

Iowa Whitewater Coalition Board Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2009, convened at 5:48 pm
NAI Ruhl & Ruhl, West Des Moines

Members present: Lyle Danielson, Peter Komendowski, Julie Mankel. (Due to technical difficulties Ann Cannon and Piper Wall were unable to connect to the intended teleconference.)

Previous meeting's minutes: Approved minutes of meeting on August 18, 2009.

Treasurer's Report: During October Lyle helped Julie to review and bring the general and equity funds into balance. Julie submitted reports to the River Run Garbage Grab committee and received some additional income activity for R2G2. The Board approved end of quarter financial reports.

Skeleton Budget for 2010: Lyle presented a budget proposal. Highlighted expenses included support for the Ames 13th Street Dam Conversion and funding for successful Clean Rivers Team grant applications. Funds are still being held in trust for the Cedar Valley Whitewater Trail. Peter suggested that we should consider increasing goals and expenditures to do more cleanups and work to seek more collaboration to fund expanded efforts.

Clean River Team Stewardship Program: Board members review a CRTSP grant application from the Littleton and Chatham Historical Society for an event held on September 19, 2009. Members favored approving the grant and wanted to know how successful the cleanup was. Peter phoned the contact person for information about the event. The contact reported that a DNR CLEAR grant had been received which funded all cleanup expenses, and that the CRT grant was no longer needed. The Board encouraged the organizers to re-apply for a grant for another cleanup to be held next year.

2009 paddling instructor expenses: A program income/expense report was distributed and reviewed. Lyle moved to authorize payment for instructor fees; second by Julie, all Ayes. Post-meeting approval from Ann.

USACE PFD Give-away Program Proposal: A suggestion was submitted to IWC asking the organization to consider participation in a program give away personal floatation devices (PFD) at various events. The Board whole-heartedly supports safety on the water and strongly believes that everyone should wear a PFD while on the water. IWC paddlers are seldom seen without a PDF. The Board does not currently believe that it has volunteer resources to participate in such a program for other segments of the water recreation community.

Other Business:

Iowa Trails Summit, June 18-19, 2010 in Cedar Falls. Peter reported the event is sponsored by the DNR to highlight all sort of trail recreation in Iowa. They are hoping

250-350 participants will attend four sessions each with keynotes and panel discussions. Peter requested a \$250 contribution to support funding of programmed education related to dam safety, water quality, and water recreation opportunities with the understanding that other groups also contribute. Lyle moved to commit the contribution; second by Julie, all Ayes. Post-meeting approval from Ann and Piper.

Cedar Trails Festival, August 14, 2010. Several days of various activities highlighting area trails. Organizers are looking to add paddling components. Peter thinks that this would be a good event for IWC participation such as a kayak rodeo and short down river paddle. This would also be an opportunity to display low head dam model. (Festival 2009 info: <http://www.cedartrailspartnership.org/festival.html>)

IWC on Facebook: Lyle asked if IWC should consider having a presence on Facebook for outreach as many other non-profits do. Attendees thought that it was an interesting idea, but were concerned about the additional information technology effort that Lyle might incur. Additional ideas were exchanged on how to share the maintenance effort of keeping content fresh. The Board thought it worthwhile to experiment for promotion of cleanups and other events. Lyle will investigate and provide an update at a future board meeting.

Next meeting: November 17, 2009, 5:30 pm, at offices of NAI Ruhl and Ruhl.

Meeting adjourned at 7.24 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lyle Danielson.