

Iowa Whitewater Coalition Board Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2009, 6:50 pm

NAI Ruhl & Ruhl, West Des Moines

Members present: Ann Cannon, Lyle Danielson, Julie Mankel, Debbie Neustadt.

Others present: Don Propst, Michael Price, Ryan Conklin.

Clean Rivers Team: Prior to this meeting Don Propst announced that he had reached a decision to discontinue the Clean River Team program sponsored by IWC. Don seeks to transfer a jon boat purchased for river cleanups with funds from a Metro Waste Authority grant to Mike Price of EIOWA, a recently formed non-profit (<http://www.eiowa.biz/>). Lyle sought advice from Nate Hooegeven who offered to create a memorandum of understanding between EIOWA and IWC regarding the boat. The board asked Don and Mike to create a bill of sale for the price of \$1.00 and file title transfer documents with the Polk County Recorder. Nate's MOU which requires the boat to be used exclusively for river clean-ups for a minimum of two years was approved by the board and signed by Mike and Lyle.

The board also discussed disposition of remaining CRT funds. The board declined to transfer the funds directly to EIOWA as Don requested, but opted to reimburse EIOWA for documented river clean-up expenses until the funds are depleted.

Previous meeting's minutes: Approved minutes of meeting on January 16, 2009.

Treasurer's Report: Julie reported that 31 people attended the February 19th annual dinner meeting at House of Thai resulting in a modest profit of \$296.50. She provided current financial statements. Some memberships and paddling instruction registrations have been received. Julie announced that she would contact Michael Sharp (CPA) regarding filing of 2008 tax forms.

Sponsoring Contributions: The board approved proposals to contribute \$100 to Iowa Rivers Revival to support river advocacy and \$250 to Project AWARE for the 2009 river cleanup on the Cedar River.

DNR Water Trail Grant: Lyle reported that the final expenditures for projects related to this grant were completed and the final report was submitted to the DNR. Julie confirmed that IWC subsequently received the final \$1000 of deferred payment related to the grant.

Low Head Dam Models: Lyle reported that he had completed retrofits of the DNR and IWC dam simulators. The retrofit work included tank modifications (by Regal Plastics) and new pumps and plumbing. Lyle noted that one of the new dam models (built last year) has not been placed into the field yet and is seeking interested parties to display the underutilized model.

Des Moines River Water Trail Grant: The board approved a proposal to honor a request for payment of \$500 for local match related to collaboration on the 2006 Iowa Federal Recreational Trails Program grant awarded to Polk County Conservation.

Low Head Dam Safety: Participants at the IWC visioning retreat held in November, 2008, decided that IWC should advocate paddling activities and support low head safety efforts in the state. Lyle noted that with the exception of the previously mentioned low head dam models and the IWC low head dam website, there has been essentially no effort directed to dam safety. Lyle seeks to empower members to volunteer and contribute to the effort. A lengthy discussion ensued without a clear plan of action. Ann and Debbie agreed to meet in the near future to discuss the matter further.

Board Meeting Schedule: The board briefly discussed finding another time that might work for future board meetings. Between members present, Mondays seemed to have the least potential for conflicts. Lyle agreed to send out an email requesting input.

Volunteer Opportunities for Safety Boaters: Julie reported that she had been contacted to recruit volunteers to serve as kayak safety boaters at the upcoming Copper Creek (June 14th) and Big Creek (August 2nd) triathlons. She will send out the volunteer request via email to the IWC listserv.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Lyle Danielson.