

Iowa Whitewater Coalition Board Meeting Minutes

August 26, 2014, convened at 5:46 pm
NAI Optimum, West Des Moines

Members present: Lyle Danielson, Julie Mankle, Ann Cannon and Dave Hillman participated via teleconference.

Previous meeting's minutes: Minutes for previous meeting in May were not available.

Treasurer's Report: Julie presented a report. Statements approved. Board approved renewing affiliation with American Whitewater and Iowa Environmental Coalition. Board also approved sponsorship contribution for Iowa Trails Summit.

Paddling Instruction Update: No update.

Dam Safety Update:

- Lyle reported paddling over the rock arch rapids mitigated dam at Boone Water Works. The feature is currently behaving like an easy riffle. After reporting that dam warning and portage now signs still existed creating confusion, Nate Hoogeveen notified Boone officials who responded that the problems would be quickly corrected.
- Dave reported that the dam at North Washington is supposed to be removed. A rock arch rapids dam mitigation project has been completed at Goldfield on the Boone River.
- The community of Coggon is evaluating options for the dam there on Buffalo Creek.

Environment Stewardship Update:

- Lyle participated in three river cleanup events during the summer including River Run Garbage Grab (R2G2).
- Julie reported that the 2014 R2G2 committee has not needed much assistance from her so far.

Discussion of potential goals for 2014-2015:

- Promote projects for Ames (dam mitigation) and Sioux Falls (potential whitewater park).
- Promote utilization of IWC-built low head dam models that exist around the state.
- Work to update IWC and Iowa Low Head Dam websites. (Dave and Lyle working collaboratively.)

Next regularly scheduled meeting: Tuesday, September 16, 2014, 5:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 6:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lyle Danielson.