

Iowa Chapter of the American Fisheries Society EXCOM Meeting
January 16, 2013
Iowa State University, Ames, IA

Attending members were President Kim Bogenschutz, President Elect Ben Wallace, Past President Chad Dolan, Student Subunit President Cole Harty, Secretary/Treasurer Andy Otting

Annual Meeting – Honey Creek Resort State Park, February 12-13

- Once contract is signed a meeting announcement will be sent out to membership and attendees can begin making hotel reservations
- Roughly 100 people are anticipated for the Statewide portion of the meeting with a guess of around 70 participants to stay for AFS meeting
- 2 ballrooms have been reserved for meeting rooms and 1 ballroom reserved for meals. Extra available if needed
- Chad Dolan volunteered to take charge of poster and presentation judging by bringing scoring sheets and recruiting judges. We will be judging best student poster and presentation, and best professional presentation
- Meals, breaks, and evening beverages will be selected within budget given a registration fee of \$70 per attendee, \$35 students. This should leave room for some meeting profit.

Tuesday Evening Business Meeting

- Chad will send Kim past meeting agendas
- Andy will provide chapter financial report
- Student subunit will provide a report of current activities and finances
- Committee reports will be given
 - o Evaluate current committees to determine who is still active and if any committees need to be eliminated
- Discuss the possibility of a lifetime membership option to the Iowa Chapter AFS
- Establish a deadline for AFS Habitat Grant submittal and review
- Possibly discuss membership interest in getting involved with Fisheries Certification through the parent chapter AFS
 - o Look into registering Iowa Chapter continuing education courses with the parent society – question for Clay Pierce
 - o Gather suggestions for 2013 continuing education course. One possibility being database training

Raffle/Live Auction

- Extra fund raising through a raffle and live auction
- A request for raffle/auction items will be sent out with the meeting announcement
 - o Try to keep items limited to usable or humorous
 - o Limit quantity of auction items if needed to keep auction from running too long
 - o Ben Wallace presented the idea of auctioning off baked goods
 - o Ben Wallace will check on prices of dogproof traps
 - o Chad Dolan will communicate with Jim Wahl and Paul Sleeper to seek items from Pure Fishing and Scheels. Also check with Paul on availability of fish puzzles.
 - o ISU subunit will possibly seek donations from local vendors
 - o \$250 in Iowa AFS funds will be used to purchase a gift card and other items for raffle
- ISU subunit will assist in raffle sales
- ISU subunit will be selling bowfin T-shirts

Other Business

- Iowa Chapter AFS current donates \$100 to the Iowa Conservation Alliance. Considering increasing our contribution to \$250 to remain a voting member.
 - o EXCOM members decided to research the groups we currently support to see which ones are most beneficial to AFS mission

- Donations may be moved from other benefactors to increase the ICA contribution to \$250, or leave others as they are and just increase dollars to ICA
- EXCOM decided not to contribute to Equal Opportunities Section Travel Award and keep funds local for students in ISU subunit
 - Investigate how students can apply for travel grants – may need to create an application form
 - Preference will be given to student presenters and ISU subunit officers.
 - Ask applications to be submitted at least 2 weeks prior to travel
 - Need to dedicate an amount in the budget for student travel