

**American Fisheries Society, North Central Division**  
**Rivers and Streams Technical Committee**  
 Annual Spring Meeting Minutes, March 27-28<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
 Rock Island Conservation Club in Milan, Illinois

Forty three people attended the spring meeting. Seven Midwest states were represented as well as many state, federal, and private organizations. A variety of technical talks were given this year on the topics of river restoration, fish passage, mussel propagation, expanding distribution of native fish and mussel species, Invasive species, and angler surveys. A business meeting was held, state chapter reports were given, and the group elected new officers.

Committee Chair, Aleshia Kenney, welcomed the committee and officially opened the meeting. Secretary/Treasurer, Megan Thul, presented the financial report.

**Treasurer’s financial report**

On January 1, 2017 the RSTC account had \$2,883.31. After the spring 2017 meeting was held, the RSTC account had \$3,372.21, which is an increase of \$488.90. All expenses are related to holding the spring meeting (food, drinks, facility donation, shuttle, etc.) and income is generated from meeting registration.

2017 RSTC	Description	Expenses	Deposits	Balance
1-Jan				\$2,883.31
16-Mar	Spring meeting supplies - Kenney	\$563.39		
17-Apr	Spring meeting income		\$1,052.29	
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31-Dec		\$563.39	\$1,052.29	\$3,372.21

**Old Business**

There was no old business discussed.

**New Business**

Bus for evening social - Last year members discussed renting passenger vans, instead of a full size school bus, for the shuttle. It seems fewer than 15 people use the shuttle. The Chair and Secretary/ Treasurer called local transportation business to determine the options. Local hotels only offer transportation to the airport. Johannes Bus charges the same amount as a large bus for a small bus. Dana’s taxi company has two passenger vans available; however this would only accommodate 12 people and may not be as timely. The number of people needing transportation is typically not known prior to the meeting so this option would be hard to schedule. Dana taxi estimates cost for two passenger vans to transport members from RICC to hotel at \$160 roundtrip.

Discussion points presented at meeting: Having a shuttle service keeps people safe; Could stick with Johannes Bus because taxis won't accommodate as many people, they may not be available at our scheduled transportation time, and securing taxis will be additional work for little cost savings; Could increase registration to help cover cost; Could charge more from members using bus to help cover cost.

Election of officer positions- Megan Thul was elected as Chairperson and Louise Mauldin was elected as Secretary/Treasurer.

### **Presentations in the Technical Session**

#### **Afternoon, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

Iowa's Freshwater Mussels: Successes and Challenges- Jen Kurth, Iowa DNR

Overview of Genoa National Fish Hatchery's Mussel Propagation Program- Megan Bradley, USFWS

River Restoration...is there Anything Fishy Going on here? - Jeff Kopaska, Iowa DNR

Progress in Reconnecting Iowa's Wapsipinicon River- Louise Mauldin, USFWS

Watershed Assessment Toolbox- Chris Haring, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Iowa's New River Restoration Toolbox- Nate Hoogeveen, Iowa DNR

Maquoketa River Whitewater Project Angler Survey- Greg Gelwicks, Iowa DNR

#### **Morning, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

##### State Chapter Reports (reports are available on the committee website)

Iowa- Greg Gelwicks

Missouri- Matt Matheney

Nebraska- Steve Schainost

Minnesota- Ann Kuitunen

Illinois- Trent Thomas

Indiana- Kayla Werbianskyj

Illinois- Jeremy Tiemann

##### Resume Technical Session

Drones for Restoration Monitoring- Dr. James Dietrich, University of Northern Iowa

Discovery of the Greater Redhorse (*M. valenciennesi*) in Iowa. Probably.- John Olson, retired Iowa DNR

The Spalding, NE Fishway, Year 2- Steve Schainost, NE Game and Parks

Reproductive potential of Silver and Bighead Carp in the Upper Mississippi River- Allison Lenaerts, Western Illinois University

Otolith Microstructure and Trace Elemental Analysis of Juvenile Asian Carp in the Upper Mississippi River- Jesse Williams, Western Illinois University

Rapid Expansion of the Banded Killifish (*Fundulus diaphanous*) Across Northern Illinois: Dramatic Recovery of Invasive Species? - Jerney Tiemann, Illinois Natural History Survey

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

**Meeting Adjourned**