



Annual Meeting 2004

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On the afternoon of Sunday, November 21, 2004, the Iowa Whitewater Coalition held its first annual meeting at the Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge, 2500 Grand Avenue, in West Des Moines.

The gathering was great. A slide show of last summer's Project AWARE rolled as guests arrived. Nate presented a great reprise of his Powerpoint for the Polk County Conservation Board.

Iowa Whitewater Coalition t-shirts made their premier, and they are quite cool. The chili binge was excellent, with five varieties (venison, beef, kitchen sink, and vegetarian). Many other fine fixin's complemented the chili.

We gave out door prizes, including 8 boxes of Clif Bars, and Jeff Holmes donated t-shirts, a cap, and three neoprene spray skirts.

Thanks to everyone who brought food and did all kinds of legwork to make it a success. Lyle did a great job with the video, "Pork Field Paddling", set to a variety of styles of music.

For those of you who couldn't make it and are hanging in suspense, here's the leadership for next year.

Elections results:

- President -- Nate Hoogeveen
- Vice President -- Lyle Danielson
- Secretary -- Scott Bandstra
- Treasurer -- Bruce Hinrichs
- Safety Chair -- Steve Weliver

The board also voted for Peter Komendowski of Waterloo to join the board, and agreed that he can start working with Steve for an expanded effort the Cedar Falls/Waterloo area, starting with a high-quality water trail, and leading toward fixed dams. Other board members include: Gerry Rowland (thanks for the previous year's service as VP!), Ryan Hanser, and Marshall Porter.

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