

Iowa Whitewater Coalition Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, Dec. 14, 2006

Office of Michael Sharp

Voting board member attendees: John Wenck, Lyle Danielson, Julie Mankel, Nate Hoogeveen, Peter Komendowski (speaker phone-in)

Non-board attendees: Luke Wright, Don Propst, Michael Sharp

- I. Treasurer's report: 2 donations have been received, including a \$180 anonymous donation and a \$100 contribution from Central Iowa Paddlers.

A laptop has been purchased, and Mike Sharp will soon be setting up IWC accounts in Quickbooks on it. He will then file IRS form 990s for the organization. A form 990 is like a 1040, except for a non-profit. The group may want to put this on the Web site, as numerous folks end up asking for it. Also, Julie will begin keep membership renewals in Quickbooks, which will be simple to record as checks come in.

Lyle suggested expense report forms should be submitted for all reimbursements so the group could better track what program funds are spent on. Mike advised this would be a good idea.

Lyle said the Iowa Rivers Revival fund is showing a positive balance of \$1,400.

- II. Grant reports: Lyle ran through the work he and others have done in grant reporting. Keep Iowa Beautiful and CLEAR grants should both be complete at this point. Prairie Meadows grant won't be considered "closed" until final expenditures (~\$5,000) are complete.

A discussion ensued about what the remaining Prairie Meadows funds should be expended on. Three items were discussed:

- 1) A dam study for modifications at Boone Waterworks by Luther Aadland, most likely partnering with the Boone Waterworks on funds.
- 2) A combination of portage projects, for which the primary cost ends up being riprap to protect the work, including Fraser and Fort Dodge dams.
- 3) A symposium event in March about information and options for dam owners, DNR fisheries, community leaders, donors, conservation organizations, and friendly legislators (i.e. Mary Lundby, Donovan Olson, etc.)

Nate mentioned DNR is currently working on a list of dam owners, and that DNR could partner with IWC on the event if that's where the board wanted to head.

John motioned to spend remaining Prairie Meadows money on a low-head dam symposium. Peter asked to have a critical mass of attendees committed first. Nate

said DNR could assist with checking. The motion was modified to:

“IWC will use remaining Prairie Meadows funds to conduct a dam symposium in March, after DNR checks to see if enough attendees would be interested.”

Vote: “Ayes” have it, unanimous.

- III. NPS Challenge grant via Dave Thomson. After a brief discussion, Lyle made the following motion:

“IWC suggest to Dave Thomson that two projects be recommended for NPS Challenge grants, prioritized first for the Commerce Ledges, the second for Fraser.”

Vote: “Ayes” have it, unanimous.

- IV. Project AWARE funding: Luke Wright and Don Propst presented on Project AWARE, and talked about how the event requires outside funds. He wondered if IWC would be interested in working with a Chamber of Commerce and other groups (i.e., Tyson donated meat, etc) in hosting a fundraiser in communities such as Jefferson, Perry, and Adel, as the route will be on the Raccoon River this year. IWC would likely organize, collect fees, etc.

Board discussed time commitments to other events this spring. John said he’d be willing to be involved in a fundraising committee. Lyle suggested that IWC could show good faith with a contribution, but board members agreed that getting involved in a new fundraiser or event was a larger commitment than the group could handle right now. Motion:

“Iowa Whitewater Coalition will donate \$250 directly to Project AWARE from the Clean Rivers Team program budget, and John Wenck can act as an IWC representative to a fundraising committee that may develop.”

Vote: “Ayes” have it, unanimous.

- V. Iowa Rivers Revival event is March 2-3 coming up again this year. Nate said the planning team was thankful for IWC hosting it last year, and that the financial host will be through INHF this year. However, it may still be good for IWC to seek some kind of recognition. Julie offered to volunteer again. A financial sponsorship can be explored in the future (last year’s cash contribution was \$250).
- VI. Lyle ran through the present version of the PowerPoint for the February fundraiser.
- VII. Next meeting will be held at the basement conference room in the office of Michael Sharp in Ankeny at 6 p.m., Jan. 4, 2007.

Minutes submitted by Nate Hoogeveen.