

Minutes
Southeastern Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies
Spring Foundation Meeting
Chief Logan State Park
Logan, West Virginia
April 4, 2019

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.**

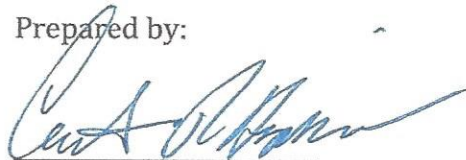
With no other business, with a motion by Georgia and second by Alabama the meeting adjourned at 1:25 PM.

Submitted by:



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

Prepared by:



Curtis R Hopkins
Executive Secretary
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