

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

October 16, 2012, convened at 5:46 pm

DuPont Pioneer, Johnston

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

**Previous meeting's minutes:** Approved minutes of meeting on September 18, 2012.

**Treasurer's Report:** Julie was unable to attend due a scheduling conflict. Lyle presented her report. No revenue since the previous report. Julie renewed IWC affiliation with Iowa Environmental Council. R2G2 is working to submit a final report to get grant monies to cover the last expenses for 2012.

**Dam Safety Update:** Tom Gifford of Elkader emailed Lyle asking for a letter of support for Elkader's grant application to the DNR low-head dams program. The project is intended to convert the smaller beauty dam into a whitewater feature as part of a wider riverfront improvement initiative. Lyle will forward a copy of the letter to the board. Piper proposed that IWC could also help support the project financially. Piper moved to pledge \$1,000 to the project contingent on completion of construction for the feature. Peter seconded. Motion passed.

### **Discussion**

- Lyle initiated discussion on a letter from DNR Director Chuck Gipp informing Delhi Dam reconstruction interests that their plans for the project were inadequate. Prior to this board meeting Peter and Lyle spoke about Des Moines Register reporting on the letter and decided it was important to express our support for Gipp's action to protect the State's interests there. Lyle wrote a letter of support to Gipp and cc'ed the Governor and leaders in the legislature.
- Peter talked about some of his community outreach experiences where the people he was talking with did not know about IWC. He suggested that a tag line on the website and letterhead would help the public to better understand who we are and to remember us longer. The board will work on ideas during the month and discuss potential taglines at the next meeting.
- Piper will work with CanoeSport Outfitters to arrange a place and time for the 2013 IWC annual meeting.

**Next regularly scheduled meeting:** Tuesday, November 20, 2012, 5:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 6:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lyle Danielson.