

**Iowa Chapter American Fisheries Society Annual Business Meeting
Iowa DNR Fisheries Statewide Meeting – Springbrook State Park
March 5, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Chad Dolan. Chad Dolan introduced EXCOM: President-elect: Kim Bogenschutz, secretary/treasurer: Andy Otting, Past President: Andy Fowler. In attendance at the beginning of the meeting were 54 chapter members.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's report was given by Andy Otting. The chapter started the year (1/11/11) with a balance of \$2,126.36. Disbursements since the last financial report equaled \$11,950.81 and receipts equaled \$17,286.56. Currently the Iowa Chapter has a balance of \$7,462.11. Noteworthy activity on the account included 2011 and 2012 REAP Alliance dues \$150, \$100 for the Iowa Environmental Council, \$100 to Iowa Conservation Alliance, \$500 ISU scholarship presented to Mariah Morrison, Minnesota AFS 2012 \$250 donation, \$500 Fisheries Grant to Lost Grove Lake, \$250 Fenske Award match at Midwest FWC, and \$50 to Jeff Kopaska for Trout Survey participant prize. Receipts came mainly from dues, registrations, raffles, and auctions collected at the 2011 Iowa AFS/TWS Joint Meeting at Honey Creek Resort, Age and Growth Continuing Education course held in Ames, IA and the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference held in Des Moines, IA.

Proposed budget keeps payments to Iowa Environmental Council, REAP Alliance, Iowa Conservation Alliance and 2011 ISU scholarship. Additionally up to \$1,000 will be given in Fisheries Grants in 2012 at the discretion of the EXCOM. Jim Wahl motioned to approve the financial report and proposed budget, Martin Konrad seconded. Unanimous vote, budget approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit: Ben Dodd. Ben Dodd reviewed and approved the financial report. Andy Otting does not appear to be embezzling AFS funds!

Resolutions committee: Don Herrig/Donna Muhm.

Donna noted that Iowa Chapter AFS voted unanimously to not ban lead fishing tackle.

Continuing Education Committee: Clay Pierce.

Clay Pierce was not present. Chad Dolan introduced the idea of a Turtle ID and Biology workshop to be held at Iowa State University. Possibly a 2 day course in mid to late July with half day in the lab, half day setting turtle trapping gear and one day checking the gear.

Nominations:

Gary Siegwarth nominated as nominations chair. All approved. Gary not present to contest.

Student Subunit:

The subunit currently has a balance of \$2,000. They are preparing for their VEISHA display. They have donated \$150 to the NREM banquet. They are designing two more fish species posters for lakes and rivers. Looking for volunteer opportunities and willing to come out and assist during fisheries field work.

Membership: Andy Folwer. There was a decrease in membership this year from 124 to 106 members.

Program Committee: Kim Bogenschutz.

Seeking input for next year's Iowa Chapter AFS meeting. Jim Wahl mentioned a possible meeting with Nebraska to be held in Council Bluffs. Jim asked Van to look into Council Bluffs for meeting locations, Van recommended meeting with Wisconsin!

Technical Committee Reports

Walleye Technical Committee: Donna Muhm.

Donna reported that the joint summer meeting with Esocids and Centrarchids held in Dubuque, IA was well attended. There will likely be a similar joint meeting held in Northern Minnesota in 2012.

Centrarchid Technical Committee: Lewis Bruce.

Joint meeting was held with Esocids and Walleye in Dubuque, IA. Roughly half a dozen members met at the Midwest FWC. Possible topic for 2012 meeting will be Regulations and Angler Perceptions.

Esocid Technical Committee: Jon Meerbeek.

Joint meeting was held with Walleye and Centrarchids in Dubuque, IA. Six members met at the winter business meeting held at the Midwest FWC. Jon was elected Chair until December 2012. Little planning has been done for the summer 2012 meeting. The meeting may be held near Hayward Wisconsin.

Rivers and Streams Technical Committee: Greg Gelwicks.

No report.

Ictalurid Technical Committee: Dan Kirby.

No report

Fish Culture Section: Jay Rudacille

Working to increase membership in the fish culture section of AFS. They now have a news letter and website. Introducing new cell phone applications for fish drug treatments. The Fish Hatchery Management book is being redone. Jay announced it is only \$2 to join the fish culture section if already an AFS member.

Lead Tackle Statement: Mark Flammang

Results of the lead statement voting are available on the Iowa AFS website. Inquisitions for the statement for use with the legislature were received from multiple parties including Iowa Outdoor Partnership and Congressional Sportsmen Caucus. Iowa AFS sent the position statement to the parent society, which remains undecided on the issue.

NCD: Randy Schultz.

Membership can currently vote for new NCD President. Randy encouraged the election of Joe Morris. 25 year AFS pins were awarded to Joe Larscheid, Don Herrig, and Jim Wahl.

Awards:

Marion Conover was presented with the 2010 North Central Division Fisheries Excellence Award at the 2011 Midwest FWC.

2011 Best Professional Paper: Jon Lore

2011 Best Student Paper: Anthony Sindt

2011 Best Student Poster: Jesse Fishcer

Past President: Andy Fowler

Old Business:

Chad Dolan presented the financial outcome of the Midwest FWC showing a chapter profit of just over \$1,800. Jeff Kopaska thanked Iowa AFS for the \$50 donation towards the Trout Survey prizes.

New Business:

Jim Wahl mentioned that if chapter funds allow, possibly consider student travel grants for the 2013 meeting if it is not held in Ames.

Adjourn.

Randy Schultz motioned to adjourn, Van Sterner seconded. Passed - unanimously.