

**Iowa Chapter of the American Fisheries Society Annual Business Meeting  
Iowa Chapter AFS Meeting – Honey Creek Resort Moravia, IA  
4:00 PM, Tuesday, March 1, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President Lewis Bruce. Allen introduced EXCOM: Secretary/Treasurer: Ryan Hupfeld, Past President: Allen Pattillo, President Elect: Jeff Kopaska, Student Subunit President: Jed Siegwarth. In attendance at the beginning of the meeting were 88 chapter members.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Treasurer’s report was given by Ryan Hupfeld. The chapter started report period (2/12/2015) with a balance of \$22,100.88 (\$3,229.22 in the Warm Water Account and \$4,572.80 in Mike Mason Memorial Fund, resulting in 14,298.86 available for AFS). Disbursements since the last financial report equaled \$4,933.11 and receipts equaled \$6,720.60. The continuing education class resulted in a profit of \$600.00. The annual meeting, dues, raffle along with parent society returns resulted in \$6,120.60.

The US Bank account was closed due to issues in the past and having the ability to see North Central Division’s finances. A Wells Fargo account was opened on 8/28/2015. Noteworthy expenditures included memberships in Iowa Environmental Council and REAP Alliance. Expenses associated with the annual meeting totaled \$2,927.84. Savannah Fernholz was the \$500 IA AFS scholarship recipient at ISU. IA AFS gave \$100 towards the 2016 Walleye Technical Committee Sander Travel Award. Raffle and auction proceeds from the 2015 IA AFS meeting were split with the ISU Student Subunit for an amount of \$567.50.

All account activity resulted in a balance of \$23,888.37 on 2/3/2016. The Warm Water Account has \$3,229.22, Mike Mason Memorial Fund has \$4,572.80, resulting in an AFS available balance of \$16,086.35.

Proposed budget keeps payments to Iowa Environmental Council, REAP Alliance, Iowa Conservation Alliance, and 2016 ISU scholarship.

Randy Schultz moved to approve treasurer’s report, Dan Rosauer 2<sup>nd</sup>. All were in favor.

**Committee Reports**

Committee reports were sent to membership prior to business meeting for review.

Mike Steuck moved to approve committee reports, Gary Siegwarth 2<sup>nd</sup>. All were in favor.

**Awards:**

Past President: Allen Pattillo

Past Secretary/Treasurer: Dan Rosauer

“Best Paper” winners from AFS 2015. 9 judges served on the Scoring Committee.

Best Professional Paper: Mark Flammang, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, “Use of low-concentration rotenone for biomanipulation of Iowa lakes”.

Best Student Paper: Christopher Sullivan, Iowa State University, “Seasonal variation in catch rates and size structure of Silver Carp in southeast Iowa Rivers”.

Best Student Poster: Kevin Haupt, Southeast Missouri State University, “Age-0 Silver Carp and Gizzard Shad daily growth and hatch date timing in the Middle Mississippi River”.

The same categories were judged at 2016 IA AFS.

Andy Jansen was awarded a \$1,000 grant that will be used to analyze Walleye otoliths for presence of an Oxytetracycline mark to evaluate the most effective stocking method to help increase Walleye densities in Iowa reservoirs.

### **Old Business:**

Lewis Bruce gave an update on investment opportunities for state chapters through the Parent Society. IA AFS would need to invest a minimum of \$10,000 and expect ~6% return annually. This money would need to be set aside indefinitely.

There was discussion on the Mike Mason Memorial Fund. Randy Schultz gave an update on the potential to use some of these funds to renovate the aquariums at the Iowa State Fair. He suggested we wait for the contractors to present a price before moving forward on this. Mike McGhee informed membership of two of Mike Mason's guns he has received. He discussed his plans to get them ready to sell what we should do with the profit.

EXCOM ability to distribute funds was discussed and how changes in the bylaws were made to make this easier. Jeff Kopaska gave an update on the Maynard Reece Prints. Funds have been distributed and the prints are near completion. A set of prints will be displayed at Rathbun Fish Hatchery, and the original set will be stored at the state historical society.

The IA AFS website update responsibilities have been taken over by Ryan Hupfeld.

### **New Business:**

IA AFS Chapter bylaws were revised and sent to membership for review prior to business meeting. Alan Johnson moved to approve bylaws changes. Mike Hawkins 2<sup>nd</sup>. All were in favor. The bylaws will now go to the Management Committee of the Society for approval.

Mike Siepker discussed a "Managing Centrarchids in Rivers and Streams" symposium at the National AFS meeting in Kansas City, MO. Siepker and Jeff Quinn are requesting funds to help a student make it to the symposium to present. MICRA has contributed \$800 thus far. Chris Larson discussed how he would like to see a student who is part of IA AFS receive the award if funding is provided. Mike Stueck moved to provide \$200 to an Iowa student deciding to present. Alan Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion did not pass.

The Education Section of the American Fisheries Society (AFS) would like to increase the funds in the AFS Skinner Memorial Fund to provide deserving students travel support to attend the AFS meetings. They are requesting a contribution of \$500 from each state/regional chapter of AFS.

Jeff Kopaska moved to have the EXCOM committee assist with forming a committee to develop a travel grant program. Kim Hawkins 2<sup>nd</sup>. All were in favor. Mike Weber, George Scholten, and Chris Larson volunteered to participate in committee.

Jeff Kopaska gave an update on potential IA AFS joint meetings with other states/organizations. Missouri, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Illinois, and Dakota chapters are all unable to collaborate. Minnesota Chapter, Wildlife Society, and Soil and Water Society are possibilities. Dakota Chapter is a possibility in 2018.

Caleb Schnitzler discussed using Promotive to receive discounts on goods by up to 70% for IA AFS members. Caleb agreed to do more research and report additional information.

Mike Hawkins discussed the Prairie Lakes Conference in August and was looking for individuals who may be interested in attending. A sponsorship from IA AFS was also discussed.

Allen Pattillo asked if anyone was interested in getting the Iowa Aquaculture Society developed. Four members were interested. Allen will contact those individuals following the meeting.

Allen Pattillo also discussed the Fisheries Pocket Reference Guide and asked for volunteers to help turn it into a digital app. No one was interested at this time.

Lewis Bruce moved to adjourn. Allen Pattillo 2<sup>nd</sup>. All were in favor.