

Iowa Whitewater Coalition
Board Meeting Minutes
June 21, 2007
Trindle Park near Van Meter, Iowa

Attendees:

Lyle Danielson, Nate Hoogeveen, Julie Mankel, Debbie Neustadt, Gerry Rowland, John Wenck
Others Present: James Weeks

Proceedings:

- *Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.*
- *Agenda and minutes for the June board meeting approved*

- *Treasurer's report* provided by Treasurer, Julie Mankel:
 - Lyle and Julie will be meeting in the next week or so to resolve issues in extracting QuickBooks data for Michael Sharp, CPA. After Michael's review, it is hoped the books for 2006 can be quickly closed and that the Form 990 tax documents can be completed.
 - IWC received a thank you letter from the Project AWARE for the sponsorship contribution. The also including an invitation to the closing celebration activities -- Debbie and Julie volunteered to attend.

- *Outreach:*
 - Story County Conservation Board event went well. Ben Dodd of DNR fisheries focused primarily on removing dams.
 - Humboldt – John observed negative opinions were voiced. Nate observed that now people in the community have heard the message and some are taking it to heart. Gerry added that Fort Dodge has changed their 20-year plan to include activities and boating on the river – apparently without the previously approved project to restart the Hydro Dam.
 - Iowa Outdoor Wellness Adventure – Success with paddling pool and providing introductory canoe and kayak classes. Playboating kayak demonstration and rodeo also went well. DNR's lowhead dam model is not working as hoped. Lyle suggested that we should get something more dramatic before buying additional models.

- *Inventory Sales:*
 - IWC is unable to fill and order for an XL T-shirt. [Order has since been converted to a contribution.]
 - Current t-shirt inventory: Medium (11), L (17), XL (0), 2XL (9) and 15 cookbooks.
 - Due to lack of demand, it was decided not to order additional inventory.

- *Other business:*
 - Lyle passed out copies of the strategic plan. Members will review for discussion at the next meeting.
 - State-wide umbrella group – John briefly talked about the idea of an umbrella group, essentially a 501(c)(3) nonprofit to support groups like Skunk River Paddlers. Greg Vitale will be asked to attend the next meeting.
 - Rest of agenda tabled until the next meeting, July 19th, 6:00pm. Meeting site to be determined.

- Meeting adjourned early at 7:45 p.m. to avoid disruption of Project AWARE evening presentations.
- Minutes submitted by Lyle Danielson.