

**Iowa Chapter of the American Fisheries Society EXCOM Meeting
September 8, 2010
Ames, IA**

Members attending were President Andy Fowler, Past President Bryan Hayes, Secretary/Treasurer Andy Otting, and Student Subunit President Chris Smith.

Finance Report:

Past Balance on 12/31/2009: \$ 4752.29
Past year's disbursements: \$ 6759.78
Past year's receipts: \$ 11364.58
Current balance: \$ 4604.80
Outstanding bills: \$ 00.00

Grant Requests:

No grants were received as new grants have been tabled until budget can take on grants

New Business:

- Continuing Education Class
 - Workshop was a big success. Everyone seemed to enjoy it and we earned a decent profit.
- Annual Meeting
 - Last year's meeting had 52 professionals @ \$60, and 12 students @ \$35, 4 didn't pay as they weren't eating
 - Joint meetings
 - Look into the potential for joint meetings with adjoining states
 - Ask TWS about joint meeting
 - Bryan is going to let the conservation boards know of the potential invite to this meeting on Sept. 17 at a local director's meeting
 - Location
 - No out of state travel allowed for this meeting for DNR members
 - Depends on joint meeting status with other organizations
 - Illinois and Minnesota – Not possible this year
 - i.e. Casino if with Nebraska
 - Same Ames location, Quality Inn location as last year
 - Easy to work with and very cost effective
 - Easy for student access, relatively high turnout for students as well with 12 attending and many giving presentations
 - Honey Creek Resort at Rathbun Lake
 - Room rates have now been negotiated to state rates which puts this resort as a very viable option
 - Storm Lake – King's Point
 - Raffle

- We don't make much money on a gun, sometimes we are even lucky to break even. Look into vexlars or rod/reel combos from pure fishing.
 - Chris has already contacted many local businesses for donations and will let us know what donations have been secured
- Website
 - Additional historic content is going to be added
 - Update officers
 - News area
 - Carol Dixson has already scanned many of the newsletters going back to 1987
 - Would like to add minutes, agendas, and meeting presentation schedules to the website if available. Need to contact past members about availability.
 - Mike Colvin has volunteered to further update the site's look as well
- Need to order plaques for awards

Student Sub-unit:

- Posters are finished, however, costs have changed
 - Mike Quist paid \$400 to acquire the printing rights to use fish illustrations for 300 sets of the 4 posters. Unlimited rights would be an additional \$395.
 - Commercial printing costs are \$603 for 100 sets of 4 posters
 - Additional posters are quite cheap, most of the upfront cost is in setting up the print job
 - Andy will talk to the aquatic education staff to see if additional funding is possible for increased printing