

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

November 24, 2015, convened at 5:37 pm  
NAI Optimum, West Des Moines

**Members present:** Lyle Danielson, Dave Hillman, Piper Wall, Ann Conklon, Dylan Verhoef , Peter Komendowski , (participated via teleconference or in person).

**Previous meeting's minutes:** Approved previous meeting minutes

**Treasurer's Report:** Dylan reported several Treasurer items. All finances are in good shape. Financial statements will be distributed by email. Dylan and Hillman working to get the financial approval signature sign off completed in January 2016.

**Paddling Instruction Update:** The following items were discussed:

- Cedar Rapids will be having pool session Nov-March at the Bender Pool. March 20<sup>th</sup> appears to be a "Kayaking 101" day event
- Piper will be working with the Iowa Games folks to get the Winter Games Canoe/Kayak competition date set – possibly either Feb 22 or 27 in Charles City
- CanoeSport Outfitters will be having the Canoe Expo February 6-7

### **Dam Safety Update:**

- Lyle shared brief updates on dam mitigation projects completed:
  - Photos obtained for Cascade. Images display in lightboxes for tablets and lap/desk tops -- not for mobile
  - Cascade Dam <http://iowawhitewater.org/lhd/LHDcascade.html>
  - Mon-Maq Dam <http://iowawhitewater.org/lhd/LHDmonmaq.html>
  - Lakehurst Dam <http://iowawhitewater.org/lhd/LHDmaquoketa.html>
  - Major updates for Charles City and Manchester
  - Added video lightboxes for YouTube and Vimeo video of the parks (hidden for mobile view port sizes)
  - Charles City Whitewater Park <http://iowawhitewater.org/lhd/LHDchascity2.html>
  - Elkader Whitewater Park <http://iowawhitewater.org/lhd/LHDelkader2.html>
  - Manchester Whitewater Park <http://iowawhitewater.org/lhd/LHDmanchester1.html>
  - Homepage updated - links to whitewater parks go to mitigated lowhead dam pages first
- Waterloo was awarded a grant to study dam mitigation feasibility included whitewater feature(s). Piper and Hillman submitted Letters of Support for the effort. River topography surveillance was conducted in December.
- IWC (Hillman) working with the Hamilton County Conservation Board to secure paddling access for Briggs Woods Outflow. Hillman to discuss topic with DNR for their input.
- Lyle to check on status of IRR Dam Safety Handout

### **Environment Stewardship Update:**

- No items of discussion

### **Other Discussion:**

- Initial discussions on Agenda for IWC Annual Meeting at the Canoe Expo in Feb. Tentative agenda so far:
  - DNR Update on Low Head Dam Mitigation (Hillman/Nate)
  - Trails Summit (Peter)

**Next regularly scheduled meeting:** Tuesday, January 19, 2016, 5:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Dave Hillman