

Iowa Whitewater Coalition Board Meeting Minutes

October 20th, 2023 convened at 6:07 PM

Members present: Dave Hillman, Piper Wall, Brad Lunning, Glenn Harman, Lyle Danielson , Scott Thurston, Peter Komendowski (participation via teleconference)

Previous meeting's minutes: April meeting minutes approved before summer break, no new minutes to approve

Treasurer's Report:

- Lyle provided a treasury report, no objections to report and was approved
- The IWC bank account is now with a new bank due to a banking buyout
- Lyle announced his retirement as IWC treasurer.
- Glenn volunteered to take up the treasurer position

Dam Safety Update:

- Glenn reported on:
 - Upper Iowa and Steamboat Springs projects in progress
 - Work has begun on the Des Moines at Scott street dam
 - Forrest City project in progress
- Dave reported on:
 - Ottumwa dam removal
- Group discussion:
 - Group discussed the non-dam removal situation with the Cedar Falls project. Outcome of the discussion was the IWC to conduct increased screening of project funding donations that do not focus on dam mitigation, safety or river ecology.

Paddling Instruction Update:

- The group discussed possible dates for IWC instruction topics. Group to begin putting together the IWC 2024 calendar.
- Pool sessions setup for Bender pool (Cedar Rapids) and Boyer Pool (Cedar Falls). Big thanks to Chuck Unga and Dave Nobis for pool coordination.

Environment Stewardship Update:

- No updates

IWC Website Update:

- Group discussion of new website content - an "Iowa Playparks and Nature Features" tab. Scott sent out a draft template for board members to review and provide input.
- Initial discussions on IWC calendar. Scott has pool information already in hand.

Other Discussion:

- Glenn updated the group on the National SWR event he attended
- Group discussed January IWC Annual meeting as part of Crawdaddy's Paddlefest

Action Items:

- IWC Board to begin recruiting Vice President and Secretary positions
- Group to review draft template for new webpage content
- Group to begin working on IWC Calendar events
- Hillman/Glenn/Scott/Lyle to work on Treasurer position transition

Next regularly scheduled meeting: November 20th, 6PM, teleconference

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Dave Hillman