

Iowa Whitewater Coalition Board Meeting Minutes

December 16, 2014, convened at 5:39 pm
NAI Optimum, West Des Moines

Members present: Lyle Danielson, Julie Kunkle, Ann Conklin, Dave Hillman, Peter Komendowski and Piper Wall participated via teleconference.

Previous meeting's minutes: Approved minutes for meeting on September 16th.

Treasurer's Report: Julie reported minimal activity. Corrected financial statements will be distributed by email.

Paddling Instruction Update: Nothing new to report.

Dam Safety Update:

- Revisited discussion of dam mitigation project at Indianapolis, Indiana. Lyle to research and report back to the board via email.
- The Ames Parks & Rec Board recently met to consider funding for the River Valley Park dam conversion in a capital improvements budgeting workshop. Their contribution to the project would go towards recreational amenities including a whitewater feature and improved river access. Lyle reported sending an email to Parks & Rec reinforcing IWC support for the conversion project and renewing its \$1000 pledge towards the project.
- Dave Hillman reported that the dam at North Washington has been removed and that the dam at Coggon will be lowered in stages to minimize the impact of stored sedimentation moving downstream. The City of Fort Dodge is to begin work on a river plan.

Environment Stewardship Update: Nothing new to report.

Other Discussion:

- Lyle has gained additional web design experience and announced that he would like to update the entire IWC website to make access friendly for all device browsers from smart phones to tablets to wide screen desktop. Lyle requested input from board members to help decide what current content needs to be migrated to the new look website. Prototype web page links to be distributed by email for review.
- Discussion on plans for IWC Annual Meeting on February 7th at CSO Expo.
- Pool paddling of demo boats at CSO Expo, pool sessions in Cedar Falls during January and in Sioux Falls, SD in March. New Iowa Games winter event Indoor Paddling to be held on February 21, 2015 at Charles City.
- Iowa Trails Summit to be held June 12-13, 2015 in Cedar Falls.

Next regularly scheduled meeting: Tuesday, January 20, 2015, 5:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 6:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lyle Danielson.