I. Motto: Preserving Florida's Water Heritage.

II. This newsletter contains minutes of the following meetings:
   1. Fourth Quarter 1980 Regular Board Meeting
   2. 1980 Annual Business Meeting
   3. 1980 Final Business Meeting
   4. First Quarter 1981 Regular Board Meeting

III. Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society, Inc.
   1. A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society convened at 9:30 A.M. on October 29, 1980, at the Howard Johnsons (I-4 at Lee Road), Orlando, Florida. Those present included Nic Sassic, Danny Riley, Jim McGehee, Bill Maier, J. L. Hassle, Al Burkhalter, Bill Haller, Joe Joyce, Elroy Timmer, Carlton Lane, Paul Myers, Harold Brown, Bill Moore and Clarke Hudson.

   2. Following roll call, President Haller noted a correction to the minutes as published in the newsletter whereby nominations were TO BE encouraged from the floor during the annual business meeting.

   3. Correspondence brought before the Board included an invitation to Dr. Gissendanner of DNR to attend the annual meeting, and a letter to Doug Costle of EPA concerning the possible cancellation of 2,4-D in aquatics.

   4. The following matters pertaining to the concurrent FAPMS annual meeting were discussed:
      - Jim McGehee reported the program was in excellent shape with only a few minor changes.
      - Danny Riley informed the Board that awards would include Applicator of the Year, Motto, Photo and selected door prizes.
      - Bill Moore noted that local arrangements were complete, and the cost of the bar-be-que would total approximately $800.00.
      - President Haller informed the Board that the program had been printed at a cost less than xeroxing.
- Governmental Affairs Chairman, Harold Brown, advised that a special meeting of the Advisory Council would be held during the annual meeting. There was also discussion that some problems have arisen over permits during the transition period.

- Treasurer Carlton Lane reported approximately 150 pre-registrations for the meeting, and that all registrations to date totalled $1,795.00. As of October 28, 1980, there was a balance in the Treasury of $5,432.85. Convention expenses to date were $1,790.00.

5. The following new business was brought before the Board:
   A. Elroy Timmer discussed proposed By-Law changes.
   B. "Aquatics" Editor, Bill Maier, expressed a need for advertising, and suggested that the new Board meet representatives of Southeastern Printers and that the President establish an advertising committee.
   C. A motion passed to send complimentary copies of "Aquatics" to members of the Aquatic Plant Management Society and other state chapters commencing with the March 1981 issue.
   D. There being no further business to properly come before the meeting, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously approved, the same was duly adjourned.

IV. Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting of the Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society.
1. The Annual Business Meeting of the Society was called to order on October 30, 1980, at the Howard Johnsons (I-4 at Lee Road) in Orlando, Florida.

2. Following the call to order, President Haller recognized in attendance Bill Rushing, Past President of Aquatic Plant Management Society.

3. Reading of the minutes was waived due to their having been published in the Newsletter; the correction concerning nominations was noted.

   Treasurer Carlton Lane reported the following:

   Balance Brought Forward: $4,924.52
   Dues Received: $1,449.00
   Contributions: $738.00

   Disbursements:
   - Postage: $439.24
   - Printing: $935.29
   - Convention: $1,790.00
   - Secretarial: $215.18
   - Miscellaneous: $93.96

4. Prior to payment of final convention expenses, the treasury balance was approximately $9,300.00, and registrations totalled 296 to date.
5. "Aquatics" Editor Bill Maier expressed thanks to advertisers, and again suggested the need for an advertising committee. It was noted that in the future, the Secretary will handle the newsletter.

6. Membership Chairman Joe Joyce reported that the membership drive involved the use of the Certified Applicator list and membership list of Florida Turf Grass Association. For 1980, there were 455 paid members of the Society.

7. Governmental Affairs Chairman Harold Brown reported that the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services was pursuing recertification of applicators.

8. Program Chairman Jim McGehee encouraged greater participation in annual meeting events by applicators.

9. Awards Chairman Danny Riley submitted new guidelines for the "Applicator of the Year" award, and further reported that a total of $500.00 was used for various awards including motto, photo, presidential plaque, "Applicator of the Year" and selected door prizes.

10. By-Laws Chairman Elroy Timmer proposed several changes to the Society's By-Laws, and a motion was passed accepting all proposed amendments.

11. Nominations Chairman Les Bitting presented a list of proposed officers and directors for the ensuing year. There were no nominations from the floor, and the proposed slate was accepted.

12. President Haller deferred site selection for the next annual meeting until the membership had a chance to look at the Winter Garden area. It was noted that the next meeting would include an equipment demonstration.

13. A motion introduced by Les Bitting was passed whereby a list of membership will be published in the newsletter.

14. The new motto of the Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society is "Preserving Florida's Water Heritage" submitted by Lynn Bartos.

15. A special thanks was expressed to Mr. Phil Phillips, who is retiring after many years of valuable service to the State of Florida. Phil was the first individual hired by the State specifically for aquatic plant control.

16. Lou German and Phillip Jones of Southwest Florida Water Management District were selected "Florida Aquatic Plant Managers of the Year" for 1980.

17. There being no further business to properly come before the Board, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously passed, the same was adjourned.
V. Minutes of the Final Business Meeting of the Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society.

1. The Final Business Meeting of the Fourth Annual Meeting of the Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society was held on October 31, 1980, at Howard Johnsons (I-4 at Lee Road) in Orlando, Florida.

2. Appreciation was expressed to Bill Moore as Local Arrangements Chairman for his outstanding services rendered in preparation and conduct of the annual meeting. Also, Sue McGehee, Jean Haller, Pam Joyce, Dee Brown and Judy Minter were recognized and presented flowers for their assistance at registration.

3. The final act of business was the selection of Howard Johnsons (I-4 at Lee Road), Orlando, Florida, as the site of the Fifth Annual Meeting to be held in early October, 1981.

VI. Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society.


2. Following the call to order by President Joyce, reading of the minutes was waived due to their having been mailed out with the meeting announcement.

3. Treasurer Carlton Layne reported a balance of $9,750.49. Total registration for the annual meeting was 290 with 182 of these being preregistered. Total profit from the annual meeting was $4,377.88. President Joyce directed Harold Brown and Carlton Layne to check into the possibility of buying a bond or certificate of deposit with part of the Society's money and report back to the Board on their findings.

4. A motion passed directing the Treasurer to send out dues notices to all members who have not paid their 1981 dues informing them they will be dropped from the membership rolls of the Society if 1981 dues are not paid within 60 days of date of notice.

5. A motion passed to go on record that the Society's records are open to the public.

6. Paul Meyers stated that "Aquatics" Magazine is in good shape on articles. President Joyce announced the formation
of an Advertising Committee consisting of: Gordon Baker - Chairman, Jim Wilmoth and Ronnie Dempsey. This committee will be responsible for procuring advertising for the magazine.

7. President Joyce introduced the 1981 committee chairmen. They are:

- Governmental Affairs ---- Harold Brown
- Local Arrangements ---- Larry Maddox
- By-Laws ---- Debbie Valin
- Awards ---- Eddie Knight
- Membership ---- Bill Maier

A special Auditing Committee was also established with Jim McGehee as chairman.

8. The following members of the Nominating Committee were approved by the Board: Joe Schweigart - Chairman, Bobby Corbin, Tony Kimball, Bob Gates, Tom Minter, and Charles Hamilton.

9. Committee Reports:

- Governmental Affairs - Harold Brown reported that applications for aquatic weed control permits are now being received in order by DNR, sent to GFC for review, then back to DNR to be signed by the Executive Director.

- Al Burkhalter's resignation from DNR was accepted effective January 6, 1981. The Technical Advisory Council will serve as a screening committee to review applicants and make recommendations for his replacement.

- A motion passed directing the President to write a letter to the Chairman of the Technical Advisory Council with a copy to the Executive Director of DNR expressing the Society's concern over the utilization and value of the Council.

- A motion was approved directing the president to write a letter to the Executive Director of DNR expressing the Society's concern over the proposed rule giving up to 120 days for issuance of aquatic weed control permits and other problems that would be related to this.

- Local Arrangements - Bill Moore reported that a total profit of $894.76 was made on the BBQ. The 1981 Annual Meeting will be October 20 - 22 at the same location. Room rates for the next meeting will be $28.00 single and $32.00 double. A $200.00 janitorial fee will be charged. An equipment demonstration and BBQ will be held at the Winter Garden City Park on October 21. Herb Cummings is in charge of the equipment demonstration. A motion was passed authorization the local arrangements chairman to charge a fee of $100.00 for booth space at the next annual meeting. This money will be used to pay for coffee breaks.
- By-Laws - Elroy Timmer reported that recent revisions have now been incorporated into the by-laws.

- Awards - Eddie Knight asked for ideas and suggestions on awards for 1981. A motion was passed granting the Awards Committee a $500.00 budget to work with for awards at the next annual meeting.

- Membership Committee - No report.

10. A motion passed directing the Secretary to select price quotations for printing and putting together the newsletter, and upon approval of the President, to proceed with a new printer.

11. The President was directed to write a letter to Al Burkhalter on behalf of the Society expressing our recognition and appreciation of his many contributions to aquatic weed management while serving with DNR.

12. The following schedule was announced for 1981 Board meetings:

April 10 at 10:00 A.M. ---- Polk County Environmental Svs. Bartow, Florida
July 10 at 10:00 A.M. ---- St. Johns River W.M.D., Melbourne
October 20 at 10:00 A.M.--- Howard Johnsons, Orlando

13. There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned.

VII. From the 1980 Local Arrangements Committee.

A word of thanks to all those who worked and contributed to make the 1980 annual meeting a success. It was a great group effort.

The following companies sponsored the coffee breaks: Chevron, Pennwalt, J.L.B., Nalco, Applied Biochemists, Union Carbide, Vector Supply, Harold Brown, Aquatic Biochem, Velsicol, and Florida Aquatic Weed Control.

Donations for the BBQ included: $200.00 from Chevron, 300 pounds charcoal from Asgrow, plates, napkins, spoons and cups from Kentucky Fried Chicken, and hickory logs from Larry Maddox.

St. Johns River W.M.D. and the Game and Fish Commission (Eustis) provided airboat tours on Lake Apopka.

VIII. The 1980 Awards Committee received contributions of: $100.00 from Chevron, $100.00, plus two door prizes from Pennwalt, one door prize from KDM, and $300.00 from FAPMS. Thanks!
IX. From the Secretary.

As you know, the Secretary is now the Newsletter Editor. Any suggestions for improvement of the newsletter will be appreciated. If you have any information you would like to appear in the newsletter, please write it down and send it to the Secretary for inclusion in the next issue.

X. SPECIAL NOTICE!

Harold Brown and Dr. Elton Gissendanner have rescheduled the April quarterly meeting for the Aquatic Plant Advisory Council to March 2 and 3, 1981. The afternoon of March 2 will consist of committee workshops and the formal meeting of the Council will take place at 9:00 A.M. on March 3 in room 302 of the Commonwealth Building (DNR Office Building), in Tallahassee. Matters to be discussed include status of permitting rules, selection of screening procedures for research proposals, and water classification. Your attendance is invited and encouraged.

MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 1981

Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society

Enclosed is a $5.00 payment for membership dues for 1981 of the Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society.

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