

Iowa Whitewater Coalition Board Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2007, 6 p.m.
Julie Mankel's home, Des Moines, IA

Board members present: Lyle Danielson, Julie Mankel, Debbie Neustadt, Nate Hoogeveen, Peter Komendowski

- I. Minutes approved.
- II. Julie did not have a treasurers' report.
- III. Conflict of Interest policy

Debbie moved to accept conflict of interest statement as matter of board policy. Ayes unanimous. Lyle also mentioned a packet of materials (bylaws, mission, and other info on being a board member) to new board members, and recruiting.

- IV. Membership plan update

Debbie said that she and Scott had gotten together. Julie sent her a database of people "associated" with IWC (members, past members, funders). Scott said he'd get a one-pager to the group. Debbie will focus on getting members to the annual meeting dinner. Peter willing to go to Cedar Valley Trails Partnership for members. Nate will send Debbie last year's Word document that had the letter and photos.

- V. Annual meeting/dinner

Annual meeting is Feb. 28. North End Diner would be \$12 per plate, and space looks difficult. Julie will check into House of Thai again, or work with John Wenck to do so.

- VI. Board succession plans, slate of candidates

John willing to be on board, not VP. Debbie may have more time due to fewer Sierra Club commitments, may be willing to be VP. Nate interested in not being officially on the board but remaining involved and encouraging DNR partnerships. Lyle is willing to stay on as president, but indicated he's not willing to be president forever and that successions need to be arranged. Peter not interested in executive officer position, will stay on board. Obviously, recruitment is needed. Barbara Mack may be a possibility. Scott needs to be contacted. Piper Wall could also be recruited as safety chair. Dave Kraemer would be another Ames area person worth talking to.

VII. 2008 Goals, Objectives, Projects

Lyle pointed out there are certain things need to do. Two \$10,000 grants not completed. \$9,000 of the DNR grant remains, can get remaining \$1,000 when identify finalization of the project. Continue working on low-head dam modification and removal. Peter mentioned City of Elkader, and there was a discussion about Charles City, also.

VIII. Collaboration with ISU journalism

DNR will be meeting with Barbara Mack Dec. 19 to discuss a communications plan specifically on dam education. Results will be posted at next meeting.

IX. Additional items:

Peter stressed that IWC's collaboration on the downtown Des Moines' project in his view is mostly in the City's hands now, that IWC's part in it is over. He repeated this several times. Debbie mentioned that she knows some people on the board are not supportive of a new dam. Julie, John, and Lyle had met with Don McLaughlin of the City staff for an update.

Lyle and Nate had met to do a diagram of the dam model, dimensions, and figure out which parts should go into a kit.

Dam cabling safety needs to be double-checked to see if city has firm plans to install soon (December was promised).

X. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nate Hoogeveen.