

Iowa Whitewater Coalition Board Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2012, convened at 5:44 pm
NAI Ruhl & Ruhl, West Des Moines

Members present: Lyle Danielson, Peter Komendowski, Julie Mankel. Ann Cannon, John Shultz and Piper Wall participated via teleconference.

Previous meeting's minutes: Approved minutes of meeting on March 20, 2012.

Treasurer's Report: Julie reported modest membership activity and minor administrative expenses. Lyle mentioned that annual web hosting fees will be due soon.

Paddling Instruction Update: Piper will be instructing a father/daughter team on moving water on Saturday, April 21. The best water available for instruction is at Charles City. Make-up instruction sessions for others will occur during the summer. The joint IWC and ISU Canoe/Kayak club trip to Wisconsin (May 5-6) has a good group signed up.

Dam Safety Update: Lyle shared information recently received about a new Iowa DNR proposal to improve the portage at Hannum's Mill Dam (a.k.a. US Filter, et al) near Ames. Lyle reported offering IWC support to Rick Dietz for Skunk River Paddlers efforts related to the project. Public meetings were scheduled at Story County Conservation for April 17 and April 19. Piper said she would attend the April 17 public meeting and report proceedings back to the board. Lyle will be a paddler spokesman on April 21 at the Dam Solutions forum sponsored by Iowa Rivers Revival.

Other Business

- John reported on his continuing involvement with promoters of the Charles City Challenge and Whitewater Festival scheduled for June 15-17, 2012. John appreciated support received for event descriptions and will provide feedback to organizers. He indicated that contingency plans are being considered since water levels in the river are heading to unprecedented lows.
- Piper provided a short progress update on preparations for the Iowa Games Slalom Event at Charles City to be held June 23rd.
- Peter talked about renewed local interest in Cedar Falls and Waterloo to improve river recreation opportunities for the entire community at Clay Hole in Cedar Falls. Lyle reminded the board that IWC still holds \$1,250 donated or pledged for improvements at this location.
- Piper reported that engineering students at Iowa State have a prototype river gauge. They are looking for a location and assistance to conduct testing. Peter recommended having them contact Nate or John in the IDNR Rivers Programs group. A gauge like this would be helpful at remote locations such as Briggs Woods.
- The board approved a measure to provide \$500 from the Clean Rivers Team Fund for sponsorship of Iowa Project AWARE 2012.

Next regularly scheduled meeting: Tuesday, May 15, 2012, 5:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lyle Danielson.