

IOWA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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LATERALLINES

President's Corner—Bryan Hayes

At long last the winter that wouldn't quit is finally giving way to spring and soon many of us will be taking to the field. This winter provided a lot of firsts for me: the first time I drove on the ice, the first time I wished I had a power auger, and the first time I fished through the ice in March. Things that are likely annual occurrences in the northern part of the state are rare occurrences south of Interstate 80.

We managed to dodge the snow and ice long enough to hold the annual meeting with the Wildlife Society of Iowa. Thanks to all of you that braved the weather and spent the two days in Ames. If you missed the meeting you missed Don Bonneau accepting the Meritorious Service Award from the North Central Division (NCD) of AFS. Congratulations Don! The Iowa State Student Subunit also took a moment to recognize Mike Quist for his leadership and to wish him well in his new position as the Assistant Unit Leader at the University of Idaho.

The Iowa Chapter is supporting both the sustainable funding initiative here in Iowa and the National Fish Habitat Conservation Act. A donation to Iowa's Water and Land Legacy by the chapter is a first step. Later this summer and into the fall there will be more opportunities for our chapter and membership to get involved with this important initia-

tive. Information on Iowa's Water and Land Legacy is at <http://iowaswaterandlandlegacy.org/>. The National Fish Habitat Action Plan to help conserve fish habitat and fish populations throughout the United States is in need of support for a critical piece of legislation. For more information on the National Fish Habitat Action plan and the legislation currently moving through congress can be found at <http://fishhabitat.org/>.

I am impressed with how Iowa Chapter members actively participate in the many technical committees. From walleye to rivers and streams to ictalurids the Iowa Chapter members are involved. Getting involved in the technical committees is a great way to advance fisheries science and promote AFS. Catfish 2010 slated for June in St. Louis and the Biology and Management of Walleye and Sauger are just two examples of work accomplished by the technical committees. As I write the Rivers and Streams technical committee is meeting and eating in Rock Island. Of the technical committee meetings that I have been to that group has the best food.

One of the action items for this year discussed at the NCD Governing Board meeting in Springfield was an assessment of the level of AFS membership within chapters. The

purpose is to get a general idea of the percentage of chapter members within the NCD who are also members of AFS. Currently the Iowa Chapter has 33 of 72 members that are members of AFS. I would guess this is about average among the chapters in the NCD. There are a lot of reasons for joining AFS in addition to advancing fisheries science, there are the advocacy, the technical committees, and of course award recognition.

Soon it will be time to get boats out of winter storage and get on with the business of caring for fish resources. It would be just fine with me if I never drove on the ice again.

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AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

2010 AWARD RECIPIENTS:

BEST PROFESSIONAL PAPER: Mike Hawkins & Mark Flammang. The Pros and Cons of Panfish Bag Limits in Iowa.

BEST STUDENT PAPER: Jesse Fischer. Relative Impacts of a Native and Non-Native Benthivorous Fish on Aquatic Ecosystems.

Ben Wallace. Incorporating Salmonid Production Dynamics to Guide Management Decisions in Intensively Utilized Fisheries.

BEST POSTER: Nick Johnson. A Comparison of Two Different Modified Fyke Nets to Sample Fish Assemblages in Iowa Lakes .



2009 AWARD RECIPIENTS



Randy Schultz congratulates Don Bonneau for receiving the AFS Fisheries Excellent Award



Iowa Chapter President Bryan Hayes congratulates Past President Alan Johnson for his excellent work during his tenure as '08-'09 Iowa Chapter President



Iowa Subunit Chapter President Rebecca Burch presented Mike Quist with the Distinguished Service Award for his service from 2005-2010 as advisor to the Iowa State University Student Subunit



2009 Joan Duffy Award winners:
Jesse Fischer & Rebecca Burch



2009 Most Active Subunit — ISU



A Pencil and Paper, Things of the Past... – Andy Fowler

Early this March, I was asked to write a short, hopefully interesting article for this upcoming newsletter. After some thought, my first instinct was to write about the data management I have been involved with here at the Iowa DNR's Chariton Research Station. However, hearing phrases such as data management, data security, and/or electronic data sends my eyes rolling back and my head nodding. How could anyone ever make a subject like this into an article that wouldn't have mass numbers of AFS members nodding off and falling out of their chairs asleep? It's easy, start telling everyone how much time you can save, how accurate good data management makes your work, and how the slow pace of using a pencil and paper for collecting data are quickly becoming things of the past.

We, as fisheries professionals, have long endured the troubles of working with large datasets. The usual data collection and analyses involves roughly 7 steps: (1) data and sample collection, (2) sample analysis (i.e., aging scales or analyzing food habits), (3) entering the data onto a spreadsheet, (4) checking the electronic data for errors, (5) organizing the data, (6) data calculations, and finally, (7) data analysis. Datasheets can get misplaced or misfiled, illegible writing hinders accurate data entry, and errors in data entry abound. For most of us, half the winter is spent plunked down in front of the computer entering data from a huge stack of datasheets, counting down the hours until you can actually start asking

the interesting questions of these massive datasets that you have burning in your mind. Additionally, it seems like the more technology we use, the more data we collect, and the harder it is to keep it all organized. The amount of data one can collect with temperature loggers, dissolved oxygen loggers, electronic measuring boards, online accessible climatological data, online accessible water flow data, multi-agency research projects, and many others is immense and can lead to some major errors when attempting to keep it all organized. Further, the individual spreadsheets of all of this data always seem to disappear or find their ways into the unexplored bowels of your computer.

The solution to this organization has been in front of us for quite some time and many of us are already starting to utilize some of these tools. The IDNR's fisheries bureau in particular has begun to organize much of its standardized field data into a centralized database. However, manual data entry from paper forms is still the norm due to expensive start-up costs of buying electronic field data entry equipment. Additionally, most of this data is still stored on spreadsheets at individual offices, leading to the problems I discussed earlier. Before I begin telling you about the Chariton Research Station, I need to share with you the dirty little secret about fisheries research and management in general, for those of you who haven't figured it out yet, "We basically do the same thing,

over and over again for much of our fisheries research!" This isn't to say, that this repetition isn't necessary. Additionally, it is often what we do with these repetitious measurements that define good research rather than the measurements themselves. Therefore, if we have so much repetition, why not automate as much of it as we can? That is exactly what we have tried to do at our station.

At Chariton, we have basically reduced the 7 steps I discussed earlier into just three: (1) data entry and sample collection, (2) sample analysis, and (3) data analysis. Our process starts out in the field with data entry. Our station is one of the lucky few to have a tablet PC on which we enter our data into an electronic form on a



Microsoft Access database. While our database doesn't mimic the statewide database, it eventually will. As we enter data, the database automatically checks and warns us against possible anomalies in the data that are easy to prevent such as bluegills that are as long as your arm (which does seem to happen frequently with some of our AFS members) or fish that weigh too much or too little



for their noted length. If we are collecting samples from a fish, we have storage containers pre-bar-coded (i.e., envelopes for age structures, bottles or bags for stomach contents, etc.), whereby they are then scanned into the database as we enter data for that fish, with a simple \$40 bar-code scanner and free software. Back in the office these bar-codes are scanned again during the analysis of that sample, such as determining the age of a structure; thereby linking the structure back to that individual fish. Uploading field data to a database on our desktop computer is as easy as connecting a network cord to the tablet PC and clicking a button. Repetitious calculations such as length-frequencies, relative weights, proportional size distribution indices, and population estimates are pre-programmed and can be utilized immediately for data/statistical analysis. Data requests for any data we have are also available at a click of a button. While out in the field, we can view real-time information like the aforementioned calculations, total fish counts, or collected age structure per size group to name a few, for all of the data that we have ever collected (yes, we essentially have our entire historical data record with us in the field).

Now I understand that most of you will just say something such as, "But I don't have the \$5K for a tablet PC, so how does this help me." That may be true;

however, you can still create the database in your office to enter data, organize your data, automate some data analysis, and make data requests a breeze; it just won't have that real-time component in the field. Also, there are other options available for electronic field data entry that are quite cost effective. Many PDA's (Personal Digital Assistants) or palmtop computers are around \$200 dollars. These mini-computers can easily be setup to enter data onto them in a spreadsheet fashion and then later exported for copy/pasting into your database. While these systems don't offer as much control of your data or manipulation of your data, they will at least still save you a lot of time from entering data in the field while you are preparing your budget for a tablet PC. Smart phones are even starting to be spreadsheet capable, giving another alternative for data entry in the field.

While I am certainly no expert with Microsoft Access, I have learned much through trial and error or studying what others have done in their databases. The time I spend learning to work through automation of some function on our database yields an immense savings of time in almost every instance; and it will for you, too.

Good luck!

CONTINUING EDUCATION SUMMER CLASS

WHEN: AUGUST 10TH—11TH, 2010

SUBJECT: IOWA AQUATIC PLANT IDENTIFICATION

MORE INFORMATION WILL BE SENT OUT IN JUNE/JULY.



Trout Stream Easement Program—Karen Osterkamp



NE Iowa Decorah and Manchester management staff along with our Coldwater private lands biologist and realty services are blazing new trails. Angler trails, that is. Our trout management biologists began making landowner contacts in late November to develop a broad based Water Quality Angler Access Easement program utilizing 1.2 million in IJOBS Funding.

A Big Deal! Easements will acquire a basic right to allow angler access, trout stocking/fishery management, and stream bank and fish habitat improvements. Additional rights such as cattle exclusion/grazing plan and agricultural limitations will be addressed.

Coldwater streams are a limited resource in Iowa. Protecting coldwater stream corridors in perpetuity with easements insures cleaner water, enhances trout natural reproduction and guarantees that future generations of anglers will have a place to go fishing.

The goal for coldwater streams in utilizing the IJOBS funds is two-fold: First, to preserve the recreation related jobs in rural Iowa lost due to private landownership changes.

Local merchants, bait shops, hotels, B&B's campgrounds and other retail entities benefit from the trout fishing and tourism generated by the uniqueness of coldwater streams in northeast Iowa.

Second, easements secure the ability to care for the stream water quality through stream-bank stabilization and habitat construction and to the reduction of sediment delivery to the streams.

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IADNR) through the Iowa JOBS funding now has the ability to purchase coldwater easements along trout streams in northeast Iowa to provide water resource protection, fish habitat restoration, and public recreation. These easements provide the IADNR and landowners opportunities to improve water quality through land management practices, enhance fishing opportunities for the public, and provide fishery managers the opportunity to improve in-stream habitat for fish populations. The IADNR is now able to reward landowners for the outstanding cooperation they've already provided in many cases while keeping the land in private ownership.



Conservation Easement

A conservation easement is a voluntary legal agreement between a landowner and a government agency or a land trust that protects the conservation values of a piece of land by permanently limiting present and future uses. This flexible tool allows a landowner ownership and many uses of their property. It can be designed to protect agricultural, scenic, water quality and/or fishery resources.

By granting an easement, the land remains in private ownership. Easements legally bind all present and future owners of the land in perpetuity. The sole responsibility of the IADNR as the easement holder is to ensure that neither the present nor any subsequent owners disregard the regulations set forth in the easement.

If a conservation easement is sold it constitutes a taxable event. If the conservation easement is donated or sold for less than full market value, it constitutes a charitable contribution. An easement will affect the market value of the land to the extent that it limits the property's use. This may affect several types of taxes.

The value paid for purchased conservation easements will vary depending upon the appraised value of the land and the appraised value of the easement components. In some cases, the value paid for a conservation easement may approach the fair market value of the land on a per acre basis. Generally





easements will range from 25% to 75% of the value of the land depending on the easement components.

A charitable deduction for income taxes may be allowed for the loss in market value resulting from the grant of a conservation easement.

An easement may also lower inheritance and estate taxes.

All these factors should be considered but each easement can be designed with enough flexibility to meet both personal and conservation considerations. The land remains in private ownership but the most sensitive areas of the land are protected for future generations to enjoy.



Under the current terms of this easement, the landowner is required to incorporate some form of water quality protection and/or allow public access for angling.

The following are examples of other conditions or rights that may be voluntarily incorporated:

- No new structures or buildings may be erected in the easement area
- Specify agricultural practices within the stream corridor
- Provide assistance to landowner to sign up for Federal cost-share programs
- No filling, draining, excavating, straightening or tiling of the stream or wetlands
- No dumping or stockpiling of offensive materials
- Access for the DNR to effectively manage the stream as a trout fishery through surveying and stream improvement
- Access for the DNR to stock the stream with trout as needed
- Access for anglers on foot only
- Access limited for fishing only, and to catch and harvest fish by legal means
- Post signs on the premises in order to delineate authorized public use/private land



- Development exclusion
- Provide angler parking access as needed

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New State Record Yellow Perch — Scott Gritters

I had just returned to my truck from an afternoon of trout fishing with my two French Brittans. I fished, while the dogs muddled the holes up ahead of me to make sure nothing was caught. We were all having fun. The winter grip had finally loosened a notch, just enough to get the dust off the poles. I was still experiencing one of those “spring highs” one gets when they are finally able to venture back outdoors without the assorted, parka, winter boots and heavy gloves.

While packing the gear away I heard the annoying beep of my state cell phone answering machine. I was hesitant to listen to the answering service, knowing it is dangerous to listen to messages on a nice Sunday afternoon. You never know what to expect? Was it someone wanting to know the tailwaters was still iced in (common call this time of year)...OK fine... maybe it is someone who just experienced one of our new fishing regulations first hand... that's bad... or much worse... **A FISH KILL!**

The mind seems to always steer negative, but this call was different. It was an angler who had caught a state record yellow perch and wanted to get it verified as a true record. He had talked to conservation office Jerry Farmer who had given him my cell phone number. Angler Bob Huff said he just wanted it verified before it died and lost weight. I told him to go to the local grocery store, get a certified weight on a certified scale, take photos and have witnesses. I will look at the fish on Monday morning. He apologized for the Sunday call and so did CO Jerry Farmer for having given out the cell phone number. I told both of them it is not often a fisheries biologist gets to put his hands on a state record fish. That is one of the privileges we sometimes get with our jobs! I will take that call anytime.



New record holder Bob Huff and his daughter Mackenzie, with a state record yellow perch Bob caught Sunday March 7, 2010.

Bob caught the yellow perch state record while ice fishing. The perch weighted in at 2 pound 6 ounces, measured 15 inches long and was 12 inches in circumference. (a.k.a Football)

The fish was taken from the Mississippi River on Pool 11. The weight was recorded at the Guttenberg Fish Management station and verified on a certified scale. Interesting note, Bob said he paints the jigs with various colors using his wife's nail polish?

This is a very good ending to what has been a modest ice fishing season on the River!

(Photo credit Utoni Huff)



Iowa Chapter of the American Fisheries Society Business Meeting

January 22, 2010

Ames, Iowa

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Bryan Hayes. President Hayes presented the meeting agenda. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Jay Rudacille and seconded by Mike Mason. Motion passed unanimously. Bryan Hayes introduced EXCOM: President-elect: Andy Fowler, secretary/treasurer: Kim Hawkins, Past President: Alan Johnson, and NCD member: Randy Schultz. In attendance were 35 chapter members.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasure's report was given by Kim Hawkins. The chapter started the year (12/31/08) with a balance of \$5327.92. The past year's disbursements equaled \$7880.22 and receipts equaled \$6551.59. Currently the Iowa Chapter has a balance of \$3999.29; with outstanding bills for raffle items (\$250 rifle) and plaques (\$50). Activity on the account included REAP Alliance dues \$150, \$100 for the Iowa Environmental Council, \$100 to the ICA, a \$500 donation to the NCD 2010 Catfish Symposium, \$500 donation for the AFS Paddlefish Publication, \$500 for the Little Turkey River Grant-approved in 2008, \$500 ISU scholarship presented to Matt Mork, and also two \$100 awards to Rebecca Burch and Jesse Fischer for the 2009 Joan Duffy Award. No grants were awarded for the 2009/2010 fiscal year due to budget restraints. Receipts came mainly from dues and raffles collected at the 2009 Iowa AFS/TWS Joint Meeting in Ames, IA.

Chris Larson motioned to approve the budget, Mike Mason seconded. Vote unanimous, budget approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit: Ben Dodd. Ben Dodd reviewed and approved the financial report.

REAP Committee: Ben Dodd. 2 new plates have been added to the current plates – a deer and a brook trout.

Attendance at the REAP assemblies was down (7%) however, 35 legislators did attend. The assemblies this year focused on more money for conservation Education & Support for sustainable funding. REAP congress was held on the 9th; emphasized conservation education and sustainable funding but Ben has not heard any results.

Sustainable funding – legislation being drafted to put a formula in code delineating how sustainable funding would be spent. REAP is also hiring a campaign consultant, campaign manager, and communications team. Two fund raising consultants have already raised \$450,000. REAP is also forming Iowa's Water and Land Legacy (IWILL) coalition – PF and other wildlife organizations are joining, but lacking angling groups. They need to know: How do we reach our anglers? - develop a club listing from tournaments, etc. They need these folks to join the promotion.

Resolutions committee: Don Herrig/Donna Muhm. Chris Larson wanted Iowa AFS to write up a letter in support for the sustainable funding initiative. The question was – who do we send the letter to? Martin Konrad suggested contacting Marion Conover b/c he is on a committee for sustainable funding; therefore he would know who we should send our letter to. Suggestions: AFS should draft a letter for support as an editorial to be sent out to papers across Iowa.

Theresa Shay would also like to see the AFS show its support for an Ethanol cap. Others agreed we need to keep an eye on it, but sustainable funding should be our focus right now.

Don Herrig will find out more information of a possible Federal mandate for Ethanol.



Continuing Education Committee: Clay Pierce. Clay was unable to attend; Bryan read the report from Clay. The 2009 continuing Ed Course offered was “Routine fisheries Analysis using the R Program” taught by Mike Colvin, ISU PhD student. It was held in July and was a 1 ½ day course. There were 16 participants.

Potential Course Offerings for 2010:

Identification of Iowa Fishes – offered in 2007

Identification of Iowa Aquatic Plants – 2nd place in the 2009 survey, Clay would need significant help gathering specimens, instruction, ect. – the class would need to be timed with availability of live specimens – Darcy Cashatt volunteered to help get specimens.

Other ideas:

General Management Statistics refresher

fish/turtle identification of Iowa

Bryan will notify Clay to have an electronic survey for a vote.

Nominations: Donna Muhm. Donna was not able to attend but she will soon be asking people to step up for presidency.

Student Affairs: Mike Quist. Mike was not available, Rebecca Burch Student Subunit President presented information.

2009 Awards:

Joan Duffy Award—Jesse Fischer, Rebecca Burch
 Janice Fenske Award—Fisheries—Rebecca Burch
 C.R. Musser/ISU Ag Endowment Scholarship—Nick Hogberg
 Raymond and Mary Baker Excellence in Ag Scholarship—Rebecca Burch
 Newman L. Lyle Memorial Award—Chris Smith
 Kenneth Carlander Memorial Award—Mike Colvin
 Carlander-Vasey Fisheries Scholarship—Nick Hogberg
 Ding Darling Award—Jesse Fischer
 Sherry Fisher Award—Rebecca Burch
 Dennis Healy Memorial Scholarship—Chris Smith

2009 Most active subunit NCD: ISU

Student Activities: New public outreach – Fish Day Program – held for scout groups, elementary schools

The subunit is growing – now up to about 24 members.

Program Committee: Andy Fowler. Andy looked into other in-state sites for the 2011 meeting. With budgets tight, the Quality Inn in Ames has been the most reasonable hotel found. Chris Larson would like to meet with other states – Martin Konrad agreed. We have met with the TWS the past 2 years. Attendance might get even lower if we



continue. It was agreed we will look at the budget mid-summer to see if going somewhere else is possible.

NCD: Randy Schultz. NCD President Mark Porath's Plan of Work for 2009-2010: 1. Strengthen connection between units & AFS: officer attendance at chapter meetings, communicate member service impacts/issues, evaluation level of AFS participation within Chapters. 2. Revise the NCD Procedural Manual & Bylaws. 3. Revise NCD strategic Plan. If you would like to assist, contact President Porath. 4. Establish Special committees – updated the 2005-2009 strategic plan, form a Midwest conference coordination committee.

Communication Items: Parent Society Finances: dues will increase for general members from \$76 to \$80.

Electronic services issues: many members have voiced trouble with electronic journal access. A survey to evaluate level of AFS participation w/in Chapters will be forthcoming.

Much discussion among the management committee & governing board as to future of print journals – they are thinking about eliminating and going all electronic. Email Randy Schultz if you want to voice your opinion.

The NCD is not retaining young professionals – surveys will be conducted to determine reason in both the AFS and NCD. 1541 dues paying members in the NCD: 19% students, 5% young professionals.

Technical Committee Reports

Walleye Technical Committee: Donna Muhm. Donna was not present, Bryan Hayes read the report. The WTC is producing a book entitled: "The Biology and Management of Walleye and Sauger" that will be published by the AFS Books Department. The book has an estimated cost of \$30,000, of which the WTC is responsible for ½ (\$15,000). Compensation for the managing editor is \$20,000, so the WTC fundraising goal is \$35,000. To date, the WTC has commitments for \$33,950, though only \$27,950 has been secured. The Dakota Chapter is hosting a special walleye session for their 2010 Chapter meeting and would like to invite the WTC to participate. It will be held Monday February 22nd through Wednesday February 24th at the Spearfish Convention Center. The overall theme is: New Fisheries Solutions for a New Decade, with the special walleye session entitled: Changing Percid Management to Meet Changing Angler Expectations.

The 2010 meeting was discussed with the Centrarchid and Esocid Committee attendees. After some discussion, the WTC tentatively settled on a 1-day age and growth workshop during the 3rd or 4th week of July -in either Dubuque, IA or LaCrosse, WI.

Centrarchid Technical Committee: Lewis Bruce. The Centrarchid Committee met with the Walleye and Esocid Technical Committees for their 2009 meeting. A joint meeting is expected in July.

Esocid Technical Committee: Andy Fowler. Andy did not attend the annual meeting. No news from the Esocids.

Rivers and Streams Technical Committee: Greg Gelwicks. Spring meeting was in Rock Island. They sponsored a workshop at the Midwest meeting: Responses to Stream Restoration. The Rivers and Streams committee wanted to thank all who sent in information on streams in Iowa.

Salmonid Technical Committee: Andy Fowler. The Salmonid Committee might get back together and be reinstated.



Ictalurid Technical Committee: Dan Kirby. Kirk Hanson is now a chair on the Committee. Catfish 2010.org – the first meeting was very successful. They are going to put on another meeting. Dan thought it would be nice to get a few people there – It will be June 20-22nd, 2010 in St. Louis. Chris Larson pointed out because of budget restraints, people needed a letter of support from the AFS to go to the meeting as well as a recommendation from your supervisor. People also have to contribute to the meeting in order to get approval. Ben Wallace will be taking his personal vehicle down and offered a ride to anyone wanting to go. Dan will compile a list of people who want to go and put in the request.

Awards:

Don Bonneau was presented the 2009 AFS Fisheries Excellence Award by NCD member Randy Schultz

2009 Best Professional Paper: Mike Quist

2009 Best Student Paper: Jesse Fischer

2009 Best Student Poster: Scott Bisping & Matt Mork

Old Business: No old business.

New Business:

Chris Larson motioned to authorize the Iowa EXCOM to write a letter of support for sustainable funding with a donation of up to \$100. Jim Wahl seconded motion.

Discussion: Larson/McGhee/Gritters: \$100 is not enough – maybe up it to \$500. – We need to ask Marion what amount would be suitable. This would be a one-time donation. If we needed to, we could cut back on other donations.

Chris Larson – new motion: authorize the Iowa EXCOM to write a letter of support for sustainable funding with a donation level up to \$500. Alan Johnson seconded the motion to approve up to \$500. Vote: – passed – unanimous.

Martin Konrad urged people to personally vote and donate to this cause.

Grants:

There are three grants on the table:

Taylor County (Dray Walter) – fish habitat – was denied

Hansen – Sturgeon tags – tabled

ISU subunit - \$350 – approved – they need materials immediately

Rebecca Burch announced the ISU subunit had 11 youth PFDs to donate to someone – they will not be using them and would like to give them to someone. Please contact her if you want them.

Adjourn.

Mark Flammang motioned to adjourn, Rebecca Burch seconded. Passed - unanimously.



Iowa Chapter of the American Fisheries Society EXCOM Meeting

January 22, 2010

Ames, Iowa

Members attending were President Bryan Hayes, President Elect Andy Fowler, Past President Alan Johnson, Secretary/Treasurer Kim Hawkins.

Finance Report:

Balance on 12/31/2008: 5327.92

Past year's disbursements: \$7880.22

Past year's receipts: \$6551.59

Current balance: **\$3999.29**

Outstanding bills:

\$100 Iowa Environment council

\$ Henry Rifle (~\$250)

2009 plaques: \$50

\$25 – gambling license

Balance after outstanding bills are paid: \$3674.29

Alan Johnson motioned to approve budget, Andy seconded—passed

Grant Requests:

Three grant applications have been submitted:

Dray Walter: \$500 – materials to build fish habitat for Taylor County

Kirk Hanson: \$457.95 – 5000 tags (4 year supply) for sturgeon spawning project

ISU subunit: printing of educational posters – minimum of \$350

Discussion:

Kirk Hanson: we need to ask where the project is at and if he has any other source for funding

Taylor county (Dray Walter) – they need to find funding elsewhere – county fish hab funding?

ISU – educational material for fishing clinics/schools ect. – 1 set of 4 posters is \$175, they would like to have at least 2 sets for a total of \$350

Vote: We can only afford one grant right now. Alan motioned to approve ISU subunit educational posters – 2 sets for \$350, Andy seconded motion. – Approved unanimously.

New Business: no new business

Old Business:

We let our membership lapse with the Iowa Environmental council – Bryan signed a letter to be reinstated for 2010.

Kim motioned to adjourn. Alan seconded. Passed unanimous.



Application form

Fisheries Project Grant

Iowa Chapter – American Fisheries Society

Project Name: _____

Project Description: _____

Attach map or supplementary information

Project Location:

Water Body: _____

Address: _____

_____ County: _____

Start Date: _____ End Date: _____

Project Personnel: _____

Fisheries Benefits: _____

Iowa Chapter Representative: _____

Amount needed: \$ _____ Total project cost: \$ _____

Money will be used for: _____

Up to \$1,000.00 per project.

Approved by Excom Committee Date: _____



The Iowa Chapter of the American Fisheries Society is offering to help finance worthwhile fisheries related projects. The completed application form needs to be transferred to the Iowa Chapter President by an Iowa Chapter Member.

Project Name – Give the project name.

Project Description – Give a brief review of the intended project. Include the work to be done, the methods and material that will be used in the project.

Attach a map and any supplementary information that you think will help the Excom Committee evaluate the project.

Project Location – Where will the work be done.

Start and End dates for the project. Month and calendar year will do.

Project Personnel – Include organizations and or individuals who will be directly involved in the work.

Fisheries Benefits – A very important part of the project should be direct benefits to Iowa's fishery. How does the project help and who is the beneficiary?

Iowa Chapter Representative – All projects need to have an Iowa Chapter member as a sponsor.

Amount needed – Tell us how much you need and the total project cost.

Money will be used for – Be as specific as you can. Will the money be used to hire people, buy, equipment, be seed money for a grant, etc.

There is a \$1,000.00 limit for each project.

The Excom Committee of the Iowa Chapter will review the application and approve or reject the request.

