

IWC Board Meeting Minutes – Feb. 21, 2008, 6:30 pm
Caribou Coffee, 3220 Ingersol Ave, Des Moines

Members present: Nate Hoogeveen, Lyle Danielson, John Wenck, Julie Mankel, Debbie Neustadt, Dave Kraemer

New Board Member Dave Kraemer was welcomed and graciously accepted duties as secretary

Minutes from January 17, 2008 were reviewed and approved as presented

TREASURERS REPORT

Julie reported that 11 members were currently signed up for the annual banquet. Discussion yielded an estimate of 30 expected to attend. Board members were urged to find others to attend. Restaurant to be notified of expected attendance.

Funds collected for sponsorship in the Osprey Restoration project include \$405 collected directly by IWC and \$893.33 collected through the Ebay auction of toy cars donated by Rick Dietz. The Ebay funds now lie within John Wenck's business account. John will write a check to IWC for funds collected, minus shipping and Ebay fees, to be detailed in a statement to Julie Mankel. Julie will write a letter to Dietz thanking him for the donation and acknowledging the amount received so that he may claim it for tax purposes.

The Paypal button on the Web site will remain live until after the Central Iowa Paddlers Armchair presentation on March 9.

Julie reported on memberships paid for 2008.

Bylaws call for the secretary to be the keeper of records. Julie will transfer hold-harmless documents currently in her possession to Dave. Scott Bandstra will continue to hold the articles of incorporation. Julie will retain the financial reports.

The Treasurers Report was accepted.

BOARD RECONFIGURATION FOR 2008

To be presented to the membership for approval: Lyle Danielson will remain president for 2008. Scott Bandstra will serve as vice president. Dave Kraemer will serve as secretary. Julie Mankel will serve as treasurer. Debbie Neustadt and Peter Komendowski will serve as at-large members. Nate Hoogeveen will roll off the board. John Wenck will roll off. Nate asks to be DNR liaison to the board. Lyle has asked Debbie and Scott to work on a plan to grow the organization. Potential new members to the board were discussed. Current board members will solicit involvement.

ANNUAL DINNER

6 p.m. social hour. 7 p.m. dinner. 8 p.m. program. Lyle will present a wrap-up of 2007 and a look-ahead for 2008. The slate of board members will be presented to members for approval. John Wenck will make a presentation on donations. Peter Komendowski has asked for time to make a presentation.

Suggestion for next year: arrange for a keynote speaker.

PADDLESPORT EXPO

Sunday was quiet. Dick Howard took down the dam model. Next year, a membership list should be available for renewals/new member signup. Organizational brochure would be helpful.

AFFILIATION RENEWALS

Debbie moved, Dave seconded, \$75 to renew membership in American Whitewater. Approved unanimously.

Debbie moved, Nate seconded, \$150 to renew membership in Iowa Environmental Council. Approved unanimously.

Board discussed how to more effectively convey IWC priorities to IEC. John will forward coalition's priorities to Debbie for consideration by the council.

Nate outlined legislation proposed by Cedar Falls and Waterloo legislators to establish a \$4 million grant program to fund water trails. John moves, Dave seconds, to support this bill. Lyle asked for more detail. Nate explained that the bill is not an earmark, but a grant program. Motion was amended to read "support the intent" of this bill. Approved unanimously.

GRANT PROJECTS

Nate asks IWC to consider sponsoring a DNR fisheries biologist to attend a dam removal seminar to be presented by Luther Aadland. Cost of sponsorship is \$1,000. Lyle moves, John seconds, using water trail grant funds to sponsor a biologist to be chosen by the fisheries bureau chief. Approved unanimously.

Reprints of the Minnesota brochure "The Drowning Machine" used with demonstration of the dam models are needed. Dave moves, Lyle seconds, authorizing John to spend necessary funds to print 10,000 copies. For this order, the Prairie Meadows logo will be replaced by a DNR logo to reflect the grant funding used for this printing.

Lyle presented a proposal to purchase a digital picture frame to be used for displays such as the CanoeSport Expo. Picture frame can run digital slideshows or presentations. Dave moved, John seconded, authorizing Lyle to spend up to \$400 of IWC funds to purchase a digital picture frame.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Lyle asked for advice from the board on how to fill gaps in the availability of images linked to the dam reference function of the IWC Web site. Currently, the site offers users the capability of clicking on a map of all dams in the state and linking to photos and information about the individual dams. Many photos are missing. Lyle sought advice on whether to pay for images from pay sites, how much to pay, or whether to send out someone with a camera to take pictures of all dam sites.

Nate will contact Greg Beisker, who was working on such a project, to learn how much might be available. The board encouraged Lyle to simultaneously seek other images from Web sites or other sources.

The board discussed grant applications pending in Charles City, Fort Dodge and Elkader.

-- respectfully submitted, Dave Kraemer, secretary.