

## **Iowa Whitewater Coalition Board Meeting Minutes**

September 20, 2011, convened at 5:45 pm

NAI Ruhl & Ruhl, West Des Moines

**Members present:** Lyle Danielson, Julie Mankel. Peter Komendowski, John Shultz and Piper Wall participated via teleconference.

**Welcome** to newest board member, John Shultz of Greene, currently residing in Waterloo.

**Previous meeting's minutes:** Approved minutes of meeting on June 21, 2011.

**Treasurer's Report:** Most financial activity during the summer was related to the River Run Garbage Grab cleanup event held on August 20th. John Shultz contributed \$500 and is recognized as a lifetime member of IWC.

**Paddling Instruction:** Piper reported that she intends to hold paddling instruction sessions in 2012 similar to those of 2011. She will be adding a stand up paddling (SUP) clinic. Lyle will update website when dates are set.

**Dam Safety Update:** Peter reported that momentum for collaboration on Fort Dodge and Palisades projects with American Rivers has waned. He is now visiting with a representative of the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation to hold a town hall at the June 2012 Trails Summit in Cedar Falls. The main theme would be healthy trails to include discussion of water quality issues.

### **Other Business**

- A funding pledge request for the Des Moines River Trail was distributed among the paddling community. The forwarded message did not contain the attachment, so Lyle will seek more information. (This project is for a bike trail along the river that will connect other existing trails.)
- Ann Cannon was not present to share information a dam model request for a Nebraska agency. IWC no longer has a spare model. During the last year dams models built by IWC have been on display by Skunk River Paddlers and at the Hartman Reserve. No information was available for the model in custody of Jones County Conservation.
- Began discussion of the 2012 annual meeting. Piper will contact Canoesport Outfitters to host the venue. Possible presentations include video of 2011 outings and a celebration of the new river park at Charles City.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, October 18, 2011, 5:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lyle Danielson.