

**Iowa Chapter of the American Fisheries Society Annual Business Meeting
Iowa Chapter AFS Meeting – Honey Creek Resort Moravia, IA
4:30 PM, Tuesday, February 12th, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Scott Grummer. Grummer introduced EXCOM: Secretary/Treasurer: Kyle Bales, Past President: Jonathan Meerbeek, President Elect: Gregory Gelwicks, Student Subunit President: Matthew Dollenbacher. In attendance at the beginning of the meeting were 50 chapter members.

Jeff Kopaska moved to approve the agenda, Alan Johnson 2nd. All were in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

Communications Coordinator gave an update about what he has endorsed on behalf of IA AFS. He asked if there was anything else that membership felt we should comment on. There was none.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasure's report was given by Kyle Bales. The chapter started report period (2/7/2018) with a balance of \$16,043.78 (\$3,229.22 in the warm water Account and \$3,572.80 in Mike Mason Memorial Fund, resulting in \$9,241.76 available for AFS). Disbursements since the last financial report equaled \$11,036.66 and receipts equaled \$8,907.15.

The annual meeting, dues, raffle along with parent society returns brought in \$6,357.95. The annual meeting had \$2,634.36 in expenses and raffle and auction proceeds from the 2018 IA AFS meeting were split with the ISU Student Subunit for an amount of \$1,760.00. Money brought in minus total expenses and ISU split resulted in a total profit of \$2,041.59.

The warm water/cool water conference planning was in full swing. Arkansas Game and Fish sent the balance from the last conference in the amount of \$2,549.20. This amount brought the warm water account to \$5,778.42. As of January 31, 2019 there has been \$2,934.85 in expenses leaving \$2,843.57 in the account. Additional disbursements and receipts will follow as the conference gets closer

Other noteworthy expenditures included a student scholarship (\$500.00), membership in Iowa Environmental Council for 2019 (\$100.00), 2018 membership for Iowa Conservation Alliance (\$250.00), first payment for Catfish 2020 donation (\$750.00), an IA AFS grant for fish habitat (\$942.45), and an IA AFS grant for yellow perch research (\$1,000.00).

All account activity resulted in a balance of \$13,914.27 on 1/31/2019. The Warm Water Account has \$2,843.57; Mike Mason Memorial Fund has \$3,572.80, resulting in an AFS available balance of \$7,497.90.

Proposed budget continues payments to the Iowa Environmental Council, the REAP Alliance, the Iowa Conservation Alliance, the student scholarship, and the second payment for Catfish 2020.

Committee Reports

Committee reports were sent to membership prior to business meeting for review. There were no questions or discussion.

Awards:

Past President: Jonathan Meerbeek

Past Newsletter editor: Kim Hawkins

Best Student Paper winner from AFS 2018: Robert Weber, Iowa State University, "Escapement and Seasonal Movement of Muskellunge and Walleye in Two Central Iowa Reservoirs".

Best Professional Paper: Chad Dolan, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, "An Assessment of PIT Tag Retention in Two Common Turtle Species in Southeast Iowa".

Acknowledged Scholarship winner: Hannah Holmquist

Old Business:

Mike Steuck asked what the Mike Mason Memorial account was used for. It was determined that it was used for bench maintenance. Funds can also be used at Rathbun Hatchery or the State Fair Aquarium with the families approval.

Scott Grummer asked if we should put a deadline on grant submissions. Everyone decided that the current process is working the way it is and to not change it.

Technical Committees – Bylaws state that Technical Committee chairs will come up for appointment every 5 years Rivers and Streams and Esocid Technical Committees are open. If interested please submit a letter of interest to Scott Grummer, Gregory Gelwicks, or Kyle Bales by April 1st, 2019.

Catfish 2020 – Second Payment

Kyle will send out the 2nd and final payment after the meeting. This payment will give us Silver Status Sponsorship which includes a free registration for the meeting given to either a student or Tyler Stubbs (Ictalurid Technical Committee Chair). This payment also allows us to insert documents into their program for Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference being held in Des Moines in 2022.

2018 Annual meeting Business meeting minutes were approved. Chris Larson moved to approve the minutes; Kirk Hansen 2nd. All were in favor.

New Business:

2018 Continuing Education

If anyone has any new ideas please let Scott Grummer or Clay Pierce know.

Midwest Fish and Wildlife Meeting 2022 - George Scholten gave an update about planning.

The venue has been decided. Hilton in Downtown Des Moines Feb. 12-16. George also mentioned using the Conservation Enhancement Fund that is used to plan Midwest conferences. We are going to try running this meeting through the fund. We are also using Delany and associates to help plan the meeting. Not a lot to do until 18 months out. We might need to create a Midwest logo for the Catfish 2020 inserted materials.

150th year anniversary

NCD is hoping that every state chapter will make a poster board showcasing projects. Scott Grummer mentioned that we could put grant updates from past years and Mike Mason projects on the board. George Scholten mentioned that Rebecca Krogman would be a good fit to design the poster board.

NCD update

Talk to Jeff Kopaska if you would like the update. He is pushing AFS to make journals more friendly to managers instead of this academia path that AFS has taken.

Mike Mason Memorial Fund

Kyle asked why the fund was in the checking account instead of a savings account where it might make dividends. Kyle will check into a possible savings account option.

Scott Grummer adjourned the meeting.