

Iowa Chapter American Fisheries Society Annual Business Meeting
Sioux Falls, South Dakota
February 20, 2008

In the absence of Chapter President Mike Hawkins, the meeting was called to order by President-elect Alan Johnson. In attendance were 48 chapter members. Alan Johnson presented a meeting agenda. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mike Steuck and seconded by Mike Mason. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasure's report was given by Bryan Hayes. The chapter started the year (1/18/07) with a balance of \$4,526.15. The past years disbursements equaled \$6,190.68 and receipts equaled \$6,735.76. Currently the Iowa Chapter has a balance of \$5,071.23 with a outstanding bills for raffle items (muzzleloader \$225 and prints \$100) and award plaques. Activity on the account included REAP Alliance dues \$150, Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation Anglers Bay donation \$325, IA AFS student scholarship to Jon Lore \$500, and Joan Duffy Award to Jeff Koch \$100. Receipts came mainly from registration, dues, and raffles collected at the Tri-State Meeting with Kansas and Nebraska last January. Some discussion on grants available through the chapter followed. Mark Flammang encouraged people to take advantage of this program. Dan Kirby has submitted a grant request.

Committee reports started with the **auditing committee** and Ben Dodd. The books have been reviewed and Ben signed the financial report. **Resolutions committee** chair Don Herrig read a resolution presented by the Dakota Chapter in support of new legislation for the Missouri River. Tom Gengerke encouraged the chapter to move fast on the resolution. Donna Muhm made a motion to modify the resolution to fit Iowa Chapter and approve and it was seconded by Van Sterner. The motion passed. The resolution will be sent to Iowa's Congressional delegation and the Governor. A **REAP Committee** report was presented by Ben Dodd. REAP is pushing for funding at the \$20 million level and supporting the sustainable funding initiative for natural resources in Iowa. Discussion on lack of a fish REAP license plates followed. Marion Conover made a motion that the chapter write a letter of support for a REAP license plate with a fish (species yet to be decided) to be sent to Richard Leopold, Director of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (Mike McGhee second). Motion passed. The fish plate would be similar to the pheasant and bald eagle that is currently available. **Continuing Education committee** chair Clay Pierce presented information of past and future education efforts. The fish identification class conducted last July drew over 40 people. Presentations covered IRIS, Iowa Stream Fish Atlas, and Wisconsin Fish I.D. software. Options for classes in 2008 include an advanced Iowa Fish I.D. course, Identification of Iowa Aquatic Invertebrates, Simulation Modeling for Fisheries Management, and Use of "R" for Fisheries Managers and Researchers. Other ideas for courses came from Darcy Cashatt on Aquatic Plant Identification and Mike Steuck ANS Identification. Some discussion followed concerning the time of year to hold continuing education courses. By nature some courses would have to be held in the summer (plant identification for example). Student Affairs chair Mike Quist made note of the large number of students in attendance (11 at the business meeting). The student subunit

continues to be very active and their hard work is paying off. Jon Lore was the recipient of the 2007 Iowa Chapter AFS Student Scholarship Award (\$500). Jeff Kock received the 2007 Joan Duffy Travel Grant. The subunit continues to compete for the most outstanding subunit in the NCD winning in 2005 and tied with SIU in 2006. Other awards not necessarily associated with AFS include: Kenneth Carlander Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000) to Chris Penne, Carlander-Vasey Scholarship (\$500) to Corey DeBoom, Isaak Walton League Award (\$200) to Todd Caspers, Joan Fenske Memorial Award finalist include Jeff Koch, Zac Jackson, and Travis Neebling, Ding Darling Scholarship to David Rowe and Valerie Hentges, and LaVon Tostenson Award to Zac Jackson. Andy Jansen won the best student poster award at the Midwest. **Nominations Committee** chair Gary Siegwarth questioned his effectiveness. He is looking for a new nominations committee chair in addition to the usual nominations. **Best Paper Committee** chair Kim Hawkins was unable to attend and Lannie Miller assumed the duties. Last years winners included Joe Larscheid - the best professional paper award, Andy Jensen - best student paper, and Zach Jackson - best poster paper. **Student Subunit** President Adam Havard reported on activities of the subunit. They have a membership in the mid-20 with monthly business meetings. Some of their activities include Fish Iowa, kids fishing clinic at Viesha, and a fisheries bulletin board that features a fish of the week. Presenters are always welcome at their meetings. **Program Committee** chair Alan Johnson ran through a short list of states for future meetings. A meeting with Minnesota in 2009 might be our best option for the near future.

Technical Committee Reports

Centrarchid Technical Committee chair Lewis Bruce reported on last summers meeting (Wyalusing State Park July 24th). Five presentations: 2 from SD, 1 from MN, 1 from IA, and 1 from WI covered topics including Centrarchids in rivers, bag limits in some states, and age and growth. A new logo was designed at the request of NCD. They discussed a workshop for 2009 focusing on watershed and in lake restoration work and floated the Yellow River, caught a number of smallmouth and trout. Nancy Nate, WI DNR will be chair for 2008 and a summer meeting is planned at Wyalusing State Park, WI July 29th. **Ictalurid Technical Committee** chair Dan Kirby - Annual meeting in 2007 was held in conjunction with the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference in Madison, WI. The primary current initiative of the Ictalurid Technical Committee is coordinating and planning for Catfish 2010, which will represent a 10-year follow-up to Catfish 2000. Catfish 2010 is a joint effort between the North Central Division Ictalurid Technical Committee and the Southern Division Catfish Management Technical Committee and is planned for June 2010. See <http://www.sdafs.org/catfish/> for details. **Esocid Technical Committee** is updating their publication on Esocid Stocking in North America. They have a summer meeting planned for August 6-8, 2008 at Kemp Station on Lake Tomahawk, Wisconsin. Donna Muhm provided an update on the Walleye Tech Committee. The Walleye Technical Committee summer meeting will be held in conjunction with the Esocid Technical Committee at the Kemp Station in the Wisconsin northwoods August 4-6, 2008. This committee is also working on a walleye synopsis rewrite. The **Rivers and Streams Technical Committee** report was provided by Greg Gelwicks. A fish passage workshop was held this past November in conjunction with Indiana Sea Grant. The spring meeting of the RSTC will be at their traditional spot in

Rock Island, Illinois in March. They are planning a special session on fish response to habitat changes. The **Salmonid Technical Committee** continues to be defunct. Gary Siegwarth reported that a regional trout group that covers southwest Wisconsin, southeast Minnesota and northeast Iowa has been meeting.

The award for Past President will be presented to Mark Flammang at the banquet. There was no **old business** and the floor was opened to **new business**. Lewis Bruce initiated discussion on the cost of attending NCD and Midwest continuing education classes to graduate and undergraduate students. Discussion followed on the amount and number of students this would benefit. A motion was made to add a line item to the budget for up to \$500 for a student or students to attend continuing education classes or workshops as approved by Student Affairs Chair Mike Quist. Motion was seconded by Donna Muhm and unanimously approved. This ended new business and a motion to adjourn was made by Van Sterner; seconded by Mike Mason. Motion passed.