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AQUATIC PLANT MANAGEMENT IN THE NEW MILLENNIUM

As the year 2000 and new millennium kick into full swing, aquatic plant managers build on lessons learned in past years. Databases are replacing file cabinets and computers are being mounted on airboats. Airboats with computers? Some application systems have computer-controlled delivery, which is a far cry from the old days when applicators shoveled tons of long forbidden herbicides into state waters. We use the GPS to ascertain weed locations in large water bodies and to calibrate speed / bearing during herbicide applications. The days of "just go put the treatment out over by the cove" are waning.

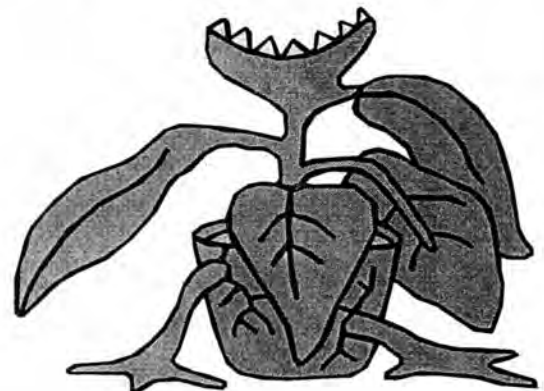
Every year it seems like a new technique, product or piece of equipment shows up at the FAPMS annual meeting. The science of getting the herbicide into the target plant has come a long way with the new age surfactants, wetters, stickers, and penetrants. Mechanical harvesters have also evolved into high tech equipment with innovative design features.



Biological control agents continue to be investigated and we already benefit from several introductions.

So what's next? If the advances made in aquatic plant management over the last 50 years are any indication of the future, we may be applying driftless herbicide out of our antigravity vehicles. The sky is the limit when researchers, manufacturers, regulators and

applicators can share information in a forum known as the Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society.



Governor's Club Function

The FAPMS general membership approved, during the October 7, 1999 Annual Business Meeting, to sponsor a reception honoring key persons involved in passing the Florida Forever Act. The Act, which becomes effective in 2001, provides managers with

funding strategies. The Society honored Members and staff of the Senate Natural Resources Committee and the House Committee on Environmental Protection. Plaques were presented to Senator Charlie Bronson and Representative Paula Dockery, Chairs of these Committees, for their development and spirited support of recurring aquatic plant control funding in the Florida Forever Act.

FAPMS president Jeff Schardt presenting plaques to...



Senator Charlie Bronson



Representative Paula Dockery

an additional \$20 million for aquatic plant control. When combined with existing recurring revenues, funding will finally be sufficient to address invasive plant problems in all public waters.

Nearly 50 people, including legislators, lobbyists, and FAPMS Board and Committee Members attended the reception in Tallahassee on January 19, 2000. The reception, held after the FAPMS quarterly board meeting, offered Society Members an opportunity to interact with legislators and staff who are developing Florida's invasive plant management policy and

The reception was timely in that interest has been expressed in discontinuing the annual \$6.3 million dollar gas tax transfer to the Aquatic Plant Control Trust Fund. Gas taxes generated by motor boat use have provided base funding for aquatic plant control since the early 1970s. Senator Bronson and Representative Dockery were grateful for their awards and are impressed with the dedication and professionalism of Florida's aquatic plant managers. They pledged their continuing support to aquatic plant management and to protect gains made during the 1999 Legislative Session.



FAPMS Web Site

The Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society is currently developing a web site to provide a forum for our members and everyone who is concerned about Florida's aquatic ecosystems. Visit our site at <http://www.homestead.com/fapms/main.html>. Please forward any comments and/or input to either the e-mail link on the web site or to fapms@hotmail.com.

Editor's note: Steve Smith has done a marvelous job getting the site launched. Please get involved and make this web site another program FAPMS members can be proud of.

First Quarter 2000 FAPMS Board of Directors' Meeting

Officers:

President	Jeff Schardt
President Elect	Nancy Allen
Past President	Jim Brewer
Secretary	Todd Olson
Treasurer	Steve Weinsier
Editor	Judy Ludlow

Directors:

Mike Baker	Dean Barber
Charles Bedard	David Farr
Scott Glasscock	P. J. Meyers

Absent: Keith Andreu, Michael Owen, Dave Sutton

Guests: David Tarver

Location: DEP Bldg., 3800 Commonwealth Blvd., Tallahassee, FL

Date and Time: January 19, 2000 at 1:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

President Schardt called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL AND MINUTES

Todd Olson took the roll and President Schardt declared a quorum. President Schardt asked if anyone had any deletions, omissions, or modifications to the minutes of the fourth quarter 1999 Board of Director's meeting and the Annual Business Meeting. No changes were made and both minutes for the fourth quarter Board of Directors' Meeting and 1999 FAPMS Business Meeting passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Four pieces of correspondence were discussed. The first correspondence was a September 17, 1999 letter from Representative Adam Putnam thanking FAPMS President Brewer for his hospitality during a Kissimmee Lake chain tour. The second correspondence was a December 6, 1999 letter to the Florida Dept. of Revenue from FAPMS Treasurer Steve Weinsier requesting an address change for our tax exemption certificate. The third correspondence was a memo from Treasurer Steve Weinsier to President Jeff Schardt / Secretary Todd Olson regarding the attached FAPMS Insurance policy. Jackie Smith and Nancy Allen asked for and received copies of the policy. The fourth correspondence was from C.A.S.T. (Council for Agricultural Science Technology) offering membership to the FAPMS. A discussion followed concerning the benefits FAPMS would gain from joining C.A.S.T. Jackie Smith said

the FLEPPC joined this year and further suggested FAPMS evaluate the program by consulting with FLEPPC and liaison Ken Langeland at the end of the year.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Steve Weinsier

A balance sheet ending December 31, 1999 showed that the society's current assets were \$38,649.55 and liabilities at \$250.00. A breakdown of the total assets included a Nations Bank checking balance of \$10,659.73; a Nations Bank savings account balance of \$5,732.81, a Nations Bank CD account balance of \$10,293.00 and \$11,964.01 in the Strong Money Market Fund. The total income from the 23rd FAPMS Annual Meeting in Daytona Beach, FL was \$37,060.00 and the expenses were \$41,004.00 resulting in a loss of \$3,944.00. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding discrepancies in income reported in the treasurer's report and the report from the vendor committee. These reports show a difference of about \$5,000.00 in income and debits recorded in 1999. Steve Weinsier pledged to work with Michael Owen and resolve the discrepancy by the second quarter board meeting on April 5, 2000.

EDITOR'S REPORT – Judy Ludlow

Judy reported on ideas she had for future articles, (hygrophila, Lake Jackson, Lake Griffin, and other states) and requested articles. The deadlines for article submittal are February 4th, May 5th, August 4th, and November 3rd 2000.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advisory – NA

Auditing – Rebecca Gubert

No report was given.

Awards – TBA

President Schardt mentioned names of several people that might be interested in chairing the awards committee.

By-laws – Stephanie McCarty

A motion passed for the committee to clarify the wording in the by-laws pertaining to the equipment demonstration of the annual meeting, changing the language from "every other year" to "even numbered years."

Another motion passed to repeal a former motion to assemble wording toward adopting SFAPMS as a subchapter of FAPMS.

Financial – Jeff Schardt

No report was given.

Government Affairs – Don Doggett

The Legislative reception planned for the evening of January 19th was discussed by the board and a motion passed to raising the spending cap for the reception from \$1,500.00 to \$2,500.00.

Historical – Catherine Johnson

No report was given.

Local Arrangements – David Farr

David discussed a possible location to have the annual meeting in October 2001 (Sheraton Four Points Tampa East). The board passed a motion to hold the next board meeting (April 5, 2000, 10:00 a.m.) at the Sheraton Four Points Tampa East to evaluate the accommodations.

Mailing List – Jackie Smith

Jackie said she sent out renewal notices and is receiving checks every day. Jim Brewer asked Jackie to provide the nominating committee a list of members who have been with the FAPMS for three years or more.

Merchandising – Keshav Setaram

Keshav sent a memo asking for suggestions concerning FAPMS merchandise.

Nominating – Jim Brewer

Jim asked the board to approve the following members to the nominating committee: Jim Brewer, Gordon Baker, Keith Andreau, Bill Christian, Stephanie McCarty and James O'Malley. A motion to approve Jim's recommendation for the nominating committee passed unanimously.

Past President's Advisory – Jim Brewer

Jim said he was open to suggestions for topics or concepts that the Past President's advisory committee could best serve FAPMS. President Schardt asked the board to think about it and be prepared to talk at the next meeting.

Program – Cathy Widness

Jim Brewer related last year's deadline dilemma between the newsletter and the final program. Jackie mentioned that a tentative program be published in the newsletter for government employees to gain approval to attend the annual meeting.

Publicity – Nancy Allen

David Tarver introduced the Inter Mountain Ag. Foundation as a tool for public outreach and asked the board if it was willing to contribute funds. David, who is the president-elect of APMS and chairs the APMS Outreach Committee, passed out sample worksheets and showed a video geared toward grade schoolers. David asked the board to consider funding the foundation and use the video/worksheets for public outreach in Florida. President Schardt suggested more time be spent on this subject at a future board meeting.

Nancy said there are 1380 DACS aquatic certified

applicators that are not FAPMS members. She said she would like to do a mailing of the FAPMS brochure and membership form to 300 of the applicators and monitor the results for future mailings. Nancy said she is working on gathering files for the FAPMS web site.

Resource Demonstration – Steve Smith

No report was given.

Scholarship – Brian Nelson

Brian sent a memo stating that the FAPMS Scholarship and Research Foundation raffle at the annual meeting raised \$2,318.00. The Scholarship Foundation Board approved the reduction of the Applicator Assistance Program eligibility criterion from two years to one year active membership in FAPMS.

Brian asked President Schardt to select a FAPMS member to serve a three-year term on the Scholarship Selection Committee. President Schardt selected Tim Harris to the Scholarship Selection Committee. Tim is the only person who signed up to serve on the committee at the annual meeting. The Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Foundation sent a \$500.00 check to the FAPMS Scholarship Foundation in appreciation of an article written by Jeff Schardt.

Vendor – Michael Owen

Michael sent a memo summarizing this year's vendor support dollars. Steve Weinsier will talk to Michael to verify the totals.

OLD BUSINESS

There was some discussion about the validity of Eddie Knight being an honorary lifetime member. President Schardt said there is nothing in the minutes about the appointment, but he will review the tapes to try to clear up this issue.

NEW BUSINESS

Jim Brewer asked the board their thoughts on the nominating committee adding more names on the ballot. President Schardt said that the by-laws do not require a certain number of candidates, and stated the board only verifies a good slate of candidates. He also asked for candidate "bios" in order for the members to make an informed decision. Jim mentioned publishing the candidate "bios" in the newsletter and *Aquatics*.

ADJOURNMENT

President Schardt adjourned the meeting at 4:05 p.m. The next board meeting will be at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel Tampa East, 7401 East Hillsborough Ave., Tampa, FL 33610 (hotel phone (813) 626-0999) at 10:00 a.m. on April 5, 2000.

Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society

New and Renewal Membership Application

Name _____ Date _____

Representing _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Fax _____ E-mail _____

If this is a renewal application, please indicate the year(s) dues are payable for: _____
Membership includes four issues of *Aquatics* and the *Newsletter*. Annual dues are \$20.00.

Mail check, payable to FAPMS, to: Steve Weinsier, Treasurer Phone: (954) 382-9766
Allstate Resource Management Fax: (954) 382-9770
2041 SW 70th Avenue, Building D-11
Davie, FL 33317

Please note: if you need to change, correct, or check on your membership, please call Jackie Smith at 561-791-4720.



FAPMS has several openings for officers and directors of OUR Society. Prospective volunteers must have society membership for at least three consecutive years. Desirable traits include sincerity, creativity and a sense of humor. Compensation and benefit package consists of working with other leaders in the plant management profession striving to conquer weeds. Interested parties need to contact the Nominating Committee as soon as possible. Jim Brewer, 800-228-1833, or jim@brewerint.com.



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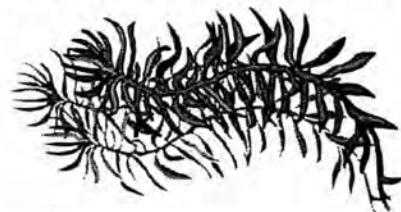
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Upcoming Meetings

April 5, 2000

FAPMS Second Quarter Board Meeting
 Sheraton Tampa East, Tampa, FL
 Todd Olson: 561-845-5525

May 15-19, 2000

I.F.A.S. Short Course 2000
 Ft. Lauderdale Research and Education Center
 Information: O.C.I. 352-392-5930

May 22-25, 2000

Florida Lake Management Society
 Hawks Cay Resort
 Duck Key, FL
 Reservations: 305-743-7000

July 16-17, 2000

Aquatic Plant Management Society
 Handlery Inn, San Diego, CA
 Reservations: 619-298-0511

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Dean Barber	407-275-4004
Charles Bedard	904-329-4269
David Farr	904-424-2920

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Steve Smith	561-924-5310
Governmental Affairs	
Don Doggett	941-694-2174
Historical	
Catherine Johnson	407-380-2024
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Jackie Smith	561-791-4720
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Nominating	
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