

Mid-Atlantic Chapter AFS

Annual Fall Meeting, November 9, 2004

President Paul Jivoff opened the meeting by reviewing the minutes of the Spring 2004 meeting. Mike Stangl announced that Jared Jacobini (DE DFW) has taken responsibility for the Chapter Website. He then transferred the meeting to incoming President Craig Shirey.

Craig thanked Paul for his service to the Chapter. He apologized for the late notice of the meeting caused by problems with trying to set the meeting site (Brandywine Creek State Park now has a fee of \$300).

Cathy Martin read the Treasurer's report from Christina:

Previous balance (May 2004): \$ 3,234.74

Bills paid:	meeting expenses	\$ 365.46
	Student Award	\$ 100.00
	AFS plaque	\$ 25.00
	Waterfowl stamps	\$ 15.00

Receipts:	May mtg.	\$ 430.00
	Chapter rebate	\$ 328.32

New Balance \$ 3,487.60

Bills submitted:

Lunch platters	\$ 114.00
Coffee break	\$ 22.64
C. Martin (food & paper products)	\$ 34.24
Craig Shirey (framing supplies)	\$ 56.00

No one in attendance has attended the National AFS meeting in Wisconsin, so there was no report.

There was a discussion about the next spring meeting. Eleanor noted that it was time for a Student Presentations meeting. Damian Brady (UD) said he will help by contacting students at UD who may be interested in presenting. Contacts will also be made to Rutgers, Delaware State University, and others within the area with preference given to current Chapter members. Pat Hamilton suggested that a small poster session be incorporated into the program, open to both students and others. That idea was well received. Several possible locations within New Jersey were suggested for the meeting site: Assumpink, Rutgers Cooperative Extension Office, the Wetlands Institute, Stockton, or Rider University. The Executive Board will investigate these possibilities.

Election of Officers –

Bob Papon nominated Pat Hamilton for the position of President Elect. Pat agreed to take the nomination and was unanimously approved. Craig reported that Christina Hodgson had agreed to keep the Secretary/Treasurer position and was also unanimously approved. After some discussion about a Student Rep (NJ), Matt Kimball agreed to take the position.

Raffle –

John Clark reported that \$192 in tickets were sold for the raffle of the NJ Waterfowl Stamp. Pat Hamilton selected the winning ticket of Eleanor Bochenek. There was some discussion about whether to continue the raffle, if another item should be selected, and the use of funds. John said that he would investigate the possibility of having a fish carving. Cathy suggested that options for using the funding be further investigated by the Executive Committee (student membership to AFS, travel for students, etc). The possibility of having a small door prize (e.g. trout stamp) was also brought up.

John motioned to adjourn, John O'Herron seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Martin, Acting Secretary

11/10/04