



Flatwater Examiner

President's Report

It is the beginning of another year and time to plan on attending our annual AFS-NE Chapter Meeting. This year we are holding a joint meeting with the Dakota Chapter from Feb 25-27 in Chamberlain, SD. And while I have met several members from the Dakota chapter through work related activities and other conferences, this will be my first joint meeting with our hosts from the north. The president of the Dakota Chapter is Mike Brown from SDSU, and the meeting coordinator is Wayne Nelson-Stastny, SDGF in Pierre, SD. They and nu-

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Nebraska & Dakota Chapters Joint Meeting



Joint Meeting

The Dakota and Nebraska AFS Chapters joint meeting is set for February 25-27, 2002, at the Cedar Shore Resort in Ocoma, SD, across the Missouri River from Chamberlain. Room reservations should be made as soon as possible. Call 888-697-6363 and tell the reservation clerk you are with Dakota Chapter AFS.

<http://www.cedarshore.com/>

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Formation of a New Chapter Committee

One of the challenges facing our chapter for the next six years is the sizable task of establishing guidelines and endowing the Bob Thomas Fund. Because this task will require an organized effort on the part of our chapter members it is important enough to warrant the formation of a special committee. At the annual business meeting interested members will be appointed to serve on this committee. If you have an interest in serving or assisting this committee form and accomplish its goals contact any member of the Excom or Chapter President Mark Porath (402) 471-7651 or mporath@ngpc.state.ne.us

Please Plan on Attending the Annual Business Meeting from 3:00 to 5:00 on Tuesday, February 26, 2002.

Continuing Education Seminar

A Continuing Education Seminar will be held at the joint AFS Nebraska-Dakota Chapter Meeting being held in Chamberlain, SD on Monday, February 25th, 2002. The title of the seminar is "How to use the media to present information to the general public". Outdoor writers from around the region will provide advice on effective methods of presenting information and data to the general public how to strengthen ties with the news media. If you have any questions about the seminar or know a member of the media who would like to participate on the panel contact John Lott (605) 223-7704 or e-mail John.Lott@state.sd.us for more information. Starting time and registration fee is tentatively set for 2 p.m. and \$15 but will depend on number of participants. All those attending earn points toward professional re-certification with the parent society.

See you in South Dakota!

Welcome New Committee Chairpersons

The Committee Chairpersons serving the AFS Nebraska Chapter freely contribute their time and efforts to conducting the business of the chapter. Their continued dedication is greatly appreciated by our members. Please welcome new members Jeff Jackson and Larry Pape. Jeff will serve as Co-Chairperson to the Scholarship Committee with Ed Peters, and Larry will Chair the Membership Committee.

Nebraska Chapter AFS - EXCOM Meeting Minutes
January 31, 2002
Submitted by: Rick Eades Secretary/Treasurer

Attending: President Mark Porath, past-president Gerald Mestl and Secretary/Treasurer Rick Eades. President-elect Rob Hofpar and newsletter editor Mark Staab were unable to attend due to the winter storm.

Location: Fisheries Division office, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, Lincoln

Chapter President Mark Porath called the meeting to order at 1:40 pm.

The minutes of the previous EXCOM meeting (9/27) were approved.

Rick gave a brief treasurer's report. The Chapter received \$205 from the Parent Society in dues payments. Our combined savings and checking account balance is \$6,393.08.

Mark reported that about 40 Nebraska Chapter members are planning to attend our upcoming annual meeting in South Dakota. Registration should be \$50.

Jeff Jackson has agreed to serve on the chapter's scholarship committee and Larry Pape has volunteered for the membership committee.

Two nominees have been found for President-elect. Elections will be held at the annual meeting. The Secretary/Treasurer position is a two-year term, so Rick will stay in that office for the upcoming year.

The EXCOM discussed the Bob Thomas Fund and fund-raising ideas. There will be more discussions at the annual meeting plus likely a fund-raising social one evening. Plans for a memorial golf tournament in late summer or early fall are also in the works. The EXCOM agreed that a committee to oversee the Thomas Fund needs to be established. That will be discussed at the annual meeting. Fund raisers such as fishing tournaments, raffles, auctions, softball tournaments, hunting trips, pledge drives, etc. were mentioned.

Mark brought to the EXCOM's attention two requests for letters of support; one for the Lake Wanahoo project and one for Missouri River flows. According to Chapter files, a support letter for the Wanahoo project was written by Mike Gutzmer three years ago, so another one is probably not necessary. The Chapter will draft a letter in support of alternative GP2021 in the Missouri River Master Manual.

Another newsletter should come out before the annual meeting. Included will be meeting details (costs, schedule of

events, and possibly the program with talks listed), a president's message, EXCOM minutes and anything else submitted.

The EXCOM meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

New Chapter Members Needed!

Do you know someone that you could invite to join the Nebraska Chapter of the American Fisheries Society? Invite them to our next meeting or have them visit the chapter web site for more information.

<http://www.4w.com/nebraskaAFS/>

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merous others have borne the brunt of the work in preparation for this meeting, and we are expecting nearly 140 professionals and students to attend. The beer and brat social, a full slate of technical presentations and the continuing education workshop should make this a memorable and rewarding meeting. A heartfelt thank you to our hosts for all their efforts!!

The effort required to make a large project like this a success is already familiar to our members. Many of Nebraska's fishery professionals were busy hosting two regional meetings earlier this year, the Great Plains Fishery Workers Association and the Mid-Continent Fish Production Meeting. In addition to the planning and organizing of these meetings, a significant amount of time was spent fundraising. Local vendors and sportsman's clubs were solicited for monetary contributions or raffle and auction items as a fundraising method for the organization or to benefit a designated fund.

It is this resourcefulness and experience that we as a chapter need to draw upon to be successful in our current challenge of endowing the Bob Thomas Fund. At our annual meeting I would like to see us begin forming the framework for accomplishing this task. Our hosts this year support their chapter students by using proceeds from a raffle/auction at the annual meeting. And because the local vendors and sportsman's groups have already been solicited twice this year our traditional white elephant auction and/or raffle is not scheduled for this meeting. To be successful in the endowment of the Thomas Fund, we will be required to look outside of our normal venues. Some of the suggestions include pledge drives, golf and softball tournaments, matching and challenge grants, socials or game feeds in addition to raffles and auctions. Because the endowment match is sizable (\$5000 in 6 years), our efforts will have to be as well. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting and discussing how we can make the Thomas Fund a great success.

**Dakota & Nebraska Chapters of the
American Fisheries Society
Joint Meeting
26-27 February 2002**

**Cedar Shore Resort
Chamberlain/Oacoma, South Dakota**

River Run Ballroom

Program – Tuesday, February 26

8:00 AM Opening Remarks (Presidents of Dakota and Nebraska Chapters)

**8:10 AM Walleye Management/Creel Surveys -
Moderator : Dave Tunink**

8:10 AM Walleye Length Limits in Nebraska –
Daryl Bauer

8:30 AM Honest, Officer – My Walleyes Shrunk! –
Brian Blackwell

8:50 AM Food Habits of Two Walleye Stocking
Treatments in Permanent Wetlands – M. Ward

9:10 AM NE and SD 2000 Missouri River Recrea-
tional Use Survey – Steve Freeling

9:30 AM Walleye Tagging and Creel Survey Lake
Astabula, ND – Lynn Schlueter

9:50 AM Poster Session/Break – Atrium/Pool

**10:40 AM Rivers & Streams – Moderator: Bruce
Johnson**

10:40 AM Aquatic GAP Analysis for the Missouri
River – Brandon Harland

11:00 AM National Science Foundation Report on the
Missouri River – Kent Keenlyne

11:20 AM What is going on in Dakota Streams? –
Nathan Morey

11:40 PM Application of River Concepts to a Semi-
Arid and a Sub-Humid River – C. Milewski

**12:00 PM Lunch/Poster Session – (Atrium/Pool
Area/Bridges Bar and Grill)**

**1:10 PM Fish Habitat – Moderator: Eric Unken-
holz**

1:10 PM Application of Aquatic Gap Analysis to
Conserve the Topeka Shiner – Charles Berry

1:30 PM GIS to Assess the Accuracy of Radio-
Triangulation for Fish Telemetry – D. James

1:50 PM Larval Drift and Strategies of Carp in the
Red River of the North – Tim Resseguie

2:10 PM Fish and Habitat Relations to Local Vari-
ables and Watershed Size – Craig Milewski

2:30 PM Condition and Structure of the Shovelnose
Sturgeon in the Lower Platte – D. Shuman

2:50 PM Break

3:00 PM Chapter Business Meetings

Program Wednesday, February 27

8:00 AM Fish Culture – Moderator: Doug Kapke

8:00 AM Maternal Liver and Egg Thiamine Concen-
trations in Walleye – Michael Barnes

8:20 AM Genetic Analysis of a Monosex Population
of Walleye – Tate Glader

8:40 AM Fisheries Genetics Research at Black Hills
State University – Shane Sarver

9:00 AM Formalin Treatments During Incubation of
Eyed Eggs of Brown Trout – William Saylor

9:20 AM Acute Toxicity of Fire Control Chemicals
to Fish and Aquatic Invertebrates – K. Buhl

9:40 AM Break

**10:00 AM Panfish/Management – Moderator:
Matt Hubers**

10:00 AM Effect of Phenotypic Plasticity on Vulner-
ability to Predation: Juvenile Bluegill–S. Chipps

10:20 AM Sunnies-more than fish for kids and sis-
sies – Daryl Bauer

11:00 AM Nebraska Bluegill Population Characteris-
tics – Kieth Hurley

11:20 AM Reetz Lake – A Different Approach –
Brian Blackwell

11:40 PM Yellow Perch in Eastern SD Glacial Lakes:
Larval and Adult Dynamics, Exploitation, and Angler
Attitudes – Daniel Iserman

Final Comments, best paper awards, adjourn

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

Nebraska / Dakota AFS Chapter Meeting

February 25-27, 2002

Cedar Shore Resort

Oacoma, South Dakota (across the river from Chamberlain)

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6th Annual Missouri River Natural Resources Conference

Big River Science - Meeting the Challenge of Change

April 21-24, 2002

Marina Inn

South Sioux City, Nebraska

<http://infolink.cr.usgs.gov/events/02.htm>

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132st American Fisheries Society Annual Meeting

"Turning the Tide:

Forging Partnerships to Enhance Fisheries"

August 18-22, 2002

Baltimore, Maryland

<http://www.fisheries.org/annual2002/>

!!! WANTED !!!

Items for Chapter Newsletter

Including, but not limited to:

- ⇒ Fisheries issues of local, state or national importance
- ⇒ What are our members involved with—publications, projects, etc.
- ⇒ Student projects
- ⇒ Upcoming meetings
- ⇒ Any other items that you think would interest our members

NEEDED

Fund raising ideas and
Volunteers for the
Robert Thomas Committee!