

Iowa Whitewater Coalition Board Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2009, 6:45 pm

NAI Ruhl & Ruhl, West Des Moines

Members present: Ann Cannon (via teleconference), Lyle Danielson, Peter Komendowski, Julie Mankel, Debbie Neustadt, Piper Wall.

Previous meeting's minutes: Approved minutes of meeting on April 16, 2009. Piper complimented positive, ongoing IWC efforts detailed in the minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Julie reported that there was not much activity during the last month. Some income was received for River Run Garbage Grab 2009. A volunteer has not been available to advise Julie on some QuickBooks matters, but hopefully soon. Pursuant to a request at the previous month's meeting, a special report on all transactions related to Clean Rivers Team indicated that the balance of the fund was not as high as previously thought. Julie and Lyle will review the report.

Board Meeting Protocol: The board spent some time in discussion about being more formal while conducting board meetings. It was noted that paddlers tend to be more informal. Piper moved that the board should use Rules of Order as needed to help run meetings more effectively. Second by Julie. Voting aye: Ann, Debbie, Julie, Lyle, Piper. Abstaining: Peter. Motion passed.

Clean Rivers Team Stewardship Program: Peter presented a proposal to redefine the Clean Rivers Team stewardship effort sponsored by IWC following Don Propst's retirement from the previously supported CRT program. The board reviewed the document presented. After some discussion, Peter moved to establish a grant-based program (as described in the proposal document), and that any grant winner must complete a hold-harmless agreement with IWC. The program will remain active until CRT funds are depleted. Motion seconded by Ann. Voting aye: unanimous. Motion passed. Lyle will notify Michael Price regarding the changes in the program.

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.

Low Head Dam Safety: Following the April board meeting Debbie reviewed the content about low head dams on the IWC website. She followed up with emails asking for clarification on a few topics. Overall Debbie has a favorable impression of the website. Going forward the group discussed forming a position and working with interested communities to mitigate LHD danger. Peter offered to work with Debbie and Ann on the issue.

Other Business:

- In collaboration with the Iowa DNR, Lyle scheduled May 28th, 6-8 pm, as an IWC volunteer workday at Commerce Ledges to help spread wood chips on the trail. (Postponed to June 4th.)
- Peter suggested that the group should get out and paddle in an effort to extend outreach to communities with low head dams. Subsequent discussion included the merit and potential sites, but failed to find near-term compatible dates.
- Julie has received a few responses to the request for triathlon safety boaters. Piper offered to send the recruiting email to the Skunk River Paddlers listserv.

Board Meeting Schedule: The board again discussed finding another time that might work for future board meetings. Noting that Lyle and Piper would be kayaking whitewater in Tennessee and North Carolina during the third week of June, the group decided to skip the June meeting. The board then agreed

to change the standing date to be the third Tuesday of each month. However since RAGBRAI 2009 is scheduled to stop in Indianola on July 21st, the July meeting will be held on Monday, the 20th, 6:30 pm in the Ruhl & Ruhl conference room at West Des Moines. Teleconference service will be available again.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Lyle Danielson.