

Iowa Whitewater Coalition
Meeting minutes
June 19, 2008

Attending: Nate Hoogeveen, Ann Cannon, Julie Mankel, Lyle Danielson, Debbie Neustadt, Scott Bandstra, Dave Kraemer

OLD BUSINESS

Commerce Ledges paths and takeouts are likely to be significantly affected by recent floods. IWC is willing to pick up trash and to replace wood chips.

MINUTES

Minutes from May were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Julie reported that fees for instruction were paid to Piper Wall. IWC received some income from the River Run Garbage Grab. Last month the IWC Form 990 was submitted to the IRS.

DAM MODEL UPDATE

All new models are about to be distributed. Lyle added a deflector to the downstream end to eliminate aeration adversely affecting the pump. Nate supplied additional information to be included in the packets to be delivered with each unit. The board voted to spend an additional \$30 to \$40 on each unit for a GFIC switch to be added to each to improve safety.

Yet to do is to finish the packet of instructions and information, draft a release, purchase the grounding switches and distribute. Scott will draft a release form.

The board decided to continue to consider the dam models to be the property of IWC, on loan to various groups or presenters, rather than to give the models to the groups outright.

VOLUNTEERS FOR EVENTS

Paddlefest in Adel on July 12. All IWC members are unavailable, but the DNR may be able to have its own dam model on display.

Pelican Fest at Jester Park on Sept. 7. Julie and Debbie volunteer. Ann may be available. Lyle will let Pelican Fest know that a representative will be there with the model.

Big Creek Triathlon, July 27. Julie is looking for more help in safety boating. A request will be sent out via email.

CLEAN RIVERS TEAM

The board discussed a desire to use the boat purchased for the Clean Rivers Team to help out with the River Run Garbage Grab. Lyle will ask Don Propst to allow IWC to use the boat.

FUTURE EFFORTS

The DNR grant needs to be finished.

The board discussed a need for strategic planning. A facilitated retreat, patterned after a similar retreat enjoyed by Iowa Rivers Revival, is planned. Oct. 4, 11 or 25 are potential dates. Pat Boddy was suggested as a facilitator. Nate will contact.

Nate reported that the River Protection and Restoration Committee of IRR is considering two projects which could be of interest to IWC. One is to remove four dams on the Wapsipinicon River in Buchanan County. The other is to re-meander a section of the Skunk River in Chichaqua Bottoms. The latter project provides an opportunity to partner with several other groups including IRR, the Skunk River Paddlers, the DNR and IWC.

OTHER

Scott asks each board member to suggest a couple of names of potential members to help build membership.

Nate discussed a river enhancement project on Duck Creek, pursued by the Saukenuk Paddlers.

NEXT MEETING

Set for July 17 at Tribune offices, 317 Fifth St., in Ames