President Paul Johansen called the Spring Meeting of the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies Foundation (hereafter Foundation) to order at 1:02 PM on Thursday, April 4, 2019.

Executive Secretary Curtis Hopkins called the roll of member states and advised President Johansen that a quorum was present. Members or their representatives in attendance were:

Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources – Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division
Charles Sykes

Arkansas Game and Fish Commission
Pat Fitts

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
Thomas Eason
for Eric Sutton

Georgia Department of Natural Resources
Wildlife Resources Division
Rusty Garrison

Missouri Department of Conservation
Sara Parker Pauley

North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission
Gordon Myers

Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency
Ed Carter

Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries
Bob Duncan

West Virginia Department of Natural Resources
Paul Johansen

Representatives were not present for Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Texas, Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico.

Chief Johansen welcomed attendees to West Virginia and encouraged exchange of ideas during the next two days.
The Agenda (Attachment 2) was presented and approved with motion from Georgia and second from North Carolina.

President Johansen and Executive Secretary Hopkins provided a brief history of the Foundation and reported that the Internal Revenue Service approved the Foundation's 501c(3) status effective January 3, 2019. One of reasons for establishing the Foundation was to promote donations to the Southeast Aquatic Resources Partnership (SARP). We will strive to keep the operations of the Foundation simple to ensure minimum operating costs. Jessica Graham, SARP Coordinator, stated that she had already secured approximately $25,000 in savings for SARP because of the Foundation. It cost approximately $7,000 to establish the Foundation. The majority of the costs were legal.

Angelyn Mewborn, SEAFWA Financial Manager, reported that the Foundation had not received or disbursed funds in 2018. It is required that the Foundation submit a tax return for 2018 which was the first year of operation.

President Johansen discussed the proposed Foundation Bylaw change to increase the term of office for the President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer from 1 to 2 years. With motion from Virginia and second from Georgia the motion passed without objection.

As Chair of the Nominating Committee, Director Duncan presented the Committee report. Since the current officers terms were extended until after the 2020 Spring Meeting, the only officer that needs to be addressed is the Secretary/Treasurer which was recently vacated with the retirement of Director Duncan. Director J.D. Strong was nominated to serve the remaining term of Director Duncan. With motion by Virginia and second by Alabama, the motion passed without objection.

With no other business, with a motion by Georgia and second by Alabama the meeting adjourned at 1:25 PM.

Submitted by:

J.D. Strong
Secretary/Treasurer
SE Assoc. Fish and Wildlife Foundation

Prepared by:

Curtis R Hopkins
Executive Secretary
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