

March 26, 2020

2020 IWC Annual Meeting Minutes

Iowa Whitewater Coalition held its annual meeting on February 8th, 5:00PM-6:30PM, at the Canoesport Paddle & Pedal Expo American Legion Hall. The following meeting agenda was conducted:

Item 1: Lyle Danielson welcomed the attendees and provided a brief review of IWC activities for 2019

- Provided \$1,000 to City of Ames for the dam mitigation project in River Valley Park
- Provided \$1,250 to City of Cedar Falls for the Cedar River Recreational Project
- Pledged \$2,500 to the Des Moines Regional Water Trails project which includes mitigation for three low head dams
- Provided a \$2,000 sponsorship to the Iowa Project AWARE river cleanup
- Collaborated with the Iowa DNR to stage a two-day swift water rescue class at Manchester
- Staged two days of kayak paddling instruction for ten participants at Mason City

Item 2: “DNR Low Head Dam Mitigation Update” by Glenn Harman

Glenn provided an update on the 2019 low head dam mitigation activities and a preview of some of the 2020 efforts.

Item 3: “Upper Ocoee Whitewater: Five Miles of Big Fun!” by Piper Wall

An entertaining presentation of whitewater paddling on the upper section of the Ocoee River, the most commercially traveled river in the U.S. The talk included photos and videos about the exciting whitewater of the Upper Ocoee including the section used for the 1996 Olympic Slalom Competition and rapids named Alien Boof, Mikey’s, Roach Motel, and Edge-of-the-World.

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