

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

May 18, 2010, convened at 5:35 pm

NAI Ruhl & Ruhl, West Des Moines

**Members present:** Lyle Danielson, Julie Mankel, Debbie Neustadt. Ann Cannon, Peter Komendowski and Piper Wall participated via teleconference.

**Previous meeting's minutes:** Approved minutes of meeting on April 20, 2010

**Treasurer's Report:** Julie reported that the River Run Garbage Grab (R2G2) received income in the last month. The Post Office Box annual rent was renewed. Michael Sharp CPA submitted IRS Form 990 for the IWC 2009 federal tax return. Lyle and Julie updated bank papers for signatures on the IWC checking account.

### **Clean Rivers Team:**

- Board members reviewed a mini-grant application submitted by R2G2. Debbie moved to approve a \$500 grant; second by Piper; motion passed.
- Discussion followed regarding the on-going Gulf Oil Spill. British Petroleum is responsible for paying for the cleanup, so IWC will not contribute to that. However board members will research area paddling clubs and wildlife advocates to support efforts focused on recovery from the spill.

**2010 Iowa Trails Summit:** Peter reported that things are coming together for an exciting event. Brochures and poster are being finalized for the June 18-19 event. Pat Boddy will be a speaker/moderator. Peter will display IWC educational materials, but electrical power will not be available for the low head dam model. Lyle work with Peter to make display materials available to Peter on the 17<sup>th</sup> for the 18<sup>th</sup>. Lyle intends to participate at the trails expo on the 19<sup>th</sup> at Riverview Park in Waterloo.

**Be Dam Safe (BDS) Campaign:** No updates. Lyle will contact campaign members to seek an update on any progress.

### **Miscellaneous Business:**

- Debbie discussed the need to refocus IWC efforts on dam safety. Lyle expressed disappointment with the Iowa Legislature for cutting funding for the low head dams public hazard program. Peter suggested another meeting sometime this summer to discuss direction.
- IWC is still trying to find a home for a low head dam model. A local Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla has not followed up on previously expressed interest. Skunk River Paddlers placed a model at Jax in Ames for a month. Peter said the Hartman Preserve in Black Hawk County is using the donated model extensively. He will follow up the Army Corps on placing the available model.
- Piper reported that the joint IWC - ISU CK Club outing to Jim Falls (Wisconsin) went well. She also mentioned the interest in paddling instruction at ISU this fall.

Lyle recommended reconciliation/disbursement for paddling instructor expenses incurred this year to date.

- Board members need to plan a paddling retreat date for this summer. An invitation to the IWC membership would be appropriate.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, June 15, 2010, 5:30 pm.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:24 pm.**

Respectfully submitted by Lyle Danielson.