

American Fisheries Society, North Central Division
Rivers and Stream Technical Committee
Annual Spring Meeting Minutes, March 29-30th, 2016
Rock Island Conservation Club, Milan Illinois

We had over 32 people in attendance from state and federal agencies, organizations, and private consulting firms. In addition to the following business meeting results, we had numerous great presentations, and chapter reports.

Committee Chair, Matt Matheney, welcomed the committee, and officially opened the meeting. Secretary/Treasurer, Aleshia Kenney, presented the financials for the year. On January 1, 2015 we had \$3,036.97 in the budget. After the Spring Meeting 2015 and interest we had \$3,400.54 in the budget. The 2015 Spring Meeting had \$521.05 worth of expenses and brought in \$880.31 worth of deposits.

Old Business

There was a review of student participation. It was clarified that students can attend the meeting at no charge and the RSTC may provide rooms for the students at no cost to them depending on need. Last year only one student room was paid for using RSTC funds. For this 2016 Spring Meeting 5 students shared 3 rooms.

New Business

A discussion was held of possible topics for the 2017 Spring Meeting. Subjects that were presented and discussed included: **Mussel Assessments, Barrier Removal/Dam Removal, Rare Species Ecology/Life History, and Asian Carp.** No topic was pushed forward. The Committee voted on a new chair and secretary/treasurer. Aleshia Kenney of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will be the new chair and Megan Thul of Iowa DNR will be the new secretary/treasurer. The Committee thanked Matt and Aleshia for their work over the last 2 years.

The annual fish fry was voted to be named the "Bernie Schonhoff Memorial Fish Fry". Bernie was a founding member of the RSTC. A fish fryer was raffled off with all of the proceeds going to Bernie's family.

The 2016 Midwest RSTC Winter Meeting has a total of 6 people in attendance. A question was presented as to whether other divisions can be members of the North Central Division - the answer is yes.

The idea of sponsoring a symposium at the 2017 Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference was discussed. It was agreed on that we will sponsor a symposium and Matt Matheney will serve as the chair. Topics were discussed and it was decided that Matt would contact members for potential ideas and speakers as the time got closer.

Presentations in the Technical Session

Afternoon, March 29, 2016

I-74 Bridge Replacement and Mussel Impacts: A Bridge Too Far? - Kristen Lundh, USFWS

Discovery of a Third Corbicula Species in Illinois - Jeremy Tiemann, Illinois Natural History Survey

Updating the Fish and Mussel Kill Book, Jeremy Tiemann, INHS

Zooplanktonic Community Dynamics of the Minnesota River with an Ichthyoplankton Gear Comparison - Nathan Lederman, MN State University

Using Food Web Modeling to Determine Effects of Increased Exploitation on Invasive Carps of The Middle Mississippi River - Nicholas Kramer, Southeast Missouri State University

Guild based habitat use and environmental driver of fish community change in the Upper Mississippi River System - Christopher Schwinghamer, Southeast Missouri State University

Grass Carp Population Dynamics in the Middle Mississippi River - Michael Wolf, Southeast Missouri State University

Mississippi River Mudpuppy Research - Aleshia Kenney, USFWS

The Evolution of Landscape Awareness: Failed Passion or Passionate Failure? - Gary Siegwarth, IA DNR

Tribute to Bernie Schonhoff - All

Morning, March 30, 2016

State Chapter Reports – documents are posted on the committee website

Quad Cities Welcome and Update - Joe Taylor, Quad Cities Convention and Visitors Bureau Moving from

The Flat Floater in the Missouri River, Nebraska - Steve Schainost, Nebraska Game and Parks

The Crayfish of Nebraska - Steve Schainost, Nebraska Game and Parks

An Evaluation of Seasonal Movement and Habitat Selection of Northern Pike in Pools 10 and 13 in the Upper Mississippi River - Royce Bowman, IA DNR

Effects of the Blackberry Creek Dam Removal on Fish Assemblages - Stephen Pescitelli, IL DNR

Angler Response to a Dam Modification in the Maquoketa River - Megan Thul, IA DNR

Telemetry Study of Bald Eagles - Drew Becker, USFWS