

May 17, 2006 Board Meeting Minutes
Iowa Whitewater Coalition
DMACC Bldg 6, Ankeny, IA

Present: Lyle Danielson, Nate Hoogeveen, Julie Mankel, John Wenck, Max Wellhouse, Bruce Hinrich, Scott Bandstra

Meeting began as 7:15 p.m. and adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

I. Treasurer's Report

IWC Budget is currently at \$32,654.41.

II. Des Moines River Dams

A majority of the IWC board meeting was spent on how to specifically modify the dams on the Des Moines River. Proposals included modifying the Scott Street Dam to have a step gradation with a 40 foot chute and an Obermeyer switch. There was discussion regarding removing and/or modifying the Center Street Dam for a whitewater course (most expensive) with discussions on whether to eliminate the Scott Street dam. The Board agreed that additional information was required for the engineering company, McLaughlin and Rincon. The Board authorized John Wenck write to the whitewater course designer to present itself with comprehensive whitewater course plans and alternative plans for a public meeting in Des Moines to include all groups interested in the low head dams to promote public response to the engineering firm's proposals.

III. Fundraising

Vice President John Wenck provided a budget proposal regarding time specifically focusing on outreach to different parts of the state and designing and producing brochures regarding IWC. The group voted and approved John Wenck's proposal, but narrowed the number of events and the additional funds be allocated for John to write grants for IWC.

IV. Whitewater Trips and Safety

The Board approved requirement that all participants in any IWC function be required to sign a hold harmless agreement prior to the event. The Board also approved that all paddlers participating in an IWC sponsored even be required to wear helmets and PFD's. The Board agreed to purchase a whitewater helmet.

Due to length of the meeting, the Board tabled discussions regarding the DMWW dam near I-35 and the Commerce Ledges modification. However, a few days after the IWC Board meeting, John Wenck presented an e-mail to the board evidencing the proposed modifications to Commerce Ledges.

V. The next IWC Board meeting is set for June 14, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. at Raccoon River Park and after IWC meeting, paddlers will adjourn to Commerce Ledges.

