

Iowa Whitewater Coalition
7/17/08
Board minutes

Members present: Lyle Danielson, Julie Mankel, Ann Cannon, Dave Kraemer

Treasurer's report: Julie reported that donations are coming in for the River Run Garbage Grab. Last year, Robin Fortney contributed \$400 to \$600 from her pocket toward R2G2. Julie will discuss need for funding with Robin this year.

Most expense activity this month has been in outfitting the most recent dam models for distribution.

Julie stressed the need to work on spending the DNR grant.

Membership: no report

Osprey reintroduction: Ann reports that osprey for reintroductions were placed in Dubuque, Clear Lake and Lake Red Rock. ~~One nest and three birds previously placed at Jester Park were rescued last week after high water submerged the hack platform.~~ The three ospreys rescued from Jester Park were wild birds, hatchlings, taken to a rehabber and released along with others received from Minnesota at Whiterock. One of the three rescued birds died prior to release.

Commerce Ledges: Lyle reports that if water levels cooperate Commerce Ledges might be ready to be paddled. Lyle has corresponded with Luke Wright from the DNR. The DNR will lay chips and reseed sections disturbed by equipment. Volunteers may be needed to help spread chips. Lyle picked up some trash.

Dam models: Two have been distributed. One to Greg Stark. One to Greg Vitale. The model presented to Vitale was used 7/16/08 by Story County Conservation. A third dam model is headed for Rod Scott via John Wenck. The fourth model will go to the Hartman Reserve. Peter Komendowski is to provide contact information from Hartman. Lyle will deliver Aug. 9-10. Board discussed updating the Web page to describe the models, who has them, and how to contact for demonstration.

Board retreat: Dave is to contact Nate and Pat Boddy to plan retreat.

R2G2: Lyle will talk with Don Propst about using the Clean Rivers Team jon boat to support paddlers working from the Scott Street landing.

Instructor fees: On a motion by Dave, seconded by Julie, the board voted to amend previous policy to say that all instructor fee agreements should be negotiated and approved by the board prior to instruction.

Miscellaneous: The board discussed the possibility of hosting a swiftwater rescue training session next summer.

The board discussed an op-ed written by Sen. Dennis Black and published 7/8/08 in the Newton Daily News suggesting that money allocated to Iowa's rivers and specifically dam removal or modification be repurposed to flood aid, with dam modification characterized as "pork-barrel" spending. A response to Black may be drafted.

Next meeting set for 6 p.m. Sept. 18 at Caribou Coffee in Des Moines. (Later changed to Sept. 23 at the office of Michael Sharp in Ankeny)

Submitted: Dave Kraemer, secretary