

## **Iowa Whitewater Coalition Board Meeting Minutes**

July 20, 2009, convened 5:40 pm  
NAI Ruhl & Ruhl, West Des Moines

**Members present:** Lyle Danielson, Peter Komendowski, Julie Mankel, Piper Wall (via teleconference).

**Previous meeting's minutes:** Approved minutes of meeting on May 21, 2009.

**Treasurer's Report:** Julie reported that there was not much activity during the last month. Another donation was received for River Run Garbage Grab 2009. Julie is still awaiting help for correcting QuickBooks journal entries to help with budget numbers.

**Low Head Dam Safety:** Lyle continues to seek updated information for the IWC low head dam reference website. Peter contacted Greg Beisker who agreed to provide the dam inventory updates that he has.

**Clean Rivers Team Stewardship Program:** Peter reported on development of a press release announcing the establishment of a program that provides \$500 mini-grants to qualified river clean up events. Lyle updated the IWC website with details of the plan and documents for grant applicants.

**Ames 13<sup>th</sup> Street Dam Conversion:** During the week of July 13<sup>th</sup>, Piper requested an electronic vote to a motion that would support conversion of the low head dam at the 13<sup>th</sup> Street Park in Ames to arch rock rapids. IWC support would take the form of a letter of support and a \$1000 financial commitment towards the cost of dam conversion. Approved unanimously by Ann, Debbie, Julie, Lyle, Piper and Peter. Piper volunteered to provide the text for the letter of support. Lyle would compile the final letter.

**DNR Low Head Dam Update:** Piper reported on the July 17<sup>th</sup> Iowa DNR meeting in Cedar Falls for whitewater paddlers and other interested parties by river programs coordinator, Nate Hoogveen. Nate provided updates on current and upcoming projects. Issues faced in these projects include safety/liability, environmental, fisheries and recreation. Technical aspects include fluid dynamics, sheering factors and hyporheic zones. Upcoming dam project efforts are aimed at Palisades-Kepler and Rock Rapids. The Littleton focus area will proceed with efforts driven by a consultant hired by the DNR.

### **Other Business:**

- Triathlons
  - Julie to check if volunteers are still needed for Big Creek
  - Hickory Grove -- Aug 23rd Piper to request info
  - ISU Cyman -- Piper to contact the ISU Triathlon Club
- Julie and Lyle will register for the Pleasant Hill to Yellow Banks section of the 2009 River Run Garbage Grab. Registration for the event at [www.riverstewards.org](http://www.riverstewards.org).

**Next meeting:** August 18, 2009, 5:30 pm, at NAI Ruhl & Ruhl conference room at West Des Moines.

**Meeting adjourned 7:00pm.**

Respectfully submitted by Lyle Danielson.