Attendees: 13

- Call to order 12:28am
- Welcome and introductions (Paul)
- Determination of a quorum (need 10) (Paul)
  - Met with 13 in attendance
- Approval of agenda (Paul)
  - Motion to approved by Jessica Weir
  - Second: Jeff Kopaska
- Approval of last year’s minutes (Paul)
  - Motion to approved by Patrick Cooney
  - Second: Jeff Kopaska
- Treasurer Report (Kayla)
  - Membership total 489; increase of 45 since last year due to increase in student/early career members.
  - Finances: 2020
  - Accounts total 76,222
- Old business
  - Year in Review
    - Member benefits (membership, registration, travel) (Paul)
      - How to make being a FITS member a benefit?
      - Opportunity to have registration or membership covered
      - Holiday FITS Membership Lottery-20 free memberships
      - Registration Lottery- Offered to 10 individuals
      - Partnership Travel Award- Representing FITS at partner conferences. Awards give twice a year (6-month rotation).
    - Bylaw change (Paul)
      - How to minimize commitment of FITS Presidency: First of President-Elect (observation year) and Last year of Past President (reduced duties).
    - Center for Fisheries Technology and Collaboration (Rebecca)
      - FITS wants help connect fisheries scientist with technology solutions. With CFTC, a researcher can search by many factors to help them find tech for their research needs. Continuous adding items and vendors.
  - Annual meeting(s)
    - “COVID Effects” Symposium (Tiffany)
      - Wednesday 8:20am
    - Data Management workshop (Paul)
      - We had to cancel this workshop due to Covid concerns.
    - Solicitation of ideas for Spokane 2022 (Paul)
• Do you have an idea of a Workshop or Symposia that you would like to see at AFS 2022? Email your idea to Paul at paventurelli@bsu.edu
  ▪ Electrofishing advancements/techniques?
  ▪ eDNA? Habitat?
  ▪ Machine Learning? With video data/streamlining analysis
• Continue to support important workshops such as GIS
• Tech Talks- hopefully will resume in 2022
• Partner with local state agency to see what workshops/symposium they are interested in and could plan potential fieldtrips

• New business
  o The coming year in PREview (Paul)
    ▪ FishR-FITS partnership (Paul)
      ▪ A package they will do a lot of the usual Fisheries analysis. Creator is retiring, need a plan forward for maintenance etc.
      ▪ We will host website for FishR package on FITS webpage
      ▪ Create a core team for FishR package initially lead by Jason Doll to keep software going and develop and maintain code, and developing advancements.
      ▪ Look out for volunteer announcement
    ▪ Volunteer opportunities
      ▪ Center for Fisheries Technology and Collaboration (Rebecca)
        ▪ No experience necessary
        ▪ No coding or expertise required
        ▪ Opportunities in Outreach via soliciting feedback from members and vendors
        ▪ Website management opportunities
        ▪ If you are interested in Volunteering with CFTC, contact Rebecca at Rebecca.Krogman@gmail.com
      ▪ Citizen Science Task Force (Paul)
        ▪ Identify ways scientist can communicate results and findings with citizen science volunteers collecting data.
      ▪ Awards committee (Paul)
        ▪ We are soliciting volunteers to help manage the Membership and Meeting Registration Lotteries and the Partnership Travel award
        ▪ Please contact Paul paventurelli@bsu.edu or Tiffany Tiffany.Hopper@tpwd.texas.gov if interested!
  o FITS SWOT to ID priorities (Paul)
    ▪ Strengths
      ▪ Long history as a section; Respected by AFS leadership
      ▪ Communicating with past presidents for guidance on terms
      ▪ Integration of core goals with AFS on vendor partnerships
        ▪ Workshop, tech talk, field day- as a package covering specific topics
    ▪ Weaknesses
- Communication –
  - Emailing issues- Mailpoet issues
  - Inviting Past Presidents to meetings
- Branding/Identity
  - Name change again?
  - Lack of understanding of who FITS is and who should be a member?
  - Exclusiveness of acronyms- Try to use long or shortened version of FITS and CFTC
- Opportunities
  - Branding
    - Article in Fisheries Magazine or Posted on Front page of website?
  - Supporting symposium related to FITS interests
  - Collecting room attendance & analysis for AFS initiatives
- Threats
  - Identity/People don’t know about FITS
  - Aging out members, and losing overall membership volume overtime
    - Officer transition (Paul)
      - Tiffany as President
      - Paul as Past President
      - Patrick as President-Elect
      - Farewell to Rebecca Krogman for her 6 years of service to FITS!!
- Other business
- Adjourn 1:43pm