

Iowa Whitewater Coalition
Nov. 21, 2008
Caribou Coffee
Des Moines

Members present: Lyle Danielson, Debbie Neustadt, Piper Wall, Greg Beisker, Dave Kraemer, Ann Cannon, Peter Komendowski. Guest: K.J. Rebarcek.

Welcome Piper and Greg. Dave announces this will be his last board meeting, but would like to stay in communication with the board. Ann will be moving to Sioux City but may stay in contact also through remote tech.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER MINUTES

Board discussed follow up on Jump Start Iowa, possible letters from Peter to dam owners, mayors, local media and lawmakers to keep pressure on legislature. Peter will work with Greg, Ann, Julie, Debbie to finalize the letter he has drafted. Board made some suggestions for word changes and the sub group will send it out.

Greg is helping with the DNR low head dam inventory, over 300 identified so far. Many are rock dams or deteriorated, but Greg is checking for rebar, sharp concrete, foot entrapment potential. Approximately 75 to 100 are legitimate low-heads. Greg will work with Peter to get addresses of low head dam owners.

FUNDING REQUEST

IWC received a request from Nate Hoogeveen of the DNR to use an estimated \$2,300 from IWC's DNR grant to pay for 20,000 copies of new drowning machine brochure. Distribution of the brochure will be by IWC and by the DNR through county recorders offices and other outlets. Suggestion made that we distribute through boat dealerships, Sheels, Jax, CanoeSport, Crawdaddy, and outfitters, etc.

Piper moves that we print these. Peter adds that we should ask DNR where they will be distributing. We may consider supplementing that distribution. Passed unanimously.

POINTS OF INFORMATION

Lawsuit against Seven Oaks by the family of Megan Pavelik has been dismissed. Paveliks receive no money from Seven Oaks. Previously, the city of Boone settled with Paveliks. Board believes the city's settlement includes dam modification or removal.

Lyle received a letter from Sen Larry Noble, Polk City, congratulating him for being nominated an outstanding individual volunteer by the DNR for low head dam information, modifying the dam models. Board suggests using Noble as a resource going forward.

Lyle shared a photo of the Governor's Volunteer Award for IWC for its support of the River Run Garbage Grab.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The \$2,300 just approved for brochures will spend down the DNR grant close to zero. Several other discrepancies in the report will be ironed out by Julie and Lyle. A letter from the IRS indicates we are now a public charity, allowing us to keep our 501(c)3 status.

RETRET REVIEW

Consensus was that it was a good meeting. Reflected the dual nature of the board with a larger group of stakeholders. Redefined our mission. Board suggest structuring all board meeting agendas with both river safety/physical improvements and skill building/events components to ensure that all interests are covered.

ANNUAL MEETING

Board expressed concern over economics. Adam Brooks suggested as speaker. Board favors using the same Thai restaurant as in past years, hold on a week night. Peter will contact Adam for speaking. Lyle will contact John Wenck to set up restaurant. Possible date: Feb. 19, 2010.

Board discussed tickets and ticket price. Regular dues are \$20/family. Food costs are likely to be up. Discussion of whether to count attendees as members. Peter suggests still offering added membership, but counting those attendees in our mailing lists, etc.

Piper suggests offering a student membership of \$10. Moved, seconded, passed.

INSTRUCTION

All dates proposed by Piper for instruction are OK at this point.

Piper updates group on her instructional video, hoping for sponsorship by Werner. IWC is credited at end of video. Peter suggests checking with the makers of Clif bars for additional sponsorship.

TECHNOLOGY

Lyle has purchased a web cam to hook up to the IWC laptop for potential remote meetings. We could conceivably connect to the wifi connection at Caribou. Peter suggests working toward a quarterly meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS

Board discussed relationship building with the Izaak Walton League for next year's River Run Garbage Grab. Some hard feelings ensued from this year's effort. Peter urged making sure credit is given all around. Some effort toward healing wounds will be warranted.

Next meeting set for Jan. 16. 6:30 p.m. Caribou Coffee.