

# LATERAL LINES

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## PRESIDENTS CORNER—SCOTT GRITTERS

As the president of Iowa Chapter AFS, it seems progress is slow. However, after going through all the action items at the last EXCOM meeting, I find that my views about our chapter activities too pessimistic. This chapter is not DEAD, like some believe. The past few months the Iowa chapter pulled off a chapter meeting, offered a scholarship (congrats to Daniel Rosaier), set up a habitat project for Lost Grove Lake, held a successful raffle, funded a walk-trail development at Spring Branch Creek, attempted a trout habitat project on John Richmond's property (weather not permitting so far), converted the

newsletter to adobe, set up working email system, participated in national AFS surveys, produced a newsletter and many more items. We are capable of doing more but this is only up to you—the membership, so get involved. The chapter looks to be active again in the next few months ahead especially with eight members attending the national meeting in Madison, Wisconsin.

As always, I want thank to the committee members who push to get this newsletter out. Those putting this newsletter are busy people. The very least you as a mem-

ber can do is honor their work by reading the newsletter and responding to it. If you do not remember what was in the last newsletter, take some time and read it. In fact I will offer a price worthy of F-Bay to the third member who successfully emails me the correct answers to the following four questions? 1) What fish did Dan Kirby's grampa angle for? 2) What is the main determinate of where people swim and boat? 3) "Save 100 cows kill a \_\_\_\_\_" 4) How much money was in our treasury as of December 1, 2002.

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

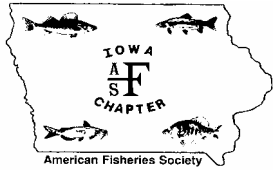
- *ISU starts a student chapter. "Their enthusiasm was excellent.."*
- *Chapter Presidential candidates Flammang and Muhm speak up.*
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**VOTE EARLY DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 15.**



NEWSLETTER OF THE IOWA CHAPTER  
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Nominations.....Gary Seigwarth  
Best Paper .....Lannie Miller

**CHAPTER NEWS**

**ISU AFS Chapter Beginnings**

Ames (SG) Scott Gritters, Iowa AFS President, made a formal presentation recently to Iowa State Students interested in starting an Iowa AFS student sub-chapter. The meeting was lead by graduate student David Rowe.

The meeting was well attended by 17 students, well in excess of the minimum required six students needed to draft by-laws. All voted unanimously to get the student chapter started. They plan another organizational meeting in two months and Gritters will be attending.

The student chapter will have one representative on the EXCOM board. The new group may receive support from the Iowa chapter in the form of financial assistance.

“The enthusiasm was excellent... They want to be active so lets get them involved,” said Gritters.

**Fun-d Raising**

Thanks to all of you who participated in the fund raiser raffle at Statewide this past spring. We should also thank the Raffle Committee members for getting it all together.

Our treasurer, Mike Hawkins, has informed us that F-Bay netted \$80 and the silent auction raised a whopping \$271.

How smart are you?

READ this sentence:

FINISHED FILES ARE THE RESULT OF YEARS OF SCIENTIFIC STUDY COMBINED WITH THE EXPERIENCE OF YEARS.

Now count aloud the F's in that sentence. Count them ONLY ONCE; do not go back and count them again. See below...

ANSWER: There are six F's in the sentence. One of average intelligence finds three of them. If you spotted four, you're above average. If you got five, you can turn your nose at most anybody. If you caught six, you are a genius. There is no catch. Many people forget the OF's. The human brain tends to see them as "V's" instead of "F's". If you can read below with out turning over your monitor, add 1 point

## IOWA CHAPTER OF THE AFS PROVIDES FUNDS FOR FISHERIES PROJECTS—*DAN KIRBY*

In the spring of 2001, the membership of the Iowa Chapter of the American Fisheries Society voted to create a \$1000 fund for fisheries related projects within the state of Iowa. This decision was in response to a healthy treasury and a desire to actively support projects with fisheries benefits. Since that time the Iowa Chapter of the AFS has provided funding for four fisheries projects with a total allocation of \$1590 in chapter funds.

Fisheries issues are diverse, and this is reflected in the projects monetarily supported by the Iowa AFS Chapter. In 2003, chapter funds were allocated for an aquatic display at a Washington County interpretive center, and helped pay for the production of an educational video focusing on the plight of freshwater mussels in the Upper Midwest. In 2004, chapter funds provided materials needed to construct a walkway along a



Walkway along Spring Branch Creek (Delaware County) completed in June of 2004 with materials paid for by the Iowa Chapter of the AFS.



Trout stream stabilization and bank hides on the Maquoketa River (Clayton County) completed in August of 2004, with funding contributed by the Iowa Chapter of the AFS.

popular Delaware County coldwater stream, and helped a private landowner pay for bank stabilization and fish habitat structures on a trout stream in Clayton County. Collectively, these

projects have helped Iowa fisheries through public education, public access, and habitat improvement.

The dollars available for the Iowa Chapter fisheries project fund is determined by membership vote on an annual basis. To this point, \$1000 has been available in each fiscal year with a maximum allocation of \$500 per project. The process for submitting proposals, determining acceptable projects, and fund allocation is simple. Project proposals must be submitted by an Iowa Chapter member, and the EXCOM committee of the Iowa AFS scores the submitted proposals to determine priority. Proposals for 2005 can be submitted beginning September 1, 2004. In January of 2005, the EXCOM committee will determine priority order of submitted projects and the chapter treasurer will allocate funds (funding available for 2005 was determined by membership vote at the spring 2004 meeting). If project funds remain after the January EXCOM meeting, additional projects deemed acceptable will be funded on a first come/first served basis. If funds allocated for 2005 are not used within the year, they do not carry-over into 2006.

**Dead Fish** Little Tim was in the garden filling in a hole when his neighbor peered over the fence. Interested in what the cheeky-faced youngster was up to, he politely asked, "Whatcha doing, Tim?"  
 "My goldfish died," replied the boy tearfully, without looking up. "And I've just buried him."  
 The neighbor was concerned. "That's an awfully big hole for a goldfish, isn't it?"  
 Tim patted down the last heap of earth then replied, "That's because he's inside your cat."

## MEET THE CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT ELECT

The two candidates for President Elect have provided us with brief statements about themselves. Hear them out and cast your vote. Voting Ballot/Procedures on Page 5. Results will be published October 26, 2004.

**Mark Flammang** (This message supported by Mark Flammang)

I am a native of northwest Iowa and earned my B.S. and Wildlife Ecology and Conservation (Fisheries Option) from Northwest Missouri State University in 1991. I attended South Dakota State University where I earned a M.S. in Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences (Fisheries Option). After a stay in Texas as a Fisheries Management Biologist, I returned to Iowa in 1995 where I serve as the fisheries management biologist for the Rathbun district. I live in Albia with my daughter Addy and my Brittany spaniel Shelby GT 350. In addition to my obvious interests in hunting, fishing, and camping I also enjoy making Ford Mustangs go fast. I have been a member of The AFS parent society since 1992, The Iowa Chapter since 1996 and am active in the North-Central Division. I look forward to an opportunity to serve you as your Iowa Chapter AFS President.

### Official Voting Ballot/Procedures on Page 5

**Donna Hanen Muhm** (This message supported by Donna Hanen Muhm)

A graduate of Iowa State University, Donna is the current hatchery manager of the Spirit Lake Hatchery. Prior to this position, she held several positions with Pure Fishing's research and development division over an eleven-year period. These include staff biologist, research biologist, and research biochemist. Donna began her career with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources at the Rathbun Hatchery after completing her college education. She is currently secretary of the AFS Walleye Technical Committee.

Donna has lots of ideas for the Iowa chapter, not the least of which is to establish a chapter website for members to access and post information. This information would include current meeting information, legislative activity that affects natural resources, and membership information. Other ideas include workshops for fill kill investigations, fish health certification, how to use GPS/GIS information, and fishing clinics. Many chapters around the country also have fundraising events to pay for scholarships, and Iowa chapter activities could include such passive activities as selling t-shirts and other promotional items.

*The Editor declined to include a comment from Slow Boat Gillnet Vets (Leo).*



I WANT YOU TO  
VOTE!

# OFFICIAL BALLOT

**POSTMARK DEADLINE OCTOBER 15.**



MARK FLAMMANG



DONNA HANEN MUHM

## VOTING PROCEDURES:

You may choose **ONLY ONE** of the following voting methods, Mail in Vote or Email Vote.

### Mail in Voting:

Print Ballot: File, Print, Select "Current Page" to print this page, OR print the Word document "Ballot" which was attached to the newsletter email.

Mark the box beside the candidate of choice.

Mail To: **Mike Hawkins**  
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### Email Voting:

Send an email to [Mike.Hawkins@dnr.state.ia.us](mailto:Mike.Hawkins@dnr.state.ia.us)

In the subject line simply state the candidates name you are voting for.

*Notice to non members of the Iowa Chapter of AFS: Participation in the current election is limited to current dues paying members. Thanks for your interest!*

**Iowa Chapter of the American Fisheries Society  
Iowa Dept. of Natural Resources - Fisheries Bureau Statewide Meeting  
Minutes of the 2004 Annual Business Meeting  
March 2, 2004  
Springbrook Educational Facility, Guthrie Center, IA**

President Scott Gritters called the annual business meeting to order. Eighty-two members attended the meeting. President Gritters requested approval of the agenda. Mark Winn moved to approve the agenda, Bernie Schonoff seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Scott Gritters introduced the executive committee (EXCOM). Scott Gritters is serving as the president. Dan Kirby is president-elect. Mike Hawkins is serving as secretary/treasurer. Past president is Mike Steuck. Newsletter editor is Alan Johnson. North Central Division (NCD) treasurer Don Kline was also introduced.

Scott Gritters requested approval of the 2003 business meeting minutes. Tom Boland moved to approve the minutes, and Tom Gengerke seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

President Gritters provided highlights of the past year's activities. Two EXCOM meetings were held during the year. Much of the activity at these meetings revolved around sorting out wording and details of decisions made at past annual meetings and planning the annual meeting. The annual meeting was planned to take place with Missouri this year, but unfortunately this meeting was cancelled due to state budget issues. A letter to Scott Ryan, Missouri Department of Conservation, will be drafted to thank him for his time spent planning this meeting. Newsletters were worked on and improved with more content and a digital format was produced.

President Gritters introduced the budget for 2005 and described the new format. Every item is not voted on; instead the budget is voted on as a whole. Mike McGhee moved to accept the budget and Bernie Schonoff seconded the motion. Discussion involved a question on the projected balance after the 2005 budget. It was relayed by President Gritters and Secretary/Treasurer Hawkins and President-Elect Kirby that the balance is projected to be the same, minus a small amount because of decreased revenue caused by the cancelled annual meeting. A question was raised on sales tax paid by the chapter. Former Secretary/Treasurer Greg Gelwicks explained that we do pay sales tax on raffles. President Gritters explained that the chapter tries to recoup some the tax when we file taxes, but raffles are subject to sales tax. John Pitlo explained that all organizations such as Ducks Unlimited and Pheasants Forever pay sales tax on raffle items. A question was raised on what we are doing with our money. The EXCOM voiced that we are open for new expenditures. The motion to approve the budget was carried unanimously.

*Financial Report* – Secretary/Treasurer Mike Hawkins summarized the treasurer's report and concluded a balance of \$7997.00 as of December 1, 2003. Income was a combination of chapter dues, annual meeting registration and raffle, and interest on the checking account. The auditing committee was Joe Larscheid and Juan Cardona.

### **Committee Reports**

**REAP – Dick McWilliams** reported that the state legislature received a lot of pressure last year from the public after cutting REAP funding. There is pressure from the public to allow local communities more involvement in the REAP process. Dick encouraged members to stay involved and attend local REAP assemblies. Funding has been restored to previous levels.

**Continuing Education – Clay Pierce** was not in attendance, but President Gritters mentioned an email that he had received from Clay. The committee has not initiated any continuing education projects but would like to hear from the membership about ideas and courses the members feel are needed.

**Membership – Don Kline** asked for \$200 dollars last year to work on ideas for increasing student membership. Don discussed several of these ideas, but has decided to give the \$200 back to the chapter and defer ideas to Mike Steuck, who is the new chair of this committee.

**Nominations – Gary Siegwarth** said that announcements for nominations will be held off until the newsletter. Gary discussed the possibility of extending the term of Iowa Chapter Officers to two years. Past President Mike Steuck discussed that the Illinois Chapter has a process where a member is elected as secretary/treasurer for a year, then becomes vice president the following year, and president the year after that. Dan Kirby mentioned that a two year term would mean a six year commitment for the president elect. Further discussion was tabled for New Business.

**Student Affairs – Bob Summerfelt** was not present, but President Gritters said that Bob had sent him an email stating that a student had been selected for the Chapter's Scholarship. No name was mentioned in that email.

**Resolutions – Mike McGhee** read a resolution adopted by the Waterfowl Association of Iowa. This resolution states a proposed allocation of 1/8 of 1% of the State's sales tax be equally divided between the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund and REAP. Some discussion followed. Gary Siegwarth discussed how we, as a chapter, can get other groups involved and interested in this concept. Discussion was tabled until New Business.

**Best Paper – Lannie Miller** introduced his committee and announced that Mark Flammang received Best Paper Award with his presentation of "*Evaluation of Largemouth Bass Regulations in Southern Iowa Impoundments*". Best Poster was awarded to Nicholas Frohnauer with a poster entitled "*Population characteristics and angler use of muskellunge in Shoepack Lake, Voyageurs National Park, Minnesota*". Certificates of appreciation for student papers were given to Sarah Katz and Robert Bringolf. Mike Steuck presented Mark Flammang with the Best Paper Award. It was brought to member's attention that Mark also won NCD Best Paper Award.

### Technical Committee Reports

**Walleye** - John Pitlo discussed a few details of the last Walleye Technical Committee (WTC) meeting held in Dubuque, IA. The meeting's theme was walleye regulations. John discussed the Walleye Synopsis, a compilation of all published and grey literature in North America into one book. This summer's WTC meeting will be held in Delta Marsh, Ontario.

**Centrarchid** – Don Kline said the meeting in Kansas City at the Midwest Conference was well attended with 15 members present. The next meeting will be at the National AFS Meeting in Madison, WI. The Centrarchid Symposium of this meeting will feature crappies and crappie management.

**Rivers and Streams** – Greg Gelwicks reported that there was no spring meeting because of a lack of attendance. The Dam Removal Symposium scheduled for Madison, WI was also cancelled. There is a spring meeting scheduled in March. Several Iowa members will be presenting.

**Esocid** – Joe Larscheid reported that the next meeting is in Madison, WI. A symposium is being planned and sponsored by the Muskies Inc. in Illinois in 2005.

**Salmonid** – Bill Kalishek reported that the Salmonid Committee as remained fairly inactive. The last business meeting was held four years ago.

**Ictalurid** – Dan Kirby reported that this is the third year of activity for this committee. This past summer marked the first educational workshop, held at Rathbun Lake. The focus of this workshop was aging techniques for catfish. Dan thanked chapter members Tom Boland, John Pitlo, Mark Flammang, Maury Anderson, Denny Weiss, and Gene Jones for organizing and helping with the workshop. About 40 people attended the workshop from several states. A business meeting was held in Kansas City at the Midwest. About 20 members were in attendance. This summer's meeting will be held electronically.

**Old Business**

The Iowa AFS email system has been set up. President Gritters talked about the new system. President Gritters explained two projects that the chapter helped fund with our Fisheries Grant. One was video on mussels entitled "*Canaries of the Deep*" and the other is an aquarium project involving native fish.

Don Kline described the aquarium project the chapter helped fund with our Fisheries Grant.

Bryan Hayes talked about the John Richmond trout stream project estimated to cost about \$10,000. \$2500 of this project is being paid by John. \$500 has been approved by the chapter to help offset the costs of the project to John.

President Gritters explained the new budget procedures.

The newsletter has been formatted to be circulated electronically using Adobe Acrobat. A copy of the software needed to make this transition will be purchased.

**Awards and Recognition - Scott Gritters**

Greg Gelwicks was presented a plaque recognizing his service as Secretary/Treasurer.

Kevin Hanson was presented a plaque recognizing his work as Newsletter Editor.

Mike Steuck was presented a plaque recognizing his services as Chapter President.

Mark Flammang was recognized again for Best Paper.

**New Business**

President Gritters relayed to the members that the chapter will be losing money this year because of the lack of a formal annual meeting.

Discussion was held related to raising member annual dues from \$5 to \$10. President-elect Kirby discussed that raising the dues to \$10 didn't seem out of line when compared to other states. Tom Gengerke made a motion to raise annual chapter dues to \$10. Kay Hill seconded the motion. Discussion on student dues followed. A member suggested that with available funds maybe we don't need to raise dues. Members of the EXCOM noted that any changes would be affective September 1, 2004. Kay Hill made a motion to amend the original motion and leave student dues at \$5. Tom Boland seconded the amendment. The vote to amend the motion carried unanimously. The amended motion, raising member annual dues to \$10 and student dues remaining at \$5 had no further discussion and the motion carried.

President Gritters discussed that the chapter had purchased Adobe Acrobat for the purpose of distribution of an electronic version of the newsletter.

\$500 remains in the habitat improvement budget. Applications are available.

The topic of officer term length tabled from earlier in the meeting was mentioned. Gary Siegwarth made a motion to double the length of term of the Iowa Chapter Officers. Discussion included some concern over the longer term length. Members mentioned there may be increased difficulty in getting member interested to run for officer positions. The motion failed to obtain a second. The motion failed.

President Gritters informed the members that the election for officers this year would be done by mail.

President-elect Kirby introduced the idea of the AFS "Road Show". It would be a way to get members together to do fisheries activities away from the job or classroom. The "Road Show" would take the form of a field day where members worked on a project such as a habitat improvement project, a stream project or an "adopt a cove" project on a lake. There was discussion related to making the work days during the week to improve membership participation.

President Gritters mentioned forming a committee to look at developing an Iowa Chapter AFS Web Page. Members were asked to volunteer to help look at options and develop a web page. Volunteers for the



## SOUTHWESTERN TROUT ON THE MOVE

Our imperiled southwestern trouts, the Apache and Gila trout, are on the move--literally.

The Apache trout, listed as threatened, is near recovery and may soon be delisted.

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's field offices in Arizona -- the Arizona Fishery Resources Office, Pinetop Fish Health Center, and Williams Creek National Fish Hatchery -- working closely with the White Mountain Apache Tribe, and Arizona Game & Fish recently moved Apache trout back into historic habitat. Ord Creek, on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, received 89 fish up to nine inches long.

Taken from a remote refugia stream on the Kaibab National Forest, the trout were packed out with livestock, hauled to an Arizona Game & Fish hatchery and temporarily held there until Pinetop Fish Health Center biologists were assured the trout were in good health. Back into a hatchery truck, the trout were transported and released into Ord Creek.

"After three decades, we're happy to see this fish return to its native habitat," says Daniel Parker, White Mountain Apache tribal member and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service biologist.

The Apache trout recovery plan calls for 30 self-sustaining stream populations before delisting can occur. Ord Creek

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may be number 29. The larger fish will be set to spawn this coming spring, giving this population a head start in getting established. All trout were marked so biologists can measure their dispersal and



long-term survival.

"The Apache trout is on the brink of recovery," says Stewart Jacks, Arizona Fishery Resources Office Project Leader. "We're working hard to get this fish delisted. Thanks to the help of eager cooperators, that goal is on the near horizon."

And just over the horizon in New Mexico, recovery of the endangered Gila trout moves forward. Gila trout recovery efforts, beset by recent natural calamities -- fire, flood, and drought -- had luck on its side, this time, when a forest fire eradicated non-native trout from a wil-

derness stream. The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's New Mexico Fishery Resources Office seized the opportunity and readied Black Canyon for the return of native Gila trout.

Several private angling groups and volunteers marshalled their resources and built a barrier -- a small waterfall -- funded by USFWS Sport Fish Restoration Program to keep non-native trout from moving upstream. Mescalero National Fish Hatchery produced several thousand fingerlings from their Gila trout broodstock.

Assisted by the Gila National Forest and the New Mexico Department of Game & Fish, an unprecedented 13,000 fingerlings made their way to Black Canyon. Panniers of cold water draped across the backs of mules carried the Gila trout well into the head-

waters. Fish biologists remarked that not a single mortality occurred on the way in, and the young trout hardily swam away upon release.

Barry Wiley, the Services's Gila trout coordinator was pleased with everyone's efforts. "We've worked hard just to get back to square-one from floods and fires," says Wiley. "Black Canyon offered a rare opportunity and it's resulted in the largest reintroduction effort to date. We're about one stream away from downlisting. A couple years from now, folks may be talking about how to fish for them."

## WHO IS A FISHERMAN? BY ANDY RUSKANEN

(Adapted from Wyoming Wildlife, appeared in the June 1968 edition of the Iowa Conservationist)

*Typed and submitted by Scott Gritters. Authors note: please remember the time frame this article was written as it may not all be politically correct language.*

He's a freckle-faced kid using a willow stick and bent pin, or a business executive carrying \$500 worth of equipment.

He's a college professor gaining an inner feeling of contentment, or a sheep-herder catching a batch of trout for an evening meal.

He's Grandpa fishing from a folding chair beside a quiet pool, or "Daddy's little girl" afraid to put the first worm on the hook.

He's a deep sea enthusiast pursuing a shark or marlin, or Joe Smith sneaking on hands and knees to catch a seven-inch brookie from Podunk Creek.

He sits for hours in sub-zero weather by a hole punched in the ice, or under a tree on a sun-drenched June day.

A fisherman's courage and endurance- or stubbornness and foolhardiness- should never be underestimated.

Only an angler dares come home after a weekend trip, smelling like the bottom of a sardine can, with a three-day growth of beard and a bag of trout for his wife to clean, saying "Hi honey. Glad I'm home?"

And who but a fishermen return sun-burned, thorn scratched, mosquito-bitten, soaking wet and with a case of poison ivy to say "Boy, what a trip!"

A fishermen is the only guy in the world who is excused for diverting his attention from a girl in shorts, while he admires a night crawler he's just uncovered.

A psychologist might say a fisherman yearns for bygone boyhood days when worms, frogs and pieces of junk were considered treasures. A psychologist

might say it- if he weren't a fisherman himself.

Some people call fishing relaxing and restful. They have never watched an angler- tension etched on his face, every joint in his body taut, his brow wrinkled- as he prepares to cast a fly into a riffle where a huge rainbow awaits.

They haven't seen him lose self-control when the same trout nonchalantly turns tail and floats lazily away even though the cast was executed.



The fishermen might be a fellow who count his money carefully from day to day. He rarely puts a penny in a parking meter without first checking it against his monthly budget.

The same guy thinks nothing of losing a hundred yards of tapered line to an overgrown lunker or \$5 worth of hand-tied flies in the treetops.

Anglers come in assorted shapes, sizes, age groups, and from all walks of life.

Each has opinions and methods on the best way to outwit a fish. No larger body of individuals exists in the world today.

Each fisherman has one common interest- enjoyment of the sport. He enjoys his sport every season of the year. Seldom does he say, "I had a poor time today."

Fishing has aesthetic values. More than one poet, author and philosopher have expounded on the beauties found in angling.

Fishing is the great equalizer. It's the one facet of the modern world where each individual has equal opportunity to succeed.

Fishing is among the few sports where the participant comes within a hairbreadth of apoplexy one moment and is at the height of ecstasy the next.

The angler reaches the peak of frustration when a trout escapes, leaving the line dangling hopelessly in the trees. The next moment he smiles broadly as a better trout comes to net after a beautifully executed battle.

The fisherman is a study in contrasts.

Five days a week he's the best-dressed man in town. Saturdays and Sundays he resembles a refugee from a hobo jungle.

He may be a typical John Milquetoast at the downtown office. Put a rod and reel in his hand and immediately he's master of all he surveys.

The fishermen might be a janitor during everyday life. Start him talking about flies and lures and he becomes the Charles Goren of the fishy set.

Thank God for fishing.

It's an activity where a man feels like a man- with his wife at his elbow.

It's one of the last outposts for individualists and free thinkers.

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committee were Martin Conrad (Chair), Randy Shultz, Alan Johnson, Jeff Kopaska, and Mike Hawkins. Committee members were asked to find out details on cost and ways to keep costs down.

President Gritters explained P Firm. The National Chapter needed state chapter representatives to report on topics of propagated fish and resource management. The EXCOM asked members Don Kline, Mike Mason, and Kim Bogenschutz to represent our chapter.

Mike McGhee was asked to talk a little more about the opportunity to be a part of the resolution being drawn up by the Waterfowl Association of Iowa, a topic tabled from his committee report. President Gritters thought that it may be more efficient to allow the EXCOM time to prepare a resolution to be presented to the chapter for a vote at the next meeting. Mike Steuck suggested that we need to have the resolution drafted and ready to go so that when the timing is right we can coordinate with other groups. President Gritters told the members that the EXCOM would work on the resolution.

Dan Kirby discussed the next meeting of the Iowa Chapter. The meeting could possibly be held in conjunction with the Wildlife Society and possibly the Soil and Water Conservation Society. Watershed issues would be one of the main themes. Ames will probably be the location of this meeting, tentatively scheduled for January or February of 2005.

The EXCOM did discuss the possibility of retrying a meeting with Missouri, but the feeling of the EXCOM was, there may be a better chance of holding the meeting in Ames.

President Gritters announced the winners of FBay. The winner of "Two Dogs in Some Field" was Dan Kirby. "Fairport Ancient Items" winner was Karen Auwles. "Blast from the Past" winner was Lannie Miller. The winner of the "Saw" was Andy Moore.

### New Items

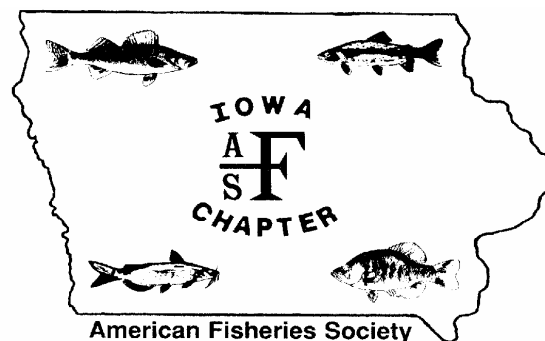
John Pitlo discussed the topic of 1/8 of 1% sales tax for Natural Resources. John made a motion for the EXCOM to explore the possibility of the Chapter to join the Iowa Conservation Alliance. Steve Waters seconded the motion. Past President Steuck asked, "If the EXCOM felt the Iowa Conservation Alliance's objectives and goals were in line with the Iowa Chapter mission and goals, do the members give the EXCOM permission to join the Iowa Conservation Alliance." It was relayed by several members that EXCOM's decision to join is implicit in the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Members were encouraged to participate in the silent auction.

Tom Gengerke made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kay Hill seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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