

IOWA WHITEWATER COALITION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF MEETING
September 30, 2004

The Board of Directors meeting began approximately 6:00 p.m. The parties in attendance included:

Nate Hoogeveen
Bruce Hinrichs
Ryan Hansen
Kevin Peters
Julie Mankle
Lyle Danielson
Scott Bandstra

- I. The Treasurer's report was provided by Bruce Hinrichs
- II. Reconnecting Campaign Report
 - A. Water Works report – Nate Hoogeveen provided the following information. The recommendation by Waterworks regarding the proposed Waterworks collection center on the Raccoon River near I-35 was that one third on river be a whitewater course and the remaining two thirds would be a dam. However, the DM Waterworks does not currently have money in its budget and will allocate money for the feasibility study into next year's budget. However, the waterworks representatives indicated that they would consult with Rick McLaughlin when they decide to begin design of the whitewater course.
 - B. Des Moines River Walk project – on September 8, 2004 Nate presented to the Polk County Conservation Board a Des Moines River Water Trail Grant Proposal requesting matching funds from the Conservation Board. Nate presented a Power Point presentation that was well received by the Conservation Board. The Des Moines River Trail grant provides for improvements from Cottonwood to Birdland Marina and from the Harriet Street Bridge to Yellow Banks including bridge, water trail and distance signage. The grant would also provide for dam safety and dam warning signs and cables. The Board approved our request for the \$2,000.00 in matching funds and to become granting agency.
 - C. Commerce Ledges. Where Martin-Marietta currently mines are 260 acres across from Walnut Woods. This land is owned by Jordan Farms whose representative is Richard Sargeant. This land has a 60 to 70 acre lake, a building that could be used as a parks building and double access allowing for a portage trail. Apparently, according to Randy Beaver, the City of West Des Moines has already been offered

the option to purchase the land, but West Des Moines and turned down this offer.

Possibilities for acquiring this land include working with DNR (similar to the Banner Lake State Park cooperation with CITA) or approach the City of West Des Moines. The people to discuss this issue with include WDM Park and Rec director Gary Scott and Development Director Clyde Evans. There was a suggestion to go to the Friends of Walnut Woods to determine their interest in this land acquisition. Don McLaughlin provided to the IWC board information regarding the Des Moines River Principal Walk Project.

On another note, discussions regarding access to Commerce Ledges would include placing wooden railroad ties and/or supports to make the access more accessible (no more rusty colored caustic ooze to walk through).

III. Fundraising Ideas.

- A. Movie Presentation. Scott Bandstra recommended that the IWC produce a video about the whitewater course that can be presented to potential donors. Nate, Lyle and Scott agreed to be on this committee.
- B. T-shirts. A proposal was made to produce IWC t-shirts and it was approved by the board. Bruce Hinrichs actively followed up on the T-shirt and 500 were ordered.
- C. List of Potential Donors. A proposal was made for all of the IWC members to determine two or three people that they know who might be a party that IWC could contact regarding donations to the whitewater course.
- D. CanoeSport Expo – the Central Iowa Paddlers suggested that its club and IWC combine booths at the CanoeSport Expo and this proposal was passed.

IV. Annual Meeting. THE ANNUAL MEETING IS NOVEMBER 21, 2004 at the Raccoon River Park. Be there or be square. After enthusiastic discussions (post IWC meeting), kayakers will participate in a fund raising kayak rolling event, there will chili and everyone one should bring some type of dish or drink for the event. IWC family members are encouraged to attend. Depending on the number of children, there will be kid-related activities. Please attend the annual meeting!!!!

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:25 p.m.