

Iowa Chapter of the American Fisheries Society EXCOM Meeting
January 27, 2009
Buford's Ames, IA

Members attending were President Alan Johnson, President Elect Bryan Hayes, Past President Mike Hawkins, Secretary/Treasurer Kim Hawkins, Student Subunit President Travis Neebling, and Student Liaison Mike Quist.

Budget:

- ▶ Balance on 10/31/08: \$ 5552.51
- ▶ Past year's disbursements: \$5858.67
- ▶ Past year's receipts: \$5634.08
- ▶ Current balance: **\$5327.92**
- ▶ Outstanding bills:
 - \$275 – Rifle for raffle
 - 2010 Catfish symposium- \$500
 - Fisheries Employment Books - \$200 – Mike Quist **took off budget**
 - Heritage foundation is asking for a membership renewal \$100 minimum. Discussion tabled to be voted on at chapter meeting.
 - Paddle Fish Book – they are almost done but haven't asked for it. (\$500)

Grant Requests:

Discussions:

Paid Travis Neebling's \$500 grant in December 2008. – He has purchased the gear. We need to look into defining the criteria for grants so that they can be ranked.

We might need to cut grant awards due to budget crunches – will be left to excom's discretion.

We have not yet awarded \$1000 worth of grants:

- ▶ 2008 grant applications: still need to be paid
 - Dan Kirby – Turkey River (\$500)
- ▶ 2009 Grant applications awarded:
 - Paddlefish publication (\$500)
- ▶ 2009 grant request by Dray Walter – tabled until we receive more requests

Old Business:

no old business

New Business:

Discussions:

- ▶ 2010 meeting – Probably instate b/c of budget problems
 - Possible sites/participants
 - Minnesota/Dakotas?
 - Small meeting instate – just AFS or with TWS again
 - AFS/Statewide combination – 1 day AFS/1 day statewide

Would have to discuss this with supervisors

- ▶ Continuing Ed for 2009 – need to start thinking about it. It brings in income for AFS to support all other expenses (scholarship, grants, etc.)
- ▶ Preparation for business meeting – none
- ▶ Mike Mason has asked for a support letter for sustainable funding from AFS – Alan will work with resolutions chair to start the process.