

**Iowa Chapter of the American Fisheries Society
Joint Meeting with the Iowa Chapter of The Wildlife Society
Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting
January 17, 2001
Memorial Union, Ames, IA**

The annual business meeting was called to order by President Don. The meeting was attended by 47 members.

Approval of the 2000 business meeting minutes was requested by president Kline. The motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report

Secretary/Treasurer Kevin Hanson summarized the treasurers report and concluded a balance of \$7,823.90 as of 27 December 2000. Income was a combination of chapter dues, meeting registration from last years annual meeting, interest from the checking account and the GIS continuing education class. The financial report was approved by the auditing committee of Greg Simmons, Greg Gelwicks, Mike Birmingham and Brian Hayes. Don Kline motioned to approve the treasurers report and the motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Reap - Dick McWilliams reported that the first REAP committee meeting would be held later that evening and he would know more after wards. As it stands now the DNR is asking for \$15 million and the governor is requesting between 12 – 12.5 million.

Continuing Education - Clay Pierce reported that our chapter will hold a course on X-GOBI data visualization on February 1st and 2nd, 2001. The course will be held at Iowa State University at the Science II building. There is space for 20 people, 10 are currently signed up. Clay presented some possible future plans for continuing education: Stream habitat and rehabilitation; potentially an advanced GIS course; or a course on modeling using F.A.S.T or Fish Analysis. Some members voiced positive interest. Clay reported that he will check on the possibilities and get back to the group.

Membership – Past president Dr. Robert Summerfelt informed that membership this year was up. Membership is normally 55 – 60, and secretary treasurer Kevin Hanson reported that as of the meeting 73 people were registered and registration could be as high as 85. Much of the credit for the increase can be given to the fact that the meeting was held on the ISU campus and many new students were joining.

Nominations - Mark Flammang congratulated the newly elected officers President-Elect Andy Thompson and Secretary Treasurer Kevin Hanson. Mark is seeking qualified individuals for nominations for the upcoming elections. Please contact Mark with the names of qualified individuals before he contacts you.

Education – Don Kline recommended that there may not be a need for an education committee. Don recommended dropping the committee. And forming an ad hoc committee if new issues came forward. Discussion followed and no motion was made.

Student Affairs – Committee Chair Ryan Lane reported that there was very good student participation and that many of them were taking advantage of the student – mentor opportunity set up by President Don Kline. There were several junior and senior students attending.

Resolutions - Marion Conover reported he has a no resolutions at this time. Don Kline reported that at the national meeting resolutions were becoming a thing of the past. Despite the lack of interest, it was decided to keep the committee per requirements of the by laws, and that Marion Conover would continue to serve as committee chair.

Best Paper - Steve Waters was not in attendance. Don Kline presented the best paper award to Mike Steuck for his talk on the LTRM program at last years' meeting. Larry Mitzner received the first award for best poster. Student participation awards were given to Dan Kirby, Jeremiah Heitke, and Jeremy Duerhe.

Newsletter – Kevin Hanson reported there was nothing to report.

Technical Committees – It was asked by president Kline that the designate to each committee of the North Central Division of the AFS give a report. Discussion followed as to who are the appointed designates and how are they appointed. The president originally appointed a representative and those people have supposedly continued to serve.

Walleye Tech – Dick McWilliams reported that he has a copy of the minutes from the last Walleye tech meeting. Members discussed who is appointed leader of tech. John Pitlo thought that Tom Gengerke was originally appointed but the matter was not solved.

Centrarchid – Don Kline reported that he is the state representative for the centrarchid committee and has gone faithfully to all meetings. He said that meetings are always held in Prairie Du Chien, Wisc. and are not large meetings but more of round table discussions of state reps and this forum may remain unchanged. He noted that there will be a Centrarchid Symposium at the next Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference and there may be an opportunity for Iowa researchers to present at that.

Rivers and Streams – Greg Gelwicks is the state rep and he reported that the rivers and stream meeting will be held in Rock Island Ill. This year's meeting will have a mini workshop on stream habit. The date of the meeting has been moved up to try to get more people to come. Greg offered to e-mail the minutes of the last meeting to rivers and streams committee members and that the minutes along with state chapter reports will be posted on the NCD website.

Esocidae – Jim Christianson reported that he and Joe Larscheid and Donna Muhm attended this year's meeting. Jim said that it surprised him that Wisconsin still struggles with stocking issues such as numbers of fish and size of fish and people problems. He felt that although Iowa had many fewer lakes, the state was competitive in stocking research.

Salmonid – Dave Moeller reported that Bill Kalishek is the state rep but not in attendance. Dave said that the salmonid tech is a small but active group that normally meets in the summertime. Last year they put on a trout stream work shop that looked at both the biological and human dimensions.

John Pitlo added that the Walleye Technical committee for the NCD had a symposium at last year's Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference and that he and Kay Hill and Joe Larscheid presented papers and that the proceedings from that symposium were to be published possibly later this summer.

Old Business -

Don Kline introduced old business. The first item was to get a report on the Invasive Species Symposium. Mike Steuck reported that the Iowa Chapter had donated money to the symposium and had received a letter of thanks. Theresa Blackburn attended the symposium and said that one of the items discussed was the formation of an Invasive Species Council composed of members from several different

disciplines (i.e. fish, vegetation, wildlife, etc). Theresa reported that Aquatic Nuisance Species coordinator Kim Bogenschutz had volunteered to be Iowa's representative to that committee.

Iowa AFS pamphlet – Joe Morris reported on the progress of the informational pamphlet he had put together to encourage prospective members. Joe asked the members what their preference for producing the pamphlets would be. Printing 500 pamphlets would cost \$1 per pamphlet but the cost per pamphlet goes down the more copies you order. Joe also offered to create .pdf file and send it out to AFS members who could then print their own pamphlets much cheaper. Discussion followed and many members expressed interest in having the .pdf file sent out. Joe made a motion to send out the pamphlet on .pdf and have members print themselves. Motion passed. Discussion then turned to forming a small committee to edit the current pamphlet design. Don Kline, Lannie Miller and Mike Steuck volunteered to be on the committee. Joe said final edits should be done by the end of March.

Awards – The Past President Award was given to Dr. Robert Summerfelt. Don Kline thanked Dr. Summerfelt for his service and gave a special thanks to him for his help in setting up this year's meeting. Past Secretary/Treasurer award was given to Mike Steuck. Mike was thanked for his many years of service to the Iowa Chapter.

New Business -

Don Kline asked if anyone was familiar with our commitment to the Iowa Environmental Council. Martin Konrad updated the group on the council. Saying that they have been very effective and continue to keep Martin informed. The ongoing sustainer membership for 2000 to the Iowa Environmental Council was \$100. Although our \$100 donation is small, it buys us a membership on the council. Mike Steuck made a motion to continue to donate \$100. The motion passed.

Chapter meeting for 2002 will be held in Moline, Illinois. We have a joint meeting with the Illinois chapter of AFS. The dates for the meeting will be Feb. 19 – 21, 2002. Currently nothing is set for 2003 or 2004. The North Central Division of AFS wants to have the 2004 NCD meeting along the Missouri River since it will mark the 200th anniversary of the Lewis & Clark expedition. No support was given to this idea from the members so the meeting will not be held. South Dakota may be interested in having a joint meeting in the future if it can be held in Souix Falls.

Iowa will be the host for the 2001 Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference. The meeting will be held in Des Moines. The Iowa Chapter of AFS can have a table at the conference to hold a raffle. It was decided that we will have a booth the meeting.

Don Kline brought up discussions as to whether the Iowa Chapter wants to have a web page. Clay pierce put in his support saying that students now are constantly using the web and rely on such web pages for information. Joe Morris brought up the question of web page maintenance. The group was asked whether they wanted to make a motion. There were no motions and no further discussion.

Fish Pocket Scientists. Members were asked if they wanted to reprint and begin selling again the Fish Pocket Scientist booklets. No motions were made and no further discussion.

Student expenses – Don Kline wished to discuss whether the chapter wants to review the current policy of student expenses at the annual meetings. No motions were made to change current policies.

Mentor Initiative – Don discussed the mentor initiative that he used for the meeting which was designed to introduce students to current AFS members. Current members would familiarize the new members with the Iowa Chapter. The initiative was well received and Don has gotten a lot of positive feedback. It is suggested that this practice is continued at future meetings.

Outreach – It was noted that Mark Flammang has produced a farm pond program in Power Point that is currently being used by the Natural Resource Conservation Service.

Awards – Don Kline asked if the chapter should consider nominating any members for North Central Division awards. Chris Clouse told the group that he had nominated past president Dr. Summerfelt for introduction into the Fish Culture Hall of Fame in Spearfish, South Dakota. Dr. Summerfelt will be inducted during a celebration in May. Dr. Summerfelt then noted that Dr. Ken Carlander had recently been inducted into the Fisheries Hall of Excellence in Nebraska.

Chapter dues were discussed by Don Kline as to whether we should change the 5\$ membership. It was decided not to change the fee.

Archives – Don Kline then asked the group if we should begin a historical archives for the Iowa chapter of AFS. Many records are currently stored at the Rathbun hatchery. It was felt that we should start the process.

Kim Francisco made a suggestion to the chapter that individual members should write to their legislators in support of the hunting and fishing license increase bill currently up for debate in the Iowa House. It was decided that the chapter as a whole should also draft a letter.

Bruce Menzel informed the chapter that Iowa State University had recently implemented a non -thesis master program for those with Bachelors degrees that would emphasize course work rather than the thesis. The program requires 30 credit hours and many of the classes will be offered online through the Distance Delivered Services.

Vice President Andy Thompson introduced an item to see if the chapter would want to donate to an effort to reproduce a series of North Central Division Reports on compact disc. Although there was not much discussion the general opinion was that we would be interested in donating in the future if this idea was implemented.

Tom Boland introduced the idea of setting up a scholarship fund. A motion was made to provide 2 scholarships in the amount of \$250 for a graduate and undergraduate student. Discussions began about how much work would be involved for review and rewarding of scholarships. Dr. Summerfelt said that Iowa State Animal Ecology Department has a scholarship committee that can do the work if the money goes to an Iowa State Student. Our chapter would write the specifications and the committee would select and reward the scholarship. Discussion continued. Theresa Blackburn wanted to be noted as going on record that she opposed that the scholarship should go to an Iowa State student and not consider students from other Iowa colleges.

Tom Boland then amended his original motion to read that a \$500 scholarship should be awarded to an undergraduate student in fisheries and that the scholarship will be administered by the Iowa State Animal Ecology Scholarship committee. It will be specified that the money must go towards tuition.

Past President Award – The Past President Award was given to Dick McWilliams.

Paul Sleeper mentioned that the raffle ticket sales were going well. Paul also mentioned that an appreciation award was given to Jack Neuzil for making the wooden fish puzzle that have made a lot of money for the chapter. Paul urged the chapter to bring more and better raffle/auction items in the future.

Meeting Adjournment - A motion was made by Mike Steuck to adjourn the meeting. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.