



**CARIBBEAN
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BUSINESS MEETING

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Routine Work

During the year routine work of the Secretary was to attend all the correspondence from members and non-members requesting information about the Society and for proceedings. Several new members joined CFCG during the year.

Newsletter

Three newsletters were prepared during the year. The last one was prepared in English and Spanish. Scientific meetings, local news and information about the annual meetings and the Proceedings were included in the newsletter. It has been difficult to obtain information from the different countries.

Proceedings

We still do not know the status of the publication of the Proceedings of the Trinidad Meeting. As soon as they will be available they should be mailed to all members in good standing. If you were not a member by that time, the Proceedings will cost U.S. \$10.00 a copy, there is a 20% discount for libraries. It should be mentioned that the mailing cost of the Proceedings is high; U.S. \$3.50 for most of the countries.

Local Chapters

No news from local chapters. We reorganized the Puerto Rico Chapter last month and Dr. Miguel Lugo was selected as delegate or representative of the chapter to the Board of Directors. There is a letter from the local chapter president informing the Board of Directors of the local Chapter and the selection of the delegate.

1987 Meeting

There is a letter from the Minister of Agriculture of Antigua inviting the Society to celebrate the 23rd Annual Meeting in that country. There is another letter from the Chairman of the Board of Directors accepting the invitation.

MINUTES

XXII ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CARIBBEAN FOOD CROPS SOCIETY

Business Session
Held at St. Lucien Hotel
Castries, St. Lucia, W.I.
August 29, 1986

The 22nd Annual Meeting of the Caribbean Food Crops Society (Business Session) was held at the St. Lucien Hotel in Castries, St. Lucia, on August 29, 1986. The meeting was called to order by the Board Chairman, Dr. St. Clair Forde, at 1:20 pm. Minutes of the 21st CFCS Annual Meeting held in Trinidad and Tobago on September 12, 1985 were presented by Dr. Carlos Cruz, CFCS Secretary, and were unanimously accepted.

Reports of the Secretary and of the Treasurer were unanimously accepted.

There was some discussion on how the financial situation of the Society could be improved.

The 22nd Annual Meeting - Report by the Chairman of Local Organizing Committee.

The Vice-President, Dr. John Hammerton, presented a summary of the highlights of the meeting and thanked everybody for coming and making it a success. There were 49 presentations on different crops and topics. He hoped to have the proceedings published by the time we met in Antigua. He thanked the Organizing Committee for the fine cooperation and for the success of the meeting.

There were some suggestions for future meetings regarding the rules of the Society for the presentation of the papers. The rules established in the Constitution, such as, one of the authors should be a member of the Society, 2) copies of each paper should be available at the meeting, 3) the paper should be presented by one of the authors and not read by someone else. This is needed to obtain an effective meeting in all aspects.

Proposal to amend article 4, Section 9, of the Constitution

Dr. St. Clair Forde suggested to the Board of Directors that the constitution be amended so that the president elect could participate of the previous year's meeting and become the chairman of the Board the following year. It is also recommended that country delegates should remain as it was with the old constitution and that it be amended to be functional. There should be a formula to elect the delegates and to rotate them in order to keep continuity.

A committee was named to evaluate the constitution and to present their suggestions at the next meeting in Antigua. The committee is composed of: Dr. Miguel Lugo López, Dr. St. Clair Forde and Dr. Walter Knausenberger. They will meet in Puerto Rico during November.

Mr. George Jackson suggests that once the Constitution is amended it should be included in the Proceedings.

The 23rd Annual Meeting - Invitation from the Government of Antigua and Barbuda.

A letter of invitation from the Permanent Secretary of Agriculture from Antigua to host the 1987 annual meeting was read to the assembly. This invitation was unanimously accepted. The Chairman of the Board and the President of the Society expressed their availability to help the new Organizing Committee in Antigua. Dr. Guy Anais invited CFCS to hold the 1989 Annual Meeting in Guadeloupe.

Any other Business

1. Ms. Mary Lambert announced the annual meetings of the American Society of Horticultural Sciences for the next four years:

- 1987 - November 8-14, Orlando, Florida
- 1988 - July, Colombia
- 1989 - Dominican Republic
- 1990 - Panamá

2. Dr. Walter Knausenberger suggests that the scope of the Society should be increasing by changing the name to include animals. He was reminded that there are other societies and groups and that joint meetings could be stimulated and that the name should remain as it is.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 pm.

TREASURER REPORT

On January 23, 1986 the Treasurer petitioned the CFCS President to relieve him from his duties. On March 6, President d'Auvergne complied with the petition and suggested the transfer of the CFCS documents to the Secretary. Simultaneously he asked Dr. Carlos Cruz to temporarily perform the duties of the Treasurer in addition to his regular duties as Secretary. Dr. Cruz was willing to help but expressed his concern about this added workload and suggested to the President that I be appointed as Treasurer. The President accepted Dr. Cruz's recommendation as per letter of April 18. Thus I became Treasurer of CFCS. I felt honored with this unexpected opportunity to serve CFCS. The duties of the office, however, were not new to me since you are aware that I have been serving in an informal capacity as Assistant Treasurer--a position not officially recognized but nevertheless very real--for the past 4 or 5 years. This was the case because of the commitments of the Treasurer as a Consultant to the University of Puerto Rico and to other public and private organizations.

Pursuant to the CFCS Constitution and By-Laws all the Treasurer's documents as well as the report have been examined and audited by a Certified Public Accountant. To my knowledge this is the first time that this has been done.

As you will see, the financial situation of CFCS does not appear too bright since receipts at the Treasurer's office have been rather low for reasons that I will outline further, while expenses of the Secretariat have been at the usual level.

As of September 1, 1985 we had a balance of \$9,016. During the year, receipts amounted to an extremely low level of \$951. This can be explained on the basis of the following:

1. The IICA contribution was not received at the Treasurer's office. It was sent directly to the Organizing Committee at Trinidad.
2. Dues collected by the Treasurer during the year amounted to \$326. This figure is low as compared to previous years. The dues paid at the Annual Meeting were retained by the Trinidad Organizing Committee as authorized by the Board of Directors.

The customary expenses included a \$2,000 contribution to cover the initial expenses of the St. Lucia Organizing Committee, \$2,300 for travel and \$500 for postage, supplies, communication and other minor items.

A great deal of secretarial and clerical services were provided at no cost by the University of Puerto Rico College of Agricultural Sciences. The College also covered most of the communication costs and provided office and storage space, utilities and often needed transportation. There is no record of the dollar value of this assistance. My own conservative estimate is that it amounts to at least some \$3,500 or \$4,000. As of July 31, 1986, the balance was \$5,158.

I would like to suggest that the new Board of Directors undertake a campaign to strengthen the Society finances. This could be done through an aggressive joint move at the Secretary's and the Treasurer's offices to interest agricultural entrepreneurs and agricultural-related businesses. If we can obtain support even at the modest level of \$100 from 30 or 40 enterprises throughout the countries of the Caribbean Basin, except of course, the host country, we will have \$3,000 or \$4,000 from sustaining members. This should not be too difficult if groups from each country can help identify the corresponding donors (which could be two, in some places more than two). As I see it, what happens is that countries other than the host country do not make a real effort to obtain support for CFCS. Now with the emergence of national chapters, the situation may change financially, for better or for worse. The national chapters will need their own operational funds. In the next years, experience will indicate the most adequate path to follow. Let's keep an eye on the signs of the times. Simultaneously, let's explore some funding sources for the Society at the Central level, for the chapters and for the host country. Dr. Darshan Padda has been very active and very successful in seeking support for the host countries, mainly from U.S. sources.

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REPORT OF THE TREASURER

September 1, 1985 - July 31, 1986

Balance: September 1, 1985		\$9,016.95
Receipts:		
Sale of Proceedings	\$270.00	
Dues	326.75	
Interest	<u>354.78</u>	
		<u>951.53</u>
		\$9,968.48
Expenses:		
Postage	\$240.00	
Office supplies	87.00	
Secretarial help	97.50	
Contribution to St. Lucia Organizing Committee	2,000.00	
Travel - Trinidad Meeting	2,302.44	
Telephone	3.00	
Newsletter	<u>80.00</u>	
		<u>\$4,809.94</u>
Balance: July 31, 1986		<u>\$5,158.54</u>