

Iowa Whitewater Coalition Board Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2009, convened at 5:49 pm
NAI Ruhl & Ruhl, West Des Moines

Members present: Lyle Danielson, Peter Komendowski, Julie Mankel, Debbie Neustadt; Ann Cannon and Piper Wall via teleconference. Guest: Nate Hoogeveen.

Previous meeting's minutes: Approved minutes of meeting on October 20, 2009. Peter mentioned that in response to IWC financial support of the 2010 Iowa Trails Summit, other groups are contributing for the event.

Treasurer's Report: Not much activity. Additional funds for River Run Garbage Grab 2009 were received from Wells Fargo. The R2G2 team still has not submitted its final report for the DNR CLEAR mini-grant.

Guest Presentation: Nate gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding recent DNR River Programs efforts such as paddling instruction, Steam Keepers and the low-head dam inventory. Also mentioned were possible changes for the Boone Water Works dam and portage work at the Steamboat Rock dam and on the Upper Iowa River. It was agreed that the DNR and IWC should seek to improve communication regarding issues of common interest. Additional discussion followed regarding possible registration of paddle craft regardless of size.

Other Business:

Debbie requested a list of Iowa's most dangerous dams. Discussion followed regarding the work that has already been posted on the IWC Low-head Dam Reference website. Lyle said he would send to Debbie a spreadsheet that was used to help build the website.

Debbie provided information about nutrient pollution flowing into the Gulf of Mexico and that Iowa's rivers are contributing to the red tide. She urged support for effort to develop a TDML.

Discussion regarding the 2010 Annual Meeting was postponed

Next meeting: December 15, 2009, 5:30 pm, at offices of NAI Ruhl and Ruhl. [Meeting subsequently postponed to January 19, 2010.]

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lyle Danielson.