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President's Corner

I would like to thank all those responsible for making our fund raiser booth at the Midwest Conference a successful one. Later in this issue Tom will enlighten you on the status of our treasury. We were pleased to see over 50 members attended our annual meeting in Des Moines. Unfortunately, an uncooperative Mother Nature prevented an even better quorum.

This year again promises to be a politically active one and I have been busy preparing letters addressed to the Governor and the legislature as to our stance on several topics including: REAP, MICRA and Fish & Game Trust Funds. I urge you as members to keep abreast of these topics when/if they are addressed this legislative session and support them by contacting your respective state and federal elected officials.

I hope those of you that attended the "HCP" workshop at Rathbun were as enlightened as I. Our thanks to John for his work in organizing everything and for transportation to and from the airport for our instructor, Ron Goede.

Terry Margenau of Wisconsin is planning the first meeting of N.C.D.'s Esocid Technical Committee to be held in LaCrosse on July 14-15. The purpose of this meeting will be to gather information from all chapters regarding present and historical culture techniques, management strategies, research and regulation of Esocids. Jim Christianson will be assisted by Larshaid and Jorgensen to represent our chapter. Input from other chapter members will be requested in the near future.

Parent Society Raffle Chair, Donna Turgeon, has informed me that this year's raffle will be held at the annual meeting in South Dakota in September. Ticket prices are \$5 and \$50, with the higher priced tickets being for items worth \$500 or more. Grand prize is a fishing trip to Rio Puelo Lodge in Chile. Donna is sending tickets for the raffle and advised that ticket prices are reduced 10% if purchased by a chapter. All proceeds will go to the Skinner Memorial Fund to increase student membership.

Hope to see many of you at Springbrook in March.

David Marolf

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Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Many of you have not of heard the details of how successful our fund raiser booth at the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference turned out to be. One popular item was the T- Shirts from which we netted \$322 in profits. Mike Mason still has several shirts in stock at the Rathbun Hatchery. We made \$227 from the raffle tickets sold for the four fish prints framed by Larry Mitzner. One hundred and three of The Fisheries Scientist's Pocket Reference were sold at \$3 each. Efforts to sell the Pocket Guide to several colleges are continuing. Copies are also available from Ed Kocal at the Fairport Hatchery. The sale of Tomelleri's Books, prints and the Iowa Fish and Fishing books contributed \$171 to the chapter treasury. Forty six people found it convenient to pay their 1992 Iowa Chapter dues at the booth. For those of you who did not attend the Midwest Conference a membership renewal form has been provided on the back page of this Newsletter. The total profits from the booth came to \$802. This was not easy money, it took a lot of advance preparation and many members to staff the booth. Thanks again to all those who helped out.

The Treasury now stands at \$2,075 at this writing. This large account has given us the ability to sponsor another computer workshop in March (see Continuing Education). We have donated \$150 to the REAP alliance with the possibility of donating up to another \$350 for the REAP alliance's Public Service Announcements.

Continuing Education

AFS Computer Workshop

There will be a computer workshop conducted by Richard Frie on March 10-11 at the ISU computer lab. There is room for 26 attendees. This is a repeat of the last AFS workshop conducted by Richard Frie, and is for those who were unable to attend the first one. It promises to be an excellent opportunity for hands-on training in fisheries applications. If you wish to attend, please fill out the application blank and return by February 15.

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Reap Update

NOTICE: THE REAP ALLIANCE WILL BE MAKING SOME PSA'S FOR DISTRIBUTION FOR RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS. IF YOU HAVE A CONTACT IN THE LOCAL TV OR RADIO STATION , PLEASE CONTACT ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, WITH THE PERSON'S NAME AND TITLE. Dick McWilliams, Wildlife Research Station, Boone, Ia. 50036 or 515-432-2823. Thank You.

The last meeting of the REAP Alliance was January 22, 1992. Don Brazelton reviewed the Governor's condition of the State message, which contained little concerning the environment or REAP. As you know, REAP funding is a standing appropriation, and the Governor would like to see it (among ten programs) returned to an annual appropriation. No mention was made about whether full funding or extension of the program would be made.

Brazelton reported the Fisher Commission did change the wording in their report concerning funding for REAP from "eliminate" to "defer". However, the word "indefinitely" was added, so in effect the REAP funds would be removed, if the recommendations were followed.

At this point funding at \$5 million for FY 93 has been mentioned by several key leaders. However, whether that figure will hold up is unknown. Due to the current fiscal situation that may be the best that can be done. The general feeling is that some funding is better than none at all. Alternate funding sources were discussed. One source being explored is the possibility of raising the deposit on bottles and cans from 5 to 10 cents. The distributors would be able to keep the portion on cans not returned on the first 5 cents (est. 18 million). The second 5 cents (of the 10 cents) would be devoted to REAP. One important point on this, or any other revenue source... as soon as this type of plan is presented, other constituencies will be looking for monies. If such plans are presented we will need a lot of local support to make sure that the funds are diverted to other programs.

At the top of the report there is a notice concerning radio and TV contacts. PSA's are being developed, and we will be looking to members from all groups to help distribute these. However, in order to distribute these in a somewhat orderly manner we will try to make up some type of list for each station or group. If you have contacts and are willing to use them to distribute the PSA's please contact me.

Media Blitz: Letters have been sent to each member of the General Assembly outlining REAP activities and the value of these activities in their district. In addition a press release for all 979 members of the Iowa media, with information for their viewing/listening/reading audience should be out by the time this is printed.

Respectfully submitted: Dick McWilliams

Iowa Chapter of the American Fisheries Society
Annual Business Meeting
Des Moines, Iowa
December 3, 1991

The annual business meeting was called to order by President Dave Marolf. Forty-one members were in attendance. President Marolf mentioned how the recent NCD business and Excom meetings had given him a greater appreciation of how important the AFS is to each of us and how we benefit from the society.

The Treasurer's report was summarized and concluded a balance of \$2,168.87 as of 15 September 1991. A discussion of how well the sales of items at the Chapter booth followed.

Committee Reports

Membership Committee Chair Jim Wahl reported that the Chapter had 103 members. President Marolf presented the Past Presidents's award to Jim and congratulated him on his service to the Chapter. President Marolf also congratulated Larry Mitzner and Rick Martens for their work. Jim Wahl attended the Excom meeting and noticed that many States are concentrating their recruiting efforts on students. A discussion on how we can target students included the possibility of holding our annual meeting in Ames. President Marolf will be contacting members to form a committee to search out the possibilities of recruiting students.

Resolution Committee Chair Chris Larson read a resolution supporting continued and full funding for REAP. The resolution stressed the importance of acquiring open spaces as a means of protecting fish and wildlife habitat. Bill Kalishek made a motion to accept this resolution. Mike Mason seconded the motion and it was passed. Larry Mitzner encouraged individual members to also write appropriate Legislators. Larson brought up the current farm pond bill which would require the DNR to charge landowners for stocked fish. The cost might discourage some landowners from having their ponds stocked. In addition, landowners who turn to private hatcheries may not receive sound biological advice on stocking. Larson made a motion for President Marolf to write a letter to the Legislature about the farm pond bill. Kay Hill seconded the motion and it passed. Bill Kaleshek made a motion for President Marolf to write a letter on behalf of the Chapter defending the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund. Larry Mitzner seconded the motion and it passed. Marion Conover made a motion that President Marolf write a letter to our congressional delegation supporting the Mississippi River Cooperative Resource Agreement (MICRA). Jerry Rasmussen will contact President Marolf before Congress looks at MICRA,

probably around the first of the year. Mike Mason seconded the motion and it passed.

Nomination Committee Chair Kay Hill will be contacting members to serve as officers for the Chapter next year.

The 1991 Best Paper Award was presented by Mike McGee to Chris Larson for CPUE & Mortality Differences with AC & DC Electrofishing.

REAP Committee Chair Dick McWilliams reported that there were many rumors about the different levels of funding for REAP at the fall meeting. The REAP alliance, a lobbying group supporting REAP, has asked for donations. Dick made the motion to donate \$150 to the REAP alliance. Mike Mason seconded the motion and the motion passed. Martin Conrad made a motion to allow the IA Excom to donate up to an extra \$350 to the REAP alliance if needed for Public Service Announcements. Mike Mason seconded the motion and it passed.

Slide Series Chair Don Herrig is presently working on the second draft of the slide series. Don will be requesting specific fish slides from members this next month.

Reference Guide Chair Ed Kocal reported that 300 copies have been printed at \$1.45 each. Any unsold copies will be kept at the Fairport Hatchery. Ed gave much of the credit to all the Guide committee members. He also asked that any errors or suggestions to the guide be reported to him.

Raffle Chair Lannie Miller picked four tickets for the fish prints. The prints were presented to the four winners at the Midwest Banquet.

Continuing Education Chair John Pitlo mentioned that the upcoming Fish Health/Condition Workshop will be limited to 25 participants. For further details see the last Newsletter. Because D-J funds were used to cover the teaching honorarium and travel expenses three participants from region 7 will be solicited. The fish studied will be walleye, channel catfish, and rainbow trout. John is encouraged to see the NCD involved in Continuing Ed. and would like to see one workshop per year. There was agreement that the next workshop should focus on computers. The possibility of using AFS members to teach various software packages was discussed. Although we have members capable of teaching the need for a professional teacher was agreed to. Ed Kocal will serve as the Continuing Ed. Committee chair to get a workshop scheduled for late '92 or early '93. President Marolf mentioned the possibility of accreditation for Continuing Ed. classes. Some States look at class credits when considering individual pay raises.

Old Business

None.

New Business

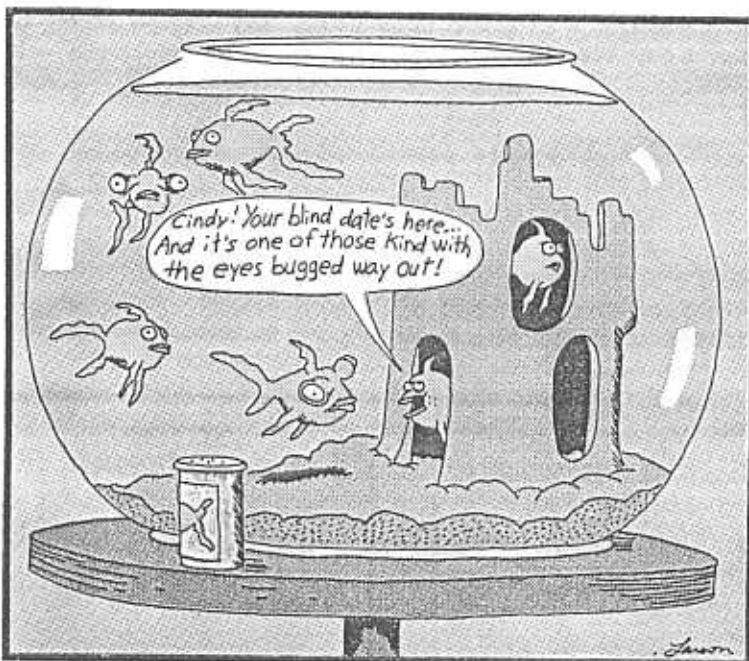
NCD President Dave Willis gave the Chapter an update on the NCD finances. Last year there was only \$2,000 in the treasury while this year there is \$8,500. Some of the possible uses for this money could be financing Technical Committees and or Continuing Ed. workshops.

President Marolf appointed Mike Mason to be the Bylaws Chair. Mike will review the old minutes for a updated and corrected Bylaws. There is also a need to examine the Bylaws to make sure we are upholding officer term limits. Mike McGee recommended that the '93 meeting be held jointly with the Illinois Chapter. The Quad Cities seemed to be the best choice of meeting sites. The dates would most likely be in January or February. The Quad Cities Conservation Alliance might want to help us out. Members mentioned the topics of smallmouth bass management and fish culture as two possible topics. Contact McGee with further ideas on topics.

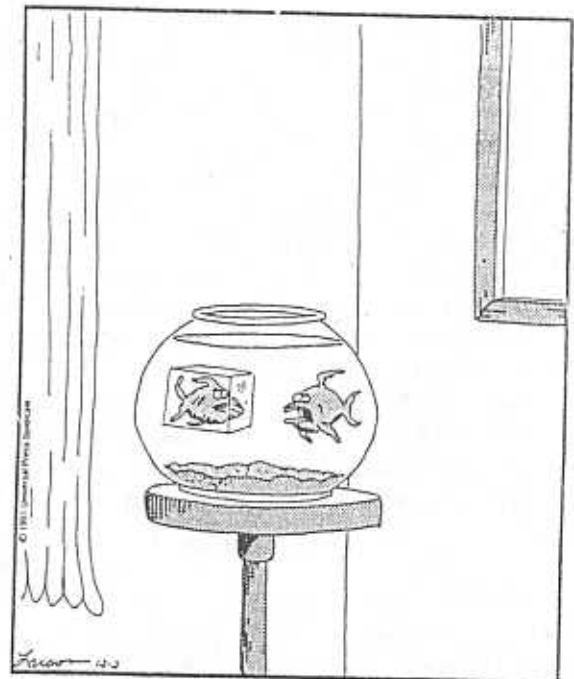
President Marolf discussed the possibility of appointing a permanent editor for the Newsletter. Any interested individuals should contact the Excom.

How aggressive the Chapter should be in selling T-shirts or other items to fishing clubs and other organizations was discussed. Mike Mason made a motion that the Excom should make the decision on selling items to various groups. Lannie Miller seconded the motion and it passed.

John Pitlo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jim Wahl seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.



Goldfish little brothers



"You're a cold fish, Raymond."