

Iowa Chapter American Fisheries Society Annual Business Meeting
Quality Inn & Suites – Ames, IA
January 28, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Alan Johnson. Alan Johnson presented the meeting agenda. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Joe Larschied and seconded by Donna Muhm. Motion passed unanimously. Alan Johnson introduced Bryan Hayes; president elect, Kim Hawkins; secretary/treasurer, and the student subunit in attendance. In attendance were 80 chapter members. President Johnson also introduced the retired fisheries employees in attendance – Marion Conover, Tom Gengerke, and Don Bonneau.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasure's report was given by Kim Hawkins. The chapter started the year (12/31/08) with a balance of \$5552.51. The past years disbursements equaled \$5858.67 and receipts equaled \$5634.08. Currently the Iowa Chapter has a balance of \$5327.92; with outstanding bills for raffle items (\$275 rifle). Activity on the account included REAP Alliance dues \$150, \$500 Fisheries Grant to Travis Neebling, IA AFS student scholarship to Matt Mork \$500, and Continuing Education award to Jesse Ficsher \$100. Receipts came mainly from dues, and raffles collected at the Tri-State Meeting with the Dakota Chapters in Sioux Falls, SD. Discussion ensued about donating to the Iowa Conservation Alliance (ICA) – Jeff Kopaska questioned why – Johnson explained ICA promotes sustainable funding as well as other common interests AFS has. Kopaska motioned to add a \$100 annual donation to ICA and remove our \$100 annual donation to Iowa Environmental council. Dan Kirby and Mike Steuck motioned to keep both. Marion Conover also supported keeping both, there is benefits to both councils. The motion to keep the Iowa Environmental council donation and add an annual \$100 donation for the Iowa Conservation Alliance was seconded and approved to be put on the 2010 proposed budget. Mike Steuck asked where the Paddlefish Publication was on the budget, it was approved for the 2009 budget, therefore was not added to the 2010, but will be paid within this year. Clay Pierce motioned to approve the 2010 proposed budget as amended, Mike Mason seconded. Budget was approved.

GRANTS

The grant applications are due July 1st. One has been received by Dray Walter. To keep in budget, fewer grants might be approved this year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit: Ben Dodd. Ben was not present, Kim Hawkins reported. The books have been reviewed and Ben signed the financial report.

Resolutions committee: Don Herrig. Don reported the Missouri River Resolution was written by Bryan Hayes and Chris Larson.

REAP Committee: Ben Dodd. Ben was not present.

Continuing Education Committee:Clay Pierce. Clay presented information of past and future education efforts. Clay handed out a survey for people to fill out to come up with more ideas. Options for classed in 2009 include a refresher course on Iowa Fish I.D., Identification of Iowa Aquatic Invertebrates, Identification of Iowa Aquatic Plants, Simulation Modeling for Fisheries Management, and Use of "R" for Fisheries Managers and Researchers.

Nominations: Donna Muhm. Donna introduced the new Secretary/Treasurer: Kim Hawkins, President: Alan Johnson, and President-elect: Bryan Hayes. She will soon be asking people to step up for presidency. Kim Hawkins has agreed to stay on as Sec/Treasurer for as long as needed.

Best Paper: Kim Hawkins. Kim announced the 2008 winners: Mike Quist – Best Professional Presentation; Jeff Koch – Best Student Presentation; and Jeff Koch – best Student Poster. The 2009 Best Student Presentation & Poster will be announced at the end of the meeting on Wednesday.

Student Affairs: Mike Quist. 2008 Awards:

Iowa Chapter AFS Student Scholarship Award: Matt Mork

Joan Duffy Travel Award: Travis Neebling

Kenneth Carlander Memorial Scholarship: Jeff Koch

Carlander-Vasey Scholarship: Rebecca Burch

Janice Fenske Memorial Award: Finalist and winner Travis Neebling

J.N. "Ding" Darling Scholarship: Travis Neebling and Valerie Hentges

Best Student Presentation--69th Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference: Travis Neebling

Mike Quist motioned to up the Joan Duffy Travel award to \$200. NCD is now willing to match up to \$200. Tom Gengerke second the motion. Mike Steuck was concerned it was too much money for one student – could it be split between two? Leave the amount up to the discretion of the Student Affairs (Mike Quist) to administer. Motion passed unanimously.

Student Subunit: Travis Neebling. Also in attendance was President-elect Rebecca Burch, Secretary Matt Mork, and Treasurer

The subunit has been having a lot of clinics this year including Squaw Creek fish sampling, walleye shocking, social-community outreach, CPR certification, Ice fishing clinics and a fly fishing workshop.

Program Committee Bryan Hayes. Possible 2010 meeting sites: Honey Creek, Statewide, or at the same place as this year in Ames. Many people liked this venue and a lot of students can then attend.

Technical Committee Reports

Centrarchid Technical Committee Lewis Bruce. There is \$886 in account. They are actively seeking a chair. They had a joint summer meeting with walleye and esocid technical committees. There will be a genetics workshop in mid-July

Ictalurid Technical Committee Dan Kirby. Iowa is well represented on this committee. Catfish 2010 – possibly a new symposium book. Conover had promised \$1000 of DNR funds before retirement. Catfish 2010 Conference will be June 19-22 in St. Louis. Kirby motioned for the AFS to fund \$500 for conference Steuck seconded. Motion passed.

Esocid Technical Committee Andy Fowler. Andy did not attend meeting in spring with the walleye committee but will be attending the winter meeting. Pike Symposium is for sale at NCD website or send \$ to Randy Schultz (\$60) Next meeting might be joined with walleye/esocids/centrarchids. Discussion about a new website where anglers can enter muskie info.

Rivers and Streams Technical Committee Greg Gelwicks. Spring meeting was in Rock Island. Attendance was 50 people from 7 states. Luther Atlan spoke on spring restoration in Minnesota. They have a fish habitat action plan and are focusing on stream restoration and fish responses as well as non-fish response to stream restoration. Some other projects focus on flooding and how it effects restoration projects. They are looking for presentations.

Salmonid Technical Committee Bill Kalishek. There is no longer a salmonid technical committee.

NCD Randy Schultz. Randy presented info about the NCD and how it can help our chapter.

Awards:

Tom Gengerke was presented the Meritorious Service Award – given by Jim Wahl.

Best Paper/Poster announced earlier in meeting – recipients were recognized.

Old Business. No old business.

New Business.

ICA wants a letter of support. Alan needs to work with resolutions chair to write one up.

Mike McGhee announced the North American Lake Management Society is looking for more fisheries based professionals to get involved. They are a systems approach organization and all fisheries professionals should consider becoming a member.

Adjourn.

Mike Mason motioned to adjourn, Randy Schultz seconded. Passed unanimously.