



LOUISIANA OUTDOOR WRITERS ASSOCIATION
Conference Board Meeting Minutes
August 7, 2010

- 1. Call to Order by Chairman**
- 2. Roll call by Secretary John Flores**

Present; 10:08 A.M.

(Executive Board):

President Lyle Johnson

Secretary John Flores

Chairman of Board/Executive Director Chris Holmes

(Board of Directors):

Wendy Billiot

Helmut Ermlich

Rusty Tardo (Board Member & Nominations Committee Chair)

Dave Moreland

Bo Boehringer – Internal Awards Committee Chair

Gordo Hutchinson – Youth Journalism Chair

Bill Ford – Fish Records Committee Chair

Don Dubuc – Ethics Committee Chair

Absent:

Mike Lane – Vice President & Craft Improvement Committee Chair

Chris Ginn – Board Member

Bob Dennie – Conservation Award Committee Chair

1. Call to Order and Calling of the Roll:

Board Secretary, John Flores called rolled and recorded members present and absent.

2. Reading of minutes of last meeting:

Rusty Tardo gave a motion to dispense with reading of the minutes from the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Bill Ford. All members were in favor.

3. Comments from the Executive Director and Financial Report:

The E.D mentioned that he would provide a report along with financials at the General Membership meeting in the afternoon.

4. Presidents Report:

Thanked everyone for their support during his first 2 years serving in the capacity of President and expressed would be willing to serve another term.

5. Committee Reports:

A. Youth Journalism – Gordon Hutchinson:

Mr. Hutchinson expressed that the Advocate Educational Services budget was reduced along with the number of ads the paper ran in past years. As a result a fair, but small submission of entries was received. Mr. Hutchinson reported most of the winners would be present at the Awards banquet, along with Ron and Jackie Bartel who will represent the Safari Club to present the awards to the youth. A thank you also goes out to Safari Club who puts up \$1,100 in prizes for these youth with thanks especially to Pug Loran Safari Club president.

B. Internal Awards – Mr. Bo Boehringer:

Mr. Bo Boehringer, as reported by Chris Holmes (due to Bo Boehringer working on the presentation in his hotel room) was putting the final touches on the power point presentation for the awards banquet EIC winners. Also, the awards moneys were reduced this year as discussed during the April board meeting due to lack of sponsors during a slow economy.

C. Membership Committee Report – Mrs. Deb Burst:

Wendy Billiot accepted the nomination by Board President Lyle Johnson to serve as Membership Committee Chairman.

D. Ethics Report – Don Dubuc:

Mr. Don Dubuc reported no ethics concerns at this time for the membership.

E. Conservation Awards – Mr. Bob Dennie:

Mr. Bob Dennie, was not present at the meeting, nor provided a report due to poor health, as expected. During the April Board meeting it was discussed, followed by a motion and second to present a new lifetime achievement award in Mr. Bob Dennie's name during the spring board meeting. A group will take the first Lifetime

Achievement Award and present it to Mr. Dennie at his home in Baton Rouge after the annual conference.

F. Fish Records Committee – Mr. Bill Ford:

Mr. Ford had nothing to report with the exception of LOWA linking to other on line media via the internet for updated access to the fish records. Board member Helmut Ermlich said he would take care of the link condition with RodnReel’s website.

G. Nominations Committee – Mr. Rusty Tardo:

Mr. Tardo reported all currently serving members agreed to continue to serve in their present capacities, but there were two nominations required for the vice president position and an open board position.

H. Craft Improvement Committee – Mr. Mike Lane:

Mr. Lane was not present at the meeting to provide a report.

I. Supporting Member Committee – Mr. Gerald Gaspard:

Mr. Gaspard was not present, but would be at the general membership meeting to provide a report.

6. Old Business:

None to review.

7. New Business:

A. Chris Holmes will discuss the site and dates for the next annual conference at the general membership meeting. And, also discuss that it has been determined by the board that the second weekend in August will be the date going forward for the annual conference.

B. President Lyle Johnson brought up that he would like to develop a student membership program and asked the board to form a committee or have discussions on criteria for a membership of this kind. After much discussion the program idea was tabled for further discussion at a later date. But, all agreed it would be a great program with plenty of potential for member involvement.

C. Chris Holmes mentioned he and Helmut Ermlich would handle Bill Ford’s concerns with the linkage problem for updated fish records on the LOWA site.

Meeting adjourned: 11:15 A.M.

