

American Fisheries Society, North Central Division
Rivers and Stream Technical Committee
Annual Spring Meeting Minutes, April 1-2, 2014
Rock Island Conservation Club, Milan Illinois

We had over 37 people in attendance from state and federal agencies, organizations, and private consulting firms. The theme for the meeting was: Economics of River and Stream Management. In addition to the following business meeting results, we had numerous great presentations, and chapter reports.

Committee Chair, Andy Selle, welcomed the committee, and officially opened the meeting.

Secretary/Treasurer, Matt Matheney, presented the financials for the year. On October 31, 2013, we had \$2,710.28 in the budget. After the Spring Meeting 2013, and interest, as of January 8, 2014, we had \$2,695.44 in the budget.

Old Business

Andy Selle said that the new listserv was working well to contact committee members. Not everyone was having the same results in signing up. Some government sites blocked the listserv.

The plan is to send email out to the following people with news about the committee: Rivers and Stream Representatives from the AFS Chapters, Chapter Presidents, Student Committee Representatives, and NCD Rivers and Streams Committee Members.

As a reminder, a motion was approved at the 2013 Spring Meeting to continue to buy hotel rooms for students to attend the spring meetings, and to not limit the number of rooms to 3.

New Business

A discussion was held of possible topics for the 2015 Spring Meeting. Subjects that were presented and discussed included: **Streams and Agriculture (BMPs), Stream Classification, Physical and Biological Assessments, Restoration Techniques, Mitigation Techniques and Process, Resiliency, Water Quality, Stream Mechanics, Climate Change, Species Introduction**. It was decided to have a **Small Streams Theme** for the 2015 Spring Meeting, and include many of the listed subjects. The planning committee for the Spring 2015 meeting will be Nate Hoogeveen, Aleshia Kenney, Matt Matheney, Andy Selle, and Jeremy Tiemann,

Lama BouFajreldin, IL NHS, presented information about the ETGP and Big Rivers LLC. There are four major areas including: River Restoration, Prairie Restoration, Agriculture Ecology/Conservation, and Urban Watershed Management. They are supporting expertise networks, human dimensions and communications under each area.

Aleshia Kenney will be the new Secretary/Treasurer and Matt Matheney will be the new Committee Chair.

Presentations in the Technical Session

Afternoon, April 1, 2014

A Primer on Environmental Economics – Dr. Matt Winden, Professor of Environmental Economics, UW Whitewater

Research into Incorporating Ecosystems Goods and Services into Corps Restoration Planning – Elizabeth Murray, USACE Rock Island

Hydroponic Nutrient Reduction and Feedstock Production in Agricultural Levee Districts: Upper Mississippi River Integrated Water Resources Management – Chuck Theiling, USACE Rock Island

Developing a Stream Mitigation Program – Al Froehlich, USACE Rock Island

The Value of Iowa's Rivers – Nate Hoogeveen, IADNR

Morning, April 2, 2014

State Chapter Reports – documents are posted on the committee website

Using HEA for Recovering Lost Ecological Services – Bernie Schonhoff, IADNR

Fishing is Great Business – Joe Taylor, Quad Cities Convention Bureau

Economics of Resource Management, Fisheries of the Quad Cities Area – Jeremiah Haas, Exelon Corporation

Economics of Clean Water Act Compliance, DuPage River and Salt Creek – Stephen McCracken, DuPage River Salt Creek Workgroup

The Economic Impact of Recreational Trout Angling in the Driftless Area – Jeff Hastings, Trout Unlimited

Connectivity to Mississippi River and Large Reservoirs: Implications when Evaluating the Environmental Influence on Fish Assemblage Structure in Midwestern Non-wadeable Rivers – Tim Parks, IADNR

Natural Asset Valuation: An Ecological Economic Assessment of Iowa's Middle Cedar Watershed – Mayan Kocian, Earth Economics