

Iowa Chapter of the American Fisheries Society Annual Business Meeting

Iowa Chapter AFS Meeting – Honey Creek Resort State Park

4:30 PM, Tuesday, February 12, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Kim Bogenschutz. Kim Bogenschutz introduced EXCOM: President-elect: Ben Wallace, Secretary/Treasurer: Andy Otting, Past President: Chad Dolan, and NCD Representative: Vince Travnichek. In attendance at the beginning of the meeting were 64 chapter members.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's report was given by Andy Otting. The chapter started the year (1/1/12) with a balance of \$12,767.99. Disbursements since the last financial report equaled \$6,951.29 and receipts equaled \$1,931.55. Despite appearances, the Iowa Chapter did not lose significant money in 2012. The Iowa chapter collected all proceeds from the MFWFC raffle held in December 2011 and then paid out The Wildlife Society and ISU student subunit shares early in 2012. These shares equaled \$4,623.72 of the \$6,951.29 disbursed in 2012. Currently the Iowa Chapter has a balance of \$7,748.25. Noteworthy activity on the account included 2012 REAP Alliance dues \$150, \$100 for the Iowa Environmental Council, \$100 to Iowa Conservation Alliance, \$500 ISU scholarship presented to Grant Scholten, and a \$100 donation to the ISU Natural Resource Ecology and Management Field Notes publication. Receipts came from membership dues, and registrations for the Turtle Biology and ID continuing education course held at Iowa State University.

Proposed budget keeps payments to Iowa Environmental Council, REAP Alliance, Iowa Conservation Alliance and 2013 ISU scholarship. Additionally up to \$1,000 will be given in Fisheries Grants in 2013 at the discretion of the EXCOM. The projected account balance following the 2013 Iowa AFS Annual Meeting is expected to be ~\$9,500 – \$10,000. Mike Mason motioned to approve the financial report and proposed budget, Gary Siegwarth 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: Chad Dolan. There was a decrease in membership from 106 in 2011 to 88 in 2012. The drop is likely due to not having an Iowa Chapter annual meeting in 2012 due to the MFWFC held in December, 2011. Membership numbers should rise again in 2013.

The EXCOM proposed the idea of adding a \$200 lifetime membership option. Points of discussion included: If regular dues rise, will lifetime membership rise? Can price be based on age? Bernie Schonhoff recommended a survey be sent out to the membership to seek acceptable options. Jeff Kopaska motioned the EXCOM to develop a proposal to be voted on by the membership. Randy Schultz seconded.

Resolutions committee: Don Herrig/Donna Muhm.

No resolutions. Don and Donna will continue as resolutions committee chairs.

Nominations: Gary Siegwarth

Seeking nominations for President-elect and Secretary/Treasurer. Gary prefers voluntary, but will resort to bribery and arm twisting if needed.

Program Committee: Ben Wallace.

Ben is taking ideas for 2014 annual meeting.

Student Subunit: Cole Harty

The ISU student subunit was active volunteering at stations around the state to assist with field work in 2012 and look forward to doing it again in 2013. The subunit assisted the Boone Management team with a family trout fishing event held at Ames in February. The subunit with other university staff completed a fish habitat project at Ada Hayden Lake in Ames.

Continuing Education Committee: Clay Pierce.

Clay Pierce was not present.

A turtle ID and biology course was held in August and attended by ~24 people. Necessary sampling gear was

handed out to units that will be doing turtle sampling. Instruction was provided on sampling procedures and data collection. Andy Fowler will be working on a database for turtle sampling data.

Need to keep track of proof of attendance at continuing education courses for members who may seek professional fisheries certification through AFS.

Andy Fowler has put Mike Colvin's R-statistics course on the Iowa AFS website.

Chris Larson mentioned that a fisheries techniques course be suggested to Clay Pierce for the 2014 continuing education course.

Technical Committee Reports

Walleye Technical Committee: Donna Muhm.

Dan Iserman is the new chair. The winter meeting was held at the Midwest in Kansas. Donna reported that the joint summer meeting with Esocids and Centrarchids held the third week of July with Wisconsin at Wasau.

Centrarchid Technical Committee: Lewis Bruce.

Winter meeting was attended by 12-15 people. There will be a joint meeting again with walleye and esocid in Wisconsin. A symposium will occur in Little Rock at National AFS.

Esocid Technical Committee: Jonathan Meerbeek.

Jonathan helped organize the workshop in Hayward, Wisconsin. The winter business meeting was held in Kansas. The Esocid Technical Committee website may be visited to view individual state reports.

Rivers and Streams Technical Committee: Greg Gelwicks.

The 25th annual RSTC meeting will be held March 26-27 in Milan, IL. Presentations will be related to the history of stream management. If members that would like to receive meeting announcements, but are not, need to talk with Greg Gelwicks.

Ictalurid Technical Committee: Dan Kirby.

The annual business meeting was held at the Midwest in Kansas. Dan provided Iowa catfish information for the

meeting. A catfish sampling workshop will be held at the Kibbe Field Station in Illinois.

Fish Culture Section: Alan Johnson

No report.

NCD: Vince Travnichak

Vince was recently elected First Vice President NCD. Vince provided an overview of who currently holds officer positions and explained the structure and role of the NCD. There is currently ~1500 dues paid members with about one third being students. Encouraged the Iowa Chapter to utilize the Joan Duffy Travel Award with a \$250 match for one student to travel to Midwest meetings.

Awards:

Past President: Chad Dolan

Old Business:

Donation levels to lobby groups was discussed. Kevin Hanson motioned to increase the Iowa Conservation Alliance donation up to \$250 and was seconded by Jim Wahl and Gary Siegwarth. The membership voted unanimously in favor.

A New REAP Alliance officer was needed. Alan Johnson was nominated.

New Business:

Chris Larson motioned that March 1st be the deadline for AFS habitat grants. Michael Steuck seconded.

Ben Wallace is interested in setting up a guideline for IDNR employees to obtain fisheries certification through AFS. There is a need to find where course credits can be earned. Interested individuals are encouraged to contact Ben Wallace.

Adjourn.

Gary Siegwarth motioned to adjourn, Jim Wahl seconded. Passed - unanimously.



Iowa Chapter President Kim Bogenschutz congratulates Past President Chad Dolan for his excellent work during his tenure as Iowa Chapter President (2011-2012)

Don Herrig passes on the coveted "Two Dogs in Some Field" to the highest bidder: Kirk Hansen

