

**Iowa Chapter of the American Fisheries Society Annual Business Meeting  
Iowa Chapter AFS Meeting – Hilton Garden Inn Ames, IA  
4:20 PM, Thursday, March 12, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President Allen Pattillo. Allen introduced EXCOM: Secretary/Treasurer: Dan Rosauer, Past President: Ben Wallace, President Elect: Lewis Bruce, Student Subunit President Nic Rhinehart. In attendance at the beginning of the meeting were 47 chapter members.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer's report was given by Dan Rosauer. The chapter started report period (2/14/2014) with a balance of \$18,477.02 (7,568.65 in warm water, 75 in outstanding Big Creek Checks resulting in 10,833.37 available for AFS). Disbursements since the last financial report equaled \$ 9,416.28 and receipts equaled \$ 13,040.14. IA AFS is holding fund for a Mike Mason Memorial and received \$5,095 to disperse appropriately. The continuing education class resulted in a profit of \$645. The annual meeting, dues, raffle along with parent society returns resulted in \$7,300.

Noteworthy expenditures included memberships in Iowa Environmental Council, Iowa Conservation Alliance, and REAP Alliance. Expenses associated with the annual meeting totaled \$2,781.32. Dray Carl was the \$500 IA AFS scholarship recipient at ISU. There were banking fees in the report period this was from having a low balance at our State Bank account which is now closed. It was left open due to the outstanding Big Creek checks. Several check holders were contacted and had no desire to cash the check so the outstanding \$75 in checks were removed from the liability of the chapter and the bank account was closed. Other banking fees resulted from US Bank having too many deposits around the annual meeting time. The type of bank account was changed to avoid fees in the future. Total fees were \$31.07. Disbursements for the Mike Mason Memorial (\$522.20) fund included paying for benches at Rathbun and the state fair. Seed money was passed to Missouri (\$4,489.43) from the Warm Water Fish Culture Workshop account.

All account activity resulted in a balance of \$22,100.88 on 2/12/2015. The Warm Water Account has \$3,229.22, Mike Mason Memorial Fund has \$4,572.8 resulting in an AFS available balance of \$14,298.86.

Proposed budget keeps payments to Iowa Environmental Council, REAP Alliance, Iowa Conservation Alliance and 2015 ISU scholarship. Chris Clouse motioned to approve the financial report, Randy Schultz seconded. Unanimous vote, budget approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Audit: Ben Dodd.** Ben Dodd reviewed and approved the financial report. Ben Dodd will remain as auditor.

**Membership: Ben Wallace.** Last year had 96 members in the state chapter, 69 dues paying members and 27 student subunit members. Members can pay dues at the annual meeting, directly to Dan Rosauer at any time or through the parent society with their annual renewal. There are 58 members of the parent society in Iowa, 14 are life members. Prices for parent society membership are: \$80 for regular members, \$40 for young professionals, and \$20 for students (7 years max as a student), Life membership costs \$1,000. Rebecca Krogman commented they are looking at changing the young professional cost to 5 years instead of three years.

**Best Paper: Chad Dolan**

Chad was not present but Ben Wallace mentioned judging would happen for Iowa people. Turn in papers to Randy Schultz or e-mail directly to Chad.

**Resolutions committee: Vacant.**

There was a motion for nomination \_ Darcy Cashatt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Allen Pattillo. Ben Wallace described the committee and mentioned that there were not any resolutions over the last few years. Randy Schultz mentioned NCD has a resolution chair that would assist the state chapter with resolutions. Gary Siegwarth questioned our ability to draft resolutions due to our positions with the state. Bob Summerfelt pointed out we are putting out an opinion of the society, not specific people. Jim Wahl pointed out backlash that resulted from Missouri River management resolution. Gary Siegwarth was nominated but declined the nomination. Hearing no nominations Allen Pattillo moved to table discussion and Darcy Cashatt 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Nominations: Gary Siegwarth**

No Report.

**Program Committee: Lewis Bruce**

No Report

**Student Affairs: Mike Weber**

ISU is looking at multiple faculty hires, including two that started in January. It appears 2 wildlife positions will be getting filled. There are approximately 400 students in Animal Ecology, 24 of them are juniors or seniors in fisheries. There are currently seven fisheries graduate students. Five graduate students presented this year at the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference. The Joan Duffy travel award was not given out by Iowa because of a lack of applicants and was one of few states without an award given. Students were encouraged to apply in the future.

**Student Subunit: Nic Rhinehart**

Activities this year included: sampling SMB in Squaw Creek, Mississippi River trip working with Asian Carp, and Topeka Shiner work on the Raccoon River drainage, assisting with gill netting at Big Creek and Rathbun Lake, assisted Story County Conservation with habitat work at county parks. The subunit hosted several classes this past year including: a resume and interview session, fly tying and fly casting. T-shirts are being sold at the meeting for \$25.

**Continuing Education Committee: Clay Pierce.**

Clay provided a handout summarizing the 2014 GIS classes. Clay requested ideas for future classes. Options for this year he has already had are: a statistic refresher, FAMS, Advanced identification of Iowa Fishes, Identification of Iowa Aquatic Invertebrates, and Simulation Modeling for Fisheries Management. July is the best time for classes as ISU classes are not in session.

**Technical Committee Reports****Walleye Technical Committee: Randy Schultz**

Summer meeting will be in Brookings, SD July 20-24 and it will be \$60 to register. There will be a WAE tagging continuing education class at the meeting for an extra \$50. Donna Muhm was awarded for her service as Secretary/Treasurer in the past.

**Centrarchid Technical Committee: Lewis Bruce.**

This was an inactive committee this past year. Lewis is wanting to step down as the CTC chair. Mike Weber volunteered, Allen Pattillo nominated him, Jeff Kopaska 2<sup>nd</sup> and a unanimous vote ensued.

**Rivers and Streams Technical Committee: Greg Gelwicks.**

The 2015 meeting will be in Rock Island, IL. Greg can get you on a list to get updates/e-mails on the meeting. There will likely be a symposium at Midwest this upcoming year. The committee is looking to increase student participation by providing free lodging for students at meetings. Greg would like any river and streams updates to include in annual Iowa report to the committee.

**Salmonid: Vacant**

George Scholten nominated Mike Siepker to chair and Andy Jansen informed the chapter that the Salmonid committee is defunct. George withdrew his nomination.

**Esocid Technical Committee: Jonathan Meerbeek.**

Jonathan provided updates from Iowa at the committee meeting. Notes from other states are on the Esocid Technical Committee website. There will be a symposium March 13-15, 2016 in the Twin Cities Area sponsored by Muskies Inc.

**Ictalurid Technical Committee: Dan Kirby.**

Dan provided a summary of Iowa activities at the meeting at the Midwest conference.

There is a plan started for Catfish 2020 to be held in a southern state.

Rebecca Krogman is the secretary/treasurer for the technical committee commented CCF 2000 spurred research and CCF 2010 filled in a lot of information, now there is a question on the usefulness of holding a CCF 2020 or wait until 2025.

Kim Hawkins asked about the attendance of the technical committees. Jonathan Meerbeek reported one attendee from WI and 3 from MN at the Midwest meeting so there was not a ton of information shared.

**Fish Culture Section: Alan Johnson**

FCS has gained a prominence and respect from the Parent society. It is regarded as one of the most progressive sections (credit to great leadership). Relevant to all disciplines of AFS.

Fisheries magazine theme issue dedicated to "AFS and Aquaculture" topics related to fisheries.

Executive Director Austen asked the Fish Culture Section to take the lead in helping develop the tool kit with Content Director Sarah Gilbert Fox. The tool kit describes the value of AFS and the value of the FCS.

New FCS website.

Fish Culture Literature Clearinghouse: seeking gray literature related to fish culture.

Three sessions at AFS Annual meeting in Portland:

- 1) Managing Challenges and Conflicts Between the Wise Use of Fish Hatcheries and Traditional Production Objectives
- 2) Economic and Social Impacts of Stocking Cultured Fish
- 3) Wild vs. Hatchery Fishes

Investment in the WDAFS Endowment Fund, put money to work. Plan to provide more travel scholarships for students, increase our continuing education efforts, and increase recruiting effort.

HaMAR (Hatcheries and Management of Aquatic Resources). Special edition of NA Journal of Aquaculture, that will appeal to fisheries managers using hatchery reared products.

**NCD: Not able to attend**

**Reservoir Technical committee: Rebecca Krogman**

In the process of developing the committee. Likely to have a symposium at the Midwest meeting. The official e-mail has been set up and is: [NCD.Reservoir@fisheries.org](mailto:NCD.Reservoir@fisheries.org)

**Awards:**

Past President: Ben Wallace

Best Student Paper: Wes Sleeper

Best Professional Paper: Mike Hawkins

NCD award for Mike Hawkins for serving on the Fish Management Section

**Old Business:**

IWILL update, ICA spearheaded the support for IWILL, IA AFS signed letter for support  
Gary Siegwarth pointed out that the student subunit may not know what IWILL stands for.  
Allen Pattillo moved to move IWILL to new business, Paul Sleeper 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**New Business:**

Andy Jansen and Randy Schultz gave an update on the investment opportunity through the parent society. Parent society is working to set up a way to pool investment money across the chapters for the good of all participants. Goal is a 4-8% return. Doug Austen or Andy Jansen can be contacted for an application.  
Chris Clouse suggested an e-mail vote when the opportunity comes up.  
Allen Pattillo moved to table discussion on investing, Chris Clouse 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The ability of EXCOM to distribute funds was discussed. The issue came up with a grant request for \$1,000. There is a discrepancy between the bylaws and the grant application. The bylaws allow the EXCOM to spend up to \$500 without a vote of the membership and the maximum grant amount is \$1,000. It was determined that we may need to change the language in the bylaws or grant application to reduce confusion. Several options were listed:

- 1) Change the amount approved by the EXCOM to spend
- 2) Lower the maximum grant amount to \$500
- 3) Add an exception in the bylaws for grants up to \$1,000

Randy Schultz discussed how the bylaws don't mention electronic voting is an option and that if we go through our bylaws we should go through all of the bylaws not just the portion concerning the EXCOMs ability to distribute funds. Any changes to the bylaws have to be voted on by NCD EXCOM.

Scott Gritters mentioned that the intent of the grant was to be set at \$500 so there would be more opportunity to distribute grants instead of a few large grants.

Dan Kirby recommended going through the bylaws as it was last done in 2005.

Jeff Kopaska mentioned bylaws should address electronic voting

A committee will be appointed to go through the bylaws.

Nominations for committee members was opened.

Randy Schultz, Jeff Kopaska and Ben Wallace were nominated and accepted nominations for the committee.

Allen Pattillo moved to vote on nominations, Allen Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup>. All candidates were unanimously approved.

Support of the Student Subunit was discussed including the annual \$500 scholarship. The discussion was tabled quickly.

Maynard Reece prints were discussed.

Jeff Kopaska updated everyone on the process and that the project was most of the way to the fundraising goals to start the project and an anticipated kickoff in May. There is work with the state historical society for display of the prints at the state historical museum and then a goal to take the prints on tour around the state.

IA AFS website

Parent society is interested in keeping all formats for state websites the same. The Iowa chapter has not been good at updating their website. A comparison between the "old" and "new" websites was shown.

Allen Pattillo moved to vote on the new website, Randy Schultz 2<sup>nd</sup>. All voted in favor of using the new website and having the parent society maintain the website. The discussion on the website was tabled.

Rebecca Krogman discussed a parent society survey as an opportunity to share opinions on the parent society and why people are not members of the parent society.

Mark Flammang updated everyone on the catfish bowfishing bill currently in the legislature. It was mentioned we may want a position or resolution statement on bowfishing for CCF. The main point of the resolution or position statement is anglers or the Iowa DNR does not appear to be involved in the bill even though it affects both.

Randy Schultz suggested it comes from someone outside the bureau and recommended Allen Pattillo to draft the letter. Flammang nominated Kopaska to resolution committee and it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Scholten. Greg Gelwicks and Dan Kirby also accepted nominations.

Jim Wahl wanted to acknowledge Kim Hawkins for putting together the newsletter for the Iowa chapter.

Allen Pattillo moved to adjourn Rebecca Krogman 2<sup>nd</sup> and all were in favor.