

**Iowa Chapter of the American Fisheries Society
Minutes of the 2006 Annual Business Meeting
18 January 2006
Grand River Center, Dubuque, Iowa**

President Donna Muhm called the annual business meeting of the Iowa Chapter (Chapter) to order at 4:03 PM. Fifty-six members attended the meeting.

President Muhm requested approval of the agenda. Mike Mason motioned to approve the agenda, Jim Wahl seconded it, and the motion carried unanimously.

President Muhm introduced the executive committee (EXCOM) and committee chairs. Donna Muhm is serving as president. Mark Flammang is president-elect. Kim Bogenschutz is serving as secretary/treasurer first term. Past president and membership chair is Dan Kirby. Newsletter editor is Alan Johnson. The committees and their chairs are Audit, Ben Dodd; Resolutions, Don Herrig; REAP, Dick McWilliams; Continuing Education, Clay Pierce; Student Affairs, Mike Quist; Nominations, Gary Siegwarth; and Best Paper, Kim Hawkins. Andy Jansen is the Iowa State University Student Subunit (Student Subunit) president, Jon Lore is president-elect, and Dan Rosauer is treasurer. President Muhm also introduced Brad Parsons, president of the North Central Division (NCD).

President Mum requested approval of the 2005 business meeting minutes. Mike Mason moved to approve the minutes, Martin Konrad seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

President Muhm welcomed the attendees in her presidential address and gave a brief update on the Iowa Chapter and the Student Subunit. Details follow in the committee, Student Subunit, and technical committee reports.

Financial Report (attached) – Secretary/Treasurer Bogenschutz summarized the treasurer's report and concluded a balance of \$7072.89 as of 28 December 2005. Income was a combination of chapter dues and rebates, annual meeting registrations, raffle, and interest on the checking account. The report was approved by Ben Dodd, the audit committee chair.

NCD President Parsons commented on the accomplishments of the Chapter as recorded in the Iowa Chapter 2005 Report to the North Central Division. He specially noted the cooperative effort of the Chapter by adopting a cove in the soon to be completed Lost Grove Lake to improve fish habitat. He congratulated the Student Subunit on winning the 2005 Most Active Student Subunit award from the NCD and noted that they will be submitted in the national AFS most active student subunit competition. Regarding continuing education, President Parsons would like to see chapter courses incorporated into division courses. He also encouraged attendance at the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference as a

way to network and learn. The NCD passed a resolution at its annual meeting in support of authorizing and funding dispersal barriers in the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal to prevent the movement of aquatic invasive species. President Parsons encouraged members to take advantage of student travel awards and to nominate colleagues for fisheries excellence and meritorious service awards. The NCD has a new website, and members are encouraged to submit content ideas to the webmaster. Stu Shipman is the NCD president-elect, and Joe Hennessy is the 1st vice president. The NCD recently completed its strategic plan and revised its procedural manual. President Parsons noted that the NCD salmonid technical committee has not been active recently and needs committed members. He also encouraged membership in the parent society and attendance at its annual meeting in Lake Placid, New York, in September.

Committee Reports

REAP (attached) – Dick McWilliams gave highlights of his written report. He stressed that even though the number of Chapter members is small compared to membership in some of the other REAP Alliance organizations, we have a big impact as professionals. Dick encouraged members to stay involved and attend regional REAP assemblies scheduled for this year.

Continuing Education (attached) – Clay Pierce reported that there has not been a continuing education course since the last annual meeting. Potential course offerings for 2006/2007 are web-based tools for fisheries and natural resources in Iowa and simulation modeling for fisheries management. Clay also requested ideas for future courses.

Membership – Dan Kirby reported there were 67 regular members and 9 student members at this meeting.

Nominations – Gary Siegwarth said that he had difficulty recruiting nominees this year and promised a weekend cabin getaway to all nominees. He is already soliciting nominees for the next election and encouraged members to volunteer.

Student Affairs – Mike Quist replaced Bob Summerfelt as chair of the student affairs committee. Mike introduced Andy Jansen as the recipient of the 2004 ISU undergraduate scholarship and David Rowe as the recipient of a Chapter student travel award and the Ken Carlander Memorial Scholarship.

Student Subunit – Andy Jansen detailed activities of the Student Subunit. Projects in 2005 included members earning their Fish Iowa certification, fish community sampling in Squaw Creek and its surrounding tributaries, and construction and placement of fish habitat in Lost Grove Lake. Chris Penne and Jon Lore developed both the Student Subunit and Chapter websites. Projects planned for 2006 include selling T-shirts, conducting a casting contest/raffle at

VEISHEA, hosting a kids fishing clinic, and attending the Iowa DNR Fisheries statewide meeting. Andy requested Chapter members make presentations at the Student Subunit meetings and provide volunteers experiences for Student Subunit members.

Resolutions –Don Herrig replaced Mike McGhee as chair of the resolutions committee. President Muhm gave the report in Don's absence and requested ideas for resolutions. Jim Wahl suggested writing a resolution in support of the proposed river otter season. Denny Weiss is on the task force studying the proposed season and remarked that river otter populations are increasing in Iowa and damage to fisheries resources are evident. Letters of support should be written to Dale Garner between now and March. Jim Wahl will draft a resolution with Ron Andrews and send it out for comments by email. Scott Gritters reported that the Wisconsin Chapter has a draft resolution regarding shovelnose sturgeon roe harvest, and we may want to write one also.

Best Paper – Kim Hawkins replaced Lannie Miller as chair of the best paper committee. President Muhm explained that a certificate for the best paper will be awarded at the end of the meeting, and the plaque will be ordered and presented at a later date.

Program – Mark Flammang reported that the 2007 annual meeting will be held jointly with the Nebraska and Kansas Chapters in Council Bluffs. He requested that members submit ideas for the meeting to him.

Bylaws – Donna Muhm explained that new bylaws were drafted in 1992 but subsequently were not finalized. New bylaws were drafted in 2005 and placed on the Chapter website for review. One of the main changes was incorporating the Student Subunit into the bylaws. The new bylaws were voted on and passed by a margin of 56 to 0. The AFS Governing Board will vote on the new bylaws in March, and they will go into effect after that.

Technical Committee Reports

Walleye – Donna Muhm did not attend the winter meeting but has notes from it for anyone interested.

Centrarchid – Lewis Bruce attended the summer meeting at Wyalusing State Park in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin. The meeting opened with a centrarchid bioenergetics workshop, followed by presented papers and the business meeting. Cindy Tomcko was elected as the new chair.

Rivers and Streams (attached) – Greg Gelwicks gave highlights of his written report. The spring meeting was in March at Rock Island, Illinois, and consisted of state chapter reports and twelve presentations. State chapter reports are on the

NCD website. The committee is planning a symposium titled "Statewide and Regional Stream and River Monitoring Programs: Overviews and Applications" at the 2006 Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference. Greg commented that the committee is always looking for workshop and symposium topics and likes to hold workshops at the spring meetings. This year's spring meeting will be held March 21-22.

Esocid – Joe Larscheid was not present.

Salmonid – Gary Siegwarth reiterated the report from NCD President Parsons that this committee has remained inactive. However, he did state that there is a localized group forming in the driftless area.

Ictalurid – Dan Kirby reported that this committee has been active for four years. The annual meeting was held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, at the 2005 Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference. The summer meeting will be held at Rathbun. The committee is planning Catfish 2010, a symposium on catfish management, hosted jointly by the NCD and the Southern Division. Greg Pitchord is the new committee chair.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Awards and Recognition – Donna Muhm

President Muhm thanked Wendy Sanders and Sue O'Loughlin for helping with the meeting registration. She then recognized Dan Kirby for being the past president. Scott Gritters recognized Dave Moeller, recently retired northeast district fisheries supervisor, and requested members to submit photos and ideas for his retirement program.

Dave Moeller motioned to adjourn, Mike Steuck seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:18 PM.