

Iowa Chapter of the American Fisheries Society EXCOM Meeting
September 25, 2009
Ames, IA

Members attending were President Bryan Hayes, President Elect Andy Fowler, Past President Alan Johnson, Secretary/Treasurer Kim Hawkins, and Student Subunit President Rebecca Burch.

Finance Report:

- ▶ Balance on 9/25/2009: \$ 4537.08
- ▶ Past year's disbursements: \$7205.58
- ▶ Past year's receipts: \$11,742.66
- ▶ Current balance: **\$4537.08**
- ▶ Outstanding bills:
 - \$100 Iowa Environment council
 - \$ 470 ISU subunit (1/2 of raffle income)
 - \$ 500 Paddle Fish Book – they are almost done but still haven't asked for it.
 - \$ 200 – 2009 Joan Duffy award
 - Balance after grants/awards are paid: \$3267.08

Alan Johnson motioned to approve budget, Andy seconded

Grant Requests:

Two grant applications have been submitted:

1. Dray Walter: \$500 – materials to build fish habitat at ???
2. Kirk Hanson: \$457.95 – 5000 tags (4 year supply) for sturgeon spawning project

Discussion:

The AFS account is low. We need to conserve if we can.

Suggest to Dray that the county try for a fish habitat grant to get the supplies.

Kirk: find out if it is possible to purchase half the tags for now.

Vote: table both grant applications until 2010 excom meeting when we know if our budget can take on grants

Bryan will contact both Dray and Kirk to let them know the excom's decision.

Bryan motioned to table the grants, Alan seconded motion.

New Business:

Discussions:

- ▶ Dues:
 - Due to the responsibility of over \$1400 a year of awards and scholarships the Iowa AFS hands out and up to \$1000 in grants, we might need to increase the dues.
 - We will look at what other states request.
 - If there is no meeting, no money is made to support these things. Dues alone (~\$800/year) are not enough to cover it.
 - Should we be contacting other schools to increase our membership?
 - Talk to Theresa Shay and Dan Kirby – they have met with smaller schools to recruit students for summer jobs, they might know if there is any interest.
 - Must be brought up at business meeting – Excom proposes it increase from \$10 to \$15
 - Students: we have 2 students as members – student deal - \$10 to be a member of the student chapter, another \$5 to be included in the state chapter.

- ▶ 2010 meeting –instate b/c of budget problems
 - Possible sites/participants
 - Small meeting instate – partner up with Iowa TWS again
 - Probably have the meeting at Ames
 - 1 ½ days (1 overnight) meeting like 2009
 - Possible topics for joint session:
 - ▶ Hot topics in wildlife and fisheries

Student Sub-unit:

Rebecca reported that the sub-unit is very busy this fall. Events include:

- Sample Squaw Creek in October with the high school and cub scouts
- Helped shock walleyes on the Mississippi River
- Designing four posters about door-width in size. They are "Ponds and Lakes," "Warmwater Streams," "Coolwater Streams," and a combination "Non-natives and Species of Greatest Conservation Need".
- They have also designed a new website : <http://www.stuorg.iastate.edu/isu-afs/>
- Iowa AFS website: has not been updated for a while; Rebecca offered to update and run it.

Newsletter:

Things to add to the newsletter:

- "R" workshop article
- Announce Andy as president-elect
- Start new regional article in next newsletter.

Alan motioned to adjourn. Rebecca seconded. Passed unanimous.