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Table 3. Continued.

Collectors	T (°C)	DO (mg/L)	PH	Depth (cm)	Width (m)	Turb	Current	Veg	Sub
C.Stephenson [UAIC9695.24]				isolated pools		turbid	stagnant- slow	none	sand

MINUTES

Business Meeting 19th Annual Meeting Southeastern Fishes Council

The Southeastern Fishes Council met 15 April 1993 in the Oceans Room of the Cavalier Hotel, Virginia Beach, VA. Chairman Bruce Bauer called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM local time.

Committee Reports

Secretary's Report:

Minutes of the 1992 Business Meeting appeared in *Proceedings* Issue #27. They were approved without corrections. No button was produced for the 19th Annual Meeting because no artwork received. We are presently seeking artwork of important southeastern fish species for the 20th Annual Meeting button. Anyone with original artwork that they wish to have considered is invited to send the artwork to the Secretary, Hank Bart, preferably by January 15th, 1994.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report from the 1992 Business Meeting, appearing in *Proceedings* Issue #27 contained errors which are corrected as follows: total expenses which appeared as \$742.26 should have read \$724.26 changing the checking balance to \$1,145.12 and the total assets to \$3,613.04.

In updating the mailing list it was noted that only 106 of the 196 individuals/institutions on the list had paid annual dues by the time of the Annual Meeting (the deadline for dues payment according to the BYLAWS). Of 167 individuals on the list, only 103 had paid dues in 1993, 34 had last paid dues in 1992, 14 had last paid in 1991, 5 had last paid in 1990, and 9 had not paid since 1989 or earlier (the remaining two are life members). It was reported that individuals that were not current on dues would be sent a letter asking them to update their membership by June 15th 1993 in order to keep their names on the mailing list. This would be the policy for keeping the mailing list current with membership in subsequent years.

All 29 institutions on the mailing list were sent 1993

dues notices but only three had paid dues by the 1993 meeting date. Several others (mostly libraries) questioned the dues notice because they had not been billed for the *Proceedings* in the past. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that all who receive the *Proceedings* should pay for it, especially in view of the Council's plan to improve the quality of the publication. Stephen Ross suggested that the word "dues" be changed to "subscription" on notices sent to institutions, and Werner Wieland suggested that the amount charged for subscriptions be equal to current dues.

Accounting through 4-7-93	
Checking Account Balance as of 4/2/92	\$1,466.73*
Dues, Button Sales & other contributions (through 4/2/92)	\$1,070.00
Dividends	\$ 25.33
Expenses (through 4/2/92)	
Postmaster	\$ 30.95
Proceedings, Issue #26	\$ 305.67
Proceedings, Issue #27	\$ 326.34
Checking Account Balance (through 4/7/93)	\$2,296.20
Pain Webber Cash Fund (through 12/31/93)	\$2,245.00
TOTAL ASSETS (4/7/93)	\$4,541.20

*Checking account balance adjusted to reflect a \$20 dues deposit and \$1.61 in earned dividends which were not included in last year's Treasurer's Report. This is the reason for the discrepancy in the checking balance in the previous and current reports.

Editor's Report:

The following report was presented on behalf of the Managing Editor, Steve Stevenson, and Desk-top Publishing Editor, George Sedberry, both of whom sent regrets for their not being able to attend the meeting and deliver their reports in person. Steve Stevenson reports that two manuscripts are in the works for issue #28, one note and one full article. Manuscripts are needed for subsequent issues. George Sedberry reports that he was not at all satisfied with the printing of issue #27. The camera ready copy he is producing looked great so the problem appears to have been the photo offset process that was used in printing. George is shopping around for better printers. He would appreciate any ideas or suggestions from members on ways of improving the final

print. Issue #27 is the first with the new cover design. The Proceedings Committee, chaired by the Managing Editor is looking into options for improving paper quality, including a heavier cover stock. Sedberry also asked about archiving camera ready copy and other original materials from the publication process and whether the Council wanted to look into making reprints available to authors.

Historian's Report:

The following report was read by Chairman Bauer on behalf of the Historian, Don Cloutman: The Historian still does not have a complete set of commemorative buttons. Missing are buttons of the Maryland darter and the duskside darter. Anyone having extras of either of these buttons is asked to send one to Don Cloutman. A report entitled History of the Southeastern Fishes Council 1975-1992 was compiled by Cloutman and submitted to the Chairman with the request that it be considered for publication in the *Proceedings*. Dave Etnier moved that the History be submitted for publication and the motion was seconded by unanimous agreement.

Election of Officers:

The following slate of nominees was presented and approved:

Chairman-elect:	Bill Woolcott Steve Walsh
Secretary/Treasurer:	Hank Bart Noel Burkhead

In the voting that followed, Steve Walsh won a close vote for Chairman-elect and Hank Bart was voted to a second term as Secretary/Treasurer.

Old Business:

On the matter of the Council's tax status, it was reported that the CPA that originally investigated the matter for Werner Wieland, R. Allen Whiteside, was contacted about filing for a new Tax Payer Identification number (TIN) as approved at the last Business Meeting. However, since the matter of obtaining the TIN had been transferred to a new Secretary/Treasurer far removed from Fredricksburg, VA where Mr. Whiteside works, and since (in Mr. Whiteside's view) this would complicate meetings and signatures for filing the papers, Mr. Whiteside recommended that the Secretary/Treasurer enlist the help of a CPA in his local area. I am now seeking such a person to assist me in filing for a new TIN (minimally) and tax exempt status.

New Business:

Chairman Bauer mentioned a letter he received from Conservation Fisheries, Inc. requesting the SFC's endorsement for the company's efforts to conserve southeastern fishes through captive propagation. After discussing the merits of the company and its efforts on behalf of Southeastern fishes it was agreed that the SFC would provide a letter of

endorsement. Chairman Bauer agreed to write the letter for Dave Heins whose term as Chairman was to begin at the conclusion of the Business Meeting.

Regional Reports:

Reports were read as follows:

Fritz Rohde - Northeast (read by Chairman Bauer)

Noel Burkhead - Southeast (read by Chairman Bauer)

Dave Etnier - North-Central

Bernie Kuhajda - South-Central (read by Chairman Bauer)

John Harris - Northwest (read by Chairman Bauer)

Bob Cashner - Southwest (regrets and brief report by Hank Bart)

After accepting a motion to adjourn, Chairmen Bauer closed the meeting at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Hank Bart, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer

REGIONAL SFC REPORTS

REGION I - Northeast

Two state books have been published. *Delaware's freshwater and brackish water fishes* by Maynard S. Raasch and Vaughn L. Altemus, Sr. can be obtained for \$12 from Claude E. Phillips Herbarium, Delaware State College, Dover, Delaware 19901. *The freshwater fishes of North Carolina* by Ed Menhinick can be obtained from him at UNCC for \$37.50. We're still waiting for the appearance of Jenkins and Burkhead's tome.

There was a major fish kill on a tributary creek and in the South Fork of the Roanoke River, habitat for *Percina rex*, caused by a spill of liquid manure. Instead of a fine, the violator agreed to a conservation easement. *P. rex* is still present in the Roanoke at Salem. Bob Jenkins and students collected two adults (which were released) in March.

Paul Angermeir and Mel Warren have been working on recovery plans for Virginia state endangered species - Tennessee dace, blackbanded sunfish, sharphead darter, variegated darter, and duskytail darter. There is no field work involved, just an assimilation of data and recommendations. The official list of Virginia threatened and endangered species (excluding federal species) was recently recognized. It includes five endangered and ten threatened species. Paul recently collected *Etheostoma cinereum* in the Clinch River in Virginia.

Gene Maurakis and Bill Woolcott have a two part video on Phylogenetic Systematics available with an instructor's manual.

The North Carolina list of endangered fishes was officially approved in November 1991. It includes 9