

Iowa Whitewater Coalition Board Meeting Minutes

November 15, 2011, convened at 5:39 pm
NAI Ruhl & Ruhl, West Des Moines

Members present: Lyle Danielson, Julie Mankel. Dave Hillman, Peter Komendowski, John Shultz, Piper Wall participated via teleconference.

Previous meeting's minutes: Approved minutes of meeting on October 18, 2011.

Treasurer's Report: Very limited activity. Financial reports to be distributed to board members via email.

Paddling Instruction: Lyle will update 2012 clinic information on the IWC website.

Dam Safety Update: Dave photographed low head dams at Goldfield and Humboldt for the Iowa LHD Reference website. Lyle updated web pages for all of the dams in the Des Moines River watershed to include long/lat coordinates and clickable links to Google Maps for aerial views of the hazards.

Other Business

- Peter reported that planning is moving forward for the 2012 Trails Summit in Cedar Falls. The theme for next year will link the value of trails and outdoor activity to human wellness.
- The board discussed ownership transfer and bond issue votes that seek to rebuild the river impoundment dam at Delhi, IA. There is consensus on the board that the dam should not be rebuilt. Peter volunteered to draft a position statement regarding the issue for discussion at the next meeting. Board members will seek input and sign-on support from other interested individuals and organizations.
- John reported that there is a littering problem at the Whitewater Park in Charles City (CC). The city has moved the trash barrels, and anglers appear challenged to pack their trash out. The board would consider supporting signage to help keep the area clean. Discussion transitioned to safety issues observed during the summer. Ideas for improvements included more safety signage advocating PFDs and helmets as well as letters to the Globe Gazette newspaper. There is also concern for individuals who have been free swimming through the drops in the park. Lyle suggested that CC should have more safety information on the park's website. IWC to consider creating safety videos for YouTube to which the CC website could link.
- Piper reported that she is in discussion with the Iowa Games organization regarding a whitewater slalom event at Charles City. The event would be held on a different date so as not to conflict with the existing Canoe/Kayak event in Ames.

Next regularly scheduled meeting: Tuesday, December 20, 2011, 5:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 6:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lyle Danielson.