

Iowa Whitewater Coalition Board Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2007 -- 6:00 pm

Caribou Coffee

Board members in attendance: Lyle Danielson, John Wenck, Scott Bandstra, Julie Mankel, Gerry Rowland, Nate Hoogeveen and Debbie Neustadt

- I. The IWC Board approved the April 2007 IWC Minutes.
- II. The IWC Board approved the Treasurer's Report. Julie Mankel reported that Michael Sharpe filed a ~~1099~~ Form 990 extension.
- III. Debbie Neustadt provided information about herself and her interest in becoming an IWC member. She discussed her previous experience with the Sierra Club and work with the Army Corp of Engineers. The Board responded to questions that she had. A vote was taken and the IWC Board unanimously approved Debbie Neustadt as an IWC Board member. Congratulations Debbie. You will be an invaluable addition to our group!!!!
- IV. In reviewing the IWC Budget, discussions occurred regarding additional grants that could be pursued. The IWC Board approved an increase from \$500.00 to \$1,500.00 for the low head dam models.
- V. Discussions occurred regarding IWC's participation in the Hy-Vee Triathlon and at DNR's I.O.W.A. booth.
- VI. Commerce Ledges – Nate Hoogeveen indicated that there was \$30,000.00 worth of glacial deposited rock placed at this site and an 110 cubic foot boulder. The parking lot was graded and size increase from two to four car capacity (based upon the Secretary's visual inspection). The trail corridor will be graded and dead tree fall will be removed.
- VII. Water Advisory Board – includes a \$200,000.00 grant for dam signage and warnings. Nate will work with County Conservation Boards to review access and site selections.
- VIII. Additional monies for water trails. There is a \$12,000.00 grant to provide assistance for portage accesses. Vision Iowa has \$20,000,000.00 for big-ticket projects and CAT (Community Attraction and Tourism) has \$1,000,000.00 monies that could be applied for regarding Water Trails projects. The National Park Service has money for a portage access at the Fraser Dam.
- IX. The IWC Board voted and approved that the IWC Board meetings shall be held every third Thursday of the month.
- X. Future water related events. The 1st Annual Boat Float was scheduled for June 2, 2007, but it was cancelled due to the high water levels. The River Run Garbage Run – Des Moines clean up is scheduled for August 18, 2007 meeting at the Sycamore Access on the Des Moines River for a land and water clean up.

- XI. Des Moines low head dam project – Don McLaughlin indicated to Nate that the engineer’s drawings should be rendered within three to four weeks. The design has been expanded to include a skating park.
- XII. Humboldt County representative, Bob Mosier, was appreciative of IWC’s \$1,000.00 grant.
- XIII. The Board approved \$250.00 for the Clean Rivers Team regarding Project AWARE.
- XIV. The June 21, 2007 IWC Board Meeting will be held at Trindle Park near Van Meter, Iowa. Paste the following link into your web browser for a map of the area. <http://www.eventective.com/provider/map.aspx?num=168267>. The July 20, 2007 IWC Board Meeting will be held in Perry, Iowa in conjunction with Project AWARE.