

Iowa Whitewater Coalition Board Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2012, convened at 5:53 pm
NAI Ruhl & Ruhl, West Des Moines

Members present: Lyle Danielson, Julie Mankel. Dave Hillman and John Shultz participated via teleconference.

Previous meeting's minutes: Approved minutes of meeting on February 21, 2012.

Treasurer's Report: Julie reported modest membership activity and expenses for advocacy, affiliations and administrative needs.

Paddling Instruction Update: Lyle reported on the trip to the Missouri Whitewater Championships. Heavy rains and high water precluded participation by the beginning paddlers from ISU C&K Club.

Dam Safety Update: Nothing new to report.

Other Business

- John reported on his involvement with promoters of the Charles City Challenge and Whitewater Festival scheduled for June 15-17, 2012. There will be a good number of fun events. The City is working on improving safety with signage and possibly throw bags. Dave and Piper have been working with the City to set up gates for the Iowa Games Whitewater Slalom event on June 23rd.
- Lyle reported that a community group from Manchester, Iowa, is working on a project to modify the low head dam into a number of drop shoots that will improve fish habitat and provide opportunity for canoe, kayak and tubing recreation. Leaders hope to fund the project through donations, grants and help from the city. Dave moved to have IWC donate \$1,000 to the project contingent on the beginning of construction. Second by John. Motion passed.
- John reported on his attendance at a public meeting in Monticello regarding the MonMaq Dam. The dam was severely weakened and undermined by the floods of 2008. Jones County officials are looking to identify options rather than investing in expensive repairs for a dam that no longer serves a useful purpose. Three options were presented that will improve paddling on the river, but they will not constitute a whitewater park similar to Charles City. Hoping to secure financing into 2014-2015.

Next regularly scheduled meeting: Tuesday, April 17, 2012, 5:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lyle Danielson.