

Iowa Chapter of the American Fisheries Society EXCOM Meeting
September 6, 2013
Boone Wildlife Research Station, Boone, IA

Attending members were President Ben Wallace, President Elect Allen Pattillo, Past President Kim Bogenschutz, Student Subunit President Ben Dinkins, Secretary/Treasurer Dan Rosauer, and Past Secretary/Treasurer Andy Otting

Introductions

- New President Ben Wallace
- President Elect Allen Pattillo
- New Student Subunit President Ben Dinkins
- New Secretary/Treasurer Dan Rosauer

Officer Change Tasks to Complete

- Kim will submit change of officer form to AFS parent society
- Andy and Dan will move Iowa AFS account from The State Bank in Spirit Lake to US Bank to give future treasurers easier bank access
 - o This was attempted after the meeting and failed due to complications with our society not being a registered Incorporation with the Secretary of State. Apparently new rules since the last time Iowa AFS opened a bank account. Dan and Andy will work through the complications and eventually get an account established with US Bank.

Annual Meeting

- Currently looking into a joint meeting with Nebraska. Ben Wallace has already contacted Martin Hammel with NE AFS.
- **Locations**
 - o NE staff may be able to stay across state line
 - o Due to difficulties with Iowa staff staying across state line we are going to look into Council Bluffs or Sioux City
- **Time**
 - o Try for late February, most likely the last week
 - o If high student interest, may look at holding a Friday – Saturday meeting

Other Business

- AFS parent society surveyed all chapters to provide a master list of all schools offering fisheries coursework. EXCOM decided to include just 4 year universities in Iowa with fisheries programs and not include all colleges offering limited natural resource coursework
- Iowa Chapter AFS to donate \$100 to the Robert Klumb Scholarship fund – EXCOM all in favor
- Allen Pattillo started a discussion on AFS outreach possibilities. Ben Dinkins suggested holding a fish fry during tailgating or VEISHA.
 - o We would need to investigate health regulations for food prep and serving at such events
- Ben Wallace started a discussion on Certified Fisheries Professionals
 - o There is a need for interested individuals to have easy access to a requirements list and where to go to get required coursework
 - o Possible AFS sponsored scholarship to help with coursework costs