

Iowa Whitewater Coalition Board Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2012, convened at 5:36 pm

NAI Ruhl & Ruhl, West Des Moines

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

Previous meeting's minutes: Approved minutes of meeting on May 15, 2012.

Treasurer's Report: Julie reported negligible activity since May. IWC received income for helping to turn out safety boaters at nearby triathlons and lake swimming competitive events.

Dam Safety Update: Lyle recently shared lunch with Nate Hoogeveen. The DNR is making real progress towards converting the Klondike Mill Dam in NW Iowa to an arched rock rapids. The City of Boone is looking forward to getting its dam-to-arched-rock-rapids conversion started this winter. Fort Dodge continues to look at big dam removal options. Any Delhi impoundment dam reconstruction will still need to address greater public access, fish passage and dam portage features. Lyle communicated with IWC member Leo Salat who recently paddled through the former Lake Delhi. Leo was deeply disappointed and concerned about paddling on "a creek" through a valley of weeds growing on 2-to-10-foot silt banks that spread back to the former impoundment's shore lines.

Discussion

- Lyle shared from his recent, rewarding volunteer experience with the River Rascals program conducted by Iowa Rivers Revival during August. Nine young people from Children and Family Urban Ministries were paired with adult paddling mentors for the river cleanup chapter of this year's River Rascal program. The kids were enthusiastic in helping to remove significant amounts of trash and 25 tires from the Des Moines River between Pleasant Hill Access and Yellow Banks County Park.
- Julie reported that River Run Garbage Grab has been working through organizational challenges during 2012. The group continues to pursue grant opportunities for cleanup expenses for this year and 2013. The IWC board pledged to assist this process going forward.
- Agenda for 2012-2013. Piper will offer in-pool paddling instruction similar to previous years. Piper plans to place instructional video content on Vimeo.com to which Lyle can link from the IWC website. Lyle will strive to update the IWC 2013 events calendar webpage. The Board directed Julie to renew affiliation with Iowa Environmental Coalition.

Next regularly scheduled meeting: Tuesday, October 16, 2012, 5:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 6:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lyle Danielson.