

MEETING MINUTES



Spring
2018

EDITORS NOTE: Committee and budget reports in this issue of the newsletter are from the 2018 Winter Business Meeting Tuesday January 30, 2018 in Milwaukee

Call to Order – Dan Isermann 5:00 pm (60 members present)

Recognition of Executive Committee, past presidents and special guests - President Isermann recognized the past presidents in the audience. Also voiced his thanks to many people for their help on putting together the Midwest Conference, including but not limited to: Brad Eggold, Max Wolter, Steve Gilbert, Lori Tate, and the Scholarship committee. Noted that Wisconsin Chapter was recognized as the winner of the Most Active Large Chapter Award (a title we have not been granted since 2008)! Isermann recognizes Lori Tate for her willingness to step into the Secretary/Treasurer position after Ted Treska had to step down.

Reminder to Pay Annual Dues – As we did not have a separate winter meeting, President Isermann reminds members who are present at the meeting to pay their annual dues.

Review and Approval of Agenda - President Isermann outlined the agenda and asked for any amendments, though none were requested. A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as written. The motion was passed with no dissenting votes.

Approval of 2017 Business Meeting Minutes - President Isermann asked for comments on the minutes which were published in the newsletter, no comments were made. Motion to approve minutes as published in the newsletter was made and seconded. The motion passed with no dissenting votes.

President's Remarks – President Isermann indicated that it had been a pleasure to serve as president of the Chapter, and again iterated the need for more involvement from the new people in the organization, as a lot of work has been done by a few folks in the chapter and it is time for others to step in.

Treasurer –Yearly report – Lori Tate summarized the 2017 finances. On 12/31/2017, WIAFS had total worth of \$67,618.27. This includes a checking account balance of \$10,760.05, and the Vanguard GNMA worth \$15,640.98. We also held a balance in the Midwest CD, which was put into a checking account last year, of \$7,329.12 as of 12/31/2017. Per our decision at last year's meeting, the principal from the BMO CD and from the Short-Term Bond Account, both of which were returning <\$3 a month, were put into the VanGuard Fund managed by the National AFS; the total investment in 2017 was \$15,000, added to the base investment of \$10,000. The worth of that investment as of the end of October 2017 (last statement received) was \$26,559. A bank error in 2016 resulted in an additional \$6,120 having to come from 2017 funds to cover a double payment for National AFS donations (Hutton, Skinner memorial, etc). Total expenses for 2017 (including the 2016 bank error) were \$42,318 (higher than projected due to the greater cost of holding the annual meeting at the Milwaukee venue) and total income was \$35,934, for a net loss of \$6,384. This loss is primarily due to the payback for the 2016 AFS National Scholarship donations. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion passed with no dissenting votes.

Committee Reports:

Continuing Education: President Isermann read a short update from Chair Allen Lane about the two CE courses – Telemetry Surgery and Fish Health. It was noted that there were no costs to the Chapter for either CE course, as many of the supplies were donated by the groups organizing the workshops.

Scholarships: There were 5 applicants for the Norden Scholarship. The recipient is Lydia Doerr (UWGB). There were 4 applicants for the Duffy Scholarship. The recipient is Lydia Doerr (UWGB). The recipient of the Frie Scholarship is Alex Catalano (UWSP).

Membership: Lori reported a total membership roster currently at 386, with 127 paid chapter dues at the time of the meeting (difficult to track non-returning members).

Raffle: Ticket sales for 2017 raffle totaled \$3,087, costs amounted to \$756

Website: There were some issues with PayPal in 2017; costs for website upgrade are anticipated to be \$2,000 (see further discussion in new business below).

Nominations – Needs a new chair of committee.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS



Newsletter: Spring issue coming out soon, looking for new contributors. Continuing the fishing contest, there were many entrants in 2017 and the contest is popular. Editor Max Wolter noted that he is willing to let someone else take over compiling the newsletter if anyone is interested.

Student SubUnits – Representatives from UWSP, UWGB and Northland College subunits all gave update presentations. UWSP had 12 students attending the Midwest Conference, 5 as presenters. Northland College had 3 student attending the Midwest Conference.

Walleye – Held 2017 meeting jointly with the Esocid committee.

Centrarchid – Did not hold a meeting, will hold 2018 meeting jointly with Walleye committee.

Esocid - Held 2017 meeting jointly with the Walleye committee; encouraged members to attend these technical meetings, noted Muskie publication was released this year.

Rivers – Noted upcoming meeting March 28-29, 2018 in Illinois.

Ictalurid – Noted upcoming Catfish Symposium in 2020 in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Old Business - No other old business brought forward.

President Installation – Justine Hasz and Ted Treska installed Derek Ogle as president, who gives thanks to Dan Isermann and recognizes him with the Past President's plaque.

Voting for Officers – Dan Dembkowski nominated as President-Elect, no other nominations from the floor. All voted Aye to install Dan as President Elect; Dan's platform will be to focus on increasing membership and participation.

Lori Tate nominated for Secretary/Treasurer, no other nominations from the floor. All voted Aye to install Lori Tate as Secretary/Treasurer for a two-year term.

New Business:

2018 Budget – Derek Ogle presented his 2018 budget which was very similar to last year's budget. One increase will be seen for required security upgrades to the WI AFS Chapter website estimated at \$2,000 (\$3,000 was allotted in the budget). Doug Austen of National AFS requested the floor to solicit a chapter donation to fund relief efforts in Puerto Rico; membership decided upon a \$1,000 donation. With these amendments inserted into the budget, a motion was made and seconded to approve the Budget as amended. The motion passed without dissenting votes.

Website - National AFS representative Doug Austen indicated that it was possible to move our chapter website to a site maintained and operated by the National AFS. This could provide increased security and cost-savings. Membership agreed to proceed with existing site, but to look into this option before upgrading the existing site. President Ogle asked Brad Eggold to look into this option. Contact for more information at National AFS will be Beth Beard.

Scholarships – Committee chair Tammie Paoli made a motion (which was seconded) for a new deadline of December 15th for scholarships. This will help with timing of review/approval prior to holiday season. The motion passed without dissenting votes. Tammie will work with Brad Eggold to update the dates information on the chapter website.

Donations – Tim Kroeff has generously agreed to donate \$10,000 for a new AFS student scholarship, to be awarded annually for 10 years starting in 2019 in the amount of \$1,000 each. A motion was made and seconded to accept this donation. The motion passed with no dissenting votes. Tammie and the scholarship committee will work with Tim to develop the name and criteria for the scholarship. THANKS TIM!!

Membership Dues – Tim Simonson made a motion (which was seconded) to reduce meeting registration fees for retired members. The motion was discussed among members and was ultimately tabled. President Ogle will ask the membership committee to look into this request, including researching what other AFS chapters (and the Wisconsin TWS chapter) do in this regard. ExComm will consider the findings of this research at the Summer Meeting and make a recommendation to the planning committee for next year's meeting.

Annual Meeting - Steve Gilbert suggested the next meeting to be held at Tundra Lodge in Green Bay in winter 2019.

Next Meeting Time and Place – Next year's meeting location will be determined during the Summer Executive Committee Meeting (date and location TBD).

Adjournment – A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The motion passed with no dissenting votes. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

BUDGET REPORT

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		<u>Budgeted</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>2017 Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>2018 Pro-</u> <u>posed</u> <u>Budget</u>
Expense					
State MTG	Raffle expenses - State Meeting	\$ 650	\$ 756	\$ (106)	\$ 650
	Chapter Meeting	\$ 17,000	\$ 31,630	\$ (14,630)	\$ -
Awards, Dona- tions	Duffy Award	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100
	Awards, Plaques, Best Papers	\$ 400	\$ 175	\$ 225	\$ 400
	Hutton Program	AFS \$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 4,000
	International membership challenge	AFS \$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Skinner memorial	AFS \$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 1,000
	EOS	AFS \$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 1,000
	AFS Memberships for Norden winner		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Norden Student Scholarship	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000
	Student sub unit AFS membership	\$ 160	\$ -	\$ 160	\$ 160
	UWSP Student Unit	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ 250	\$ 250
	Northland Student Unit	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ 250	\$ 250
	Green Bay Student Unit	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ 250
	UW-Stout Student Unit	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ 250	\$ 250
	Wisconsin Conservation HOF				
Miscel- laneous Fees	Continuing education	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
	Fisheries Bootcamp	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,265	\$ 335	\$ 1,600
	Web Fees	\$ 150	\$ 147	\$ 3	\$ 150
	PO Box	\$ 70	\$ 76	\$ (6)	\$ 80
	Discretionary	\$ 150	\$ 30	\$ 120	\$ 150
	President travel	\$ 2,000	\$ 552	\$ 1,448	\$ 2,000
	T-Shirts	\$ 1,350	\$ -	\$ 1,350	\$ 1,350
	National Chapter Insurance	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ -	\$ 150
	Event sponsorship		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Executive Committee AFS Membership	\$ 320	\$ -	\$ 320	\$ 320	
One- Time Expens- es	Frie Scholarship Funding	\$ 500	\$ 472	\$ 28	\$ 500
	Equipment Donation to SubUnits	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
	Web Upgrade				\$ 3,000
	Donation to Natl AFS meeting		\$ -	\$ -	
	Catch-up on National AFS Awards		\$ 6,120	\$ (6,120)	
	Puerto Rico Relief Fund				\$ 1,000
EXPENSE TOTAL		\$ 31,600	\$ 42,724		\$ 21,610
INCOME TOTAL		\$ 36,168			