next ERF meeting, 1983, is to be held in New England or the middle Atlantic region. He asked Sandy Libby to give a brief report on the activities of the ERF Site Selection Committee. She stated that if we want the meeting in New England, we have to make our feelings strongly known. We presently have a hold on the Wentworth for the weeks of October 12 and November 1, 1983. This is in case there is a seasonal price differential. She requested support from the NEERS membership. A long discussion followed on the merits of the Wentworth and other sites in New England, the tourist season and the weather. Ernie Ruber finally moved that we take the position that NEERS would be "bent out of shape" if the meeting is not in New England. This was again followed by a long discussion. Paul Lindsay seconded the motion which carried with two votes in opposition. Further discussion was then held as to whether we should specify the Wentworth as the desired meeting site. Tom Duncan moved that we pursue the Wentworth as our first choice and keep alternative areas, including Dunfey's in Hyannis, open. Dick Lee seconded the motion and it was passed.

A motion was made to adjourn, was seconded and passed. Meeting adjourned at 2201 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Peter F. Larsen".

Peter F. Larsen
Secretary