

American Fisheries Society, North Central Division
Rivers and Stream Technical Committee
Annual Spring Meeting Minutes, March 31-April 1, 2015
Rock Island Conservation Club, Milan Illinois

We had over 44 people in attendance from state and federal agencies, organizations, and private consulting firms. The theme for the meeting was small streams. 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, 2014 we had \$3,036.97 in the budget. After the Spring Meeting 2014 and interest we had \$3,400.54 in the budget.

Old Business

Using Google Groups as the main listserv for communication was discussed. It was decided that Google Groups works for most members, and it will continue to be the main source for communication. Members are still encouraged to check the RSTC Facebook page for the most up to date information.

A discussion was held on how to reach out to more students in order to increase student attendance. The 2013 policy of purchasing up the 3 rooms for students was brought up and amended. A motion was made and carried to not limit the number of student rooms, to not require a presentation from the student in order to qualify for a room, and to waive the registration fee for students. Also, masters students and undergraduates are both eligible.

New Business

A discussion was held of possible topics for the 2016 Spring Meeting. Subjects that were presented and discussed included: **Mussels, Small Stream Fragmentation, Restoration Techniques, and T&E Research**. It was decided to not set a theme for the 2016 Spring Meeting in order to not exclude good talks. The planning committee for the Spring 2016 meeting will be Matt Matheney, Aleshia Kenney, Andy Selle, and Jeremy Tiemann.

The idea of sponsoring a symposium at the 2016 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 31, 2015

Vermillion River Mussel Projects - Jeremy Tiemann, Illinois Natural History Survey

Missouri Topeka Shiner Recovery - Jerry Weichman, Missouri Department of Conservation

From Prairie Streams to Field Drains: Changes in the Stream Fish Communities of Champaign County Over the Past Century - Josh Sherwood, Illinois Natural History Survey

Paddlefish Food Habits - Scott Gritters, Iowa Department of Natural Resources

Longnose Dace in NE Iowa Streams - Brigid Wieman, University of Northern Iowa

Density-Dependent Growth in a Prairie Stream Herbivore - Casey Pennock, Kansas State University

Performance of Log Cribs for Bluff Stabilization - Ben Lee, Inter-Fluve

Aisan Carp Surveillance and Management - Kelly Baerwaldt, USFWS

Morning, April 1, 2015

State Chapter Reports – documents are posted on the committee website

National Geographic Mississippi River Geotourism - Joe Taylor, Quad Cities Convention and Visitors Bureau

Moving from Site-Based Management to Process-Based Management on the Upper Mississippi River System - Chuck Theiling, USACE

Rootwad and LPSTP Restoration on Black Walnut Creek - Chris Haring, USACE

Spring Brook #1 Creek - A Waters of the U.S. Mitigation Project - Jessi DeMartini and John Oldenburg, Forest Preserve of DuPage County, IL

The Smallmouth Bass Populations Below Delhi Dam on the Maquoketa River: Before and After Dam Failure in 2010 - Dan Kirby, Iowa Department of Natural Resources

Effects of the Vernon Springs Dam Modification on Fishes in the Turkey River, Iowa - Greg Gelwicks, Iowa Department of Natural Resources

Progress of the Dam Modification and Whitewater Project on the Maquoketa River - Greg Gelwicks, Iowa Department of Natural Resources