

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

March 15, 2011, convened at 5:38 pm

NAI Ruhl & Ruhl, West Des Moines

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

Just prior to the meeting Debbie Neustadt submitted her resignation from the board via email. The board acknowledged and expressed its appreciation for her contributions.

**Previous meeting's minutes:** Approved minutes of meeting on January 18, 2011.

**Treasurer's Report:** Julie reported that recent activity was related to membership renewals and paddling instruction registrations. The board reviewed and approved 2010 end of year financial statements. Julie reported that Michael Sharp CPA electronically filed our IRS Form 990-N for 2010. Lyle will publish the receipt and financial statements on the IWC website.

**CSO PaddleSport Expo Presentations and IWC Annual Meeting:** Piper and Lyle shared their favorable experiences to their well-attended presentations given at the CanoeSport Outfitters Expo on February 12, 2011. Piper led a lively annual meeting discussion regarding boat registration. Opinions continued to vary and no new ideas emerged. Nate Hoogeveen updated the board and other guests regarding the newly released the Iowa DNR 2010 Plan for Dam Mitigation.

**Low Head Dams Strategic Focus:** Peter led discussion regarding realignment of strategic planning in concert with priorities put forth in the Iowa DNR 2010 Plan for Dam Mitigation. IWC will seek to encourage and assist local efforts to improve low head dam safety efforts in Fort Dodge and at Palisades State Park. Project success will hinge on forging partnerships with citizens within those focus areas.

### **Miscellaneous Business**

- Peter announced that the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Iowa Trails Summit will be held June 16-18, 2011, in Cedar Falls. Nate Hoogeveen will have a water trails presentation. A display table will be available for dissemination of information about IWC programs and initiatives. The board approved a motion to provide \$250 sponsorship support for the conference.
- The board accepted Greg Vitale's request to acquire an undeployed IWC low head dam model for assisting dam safety awareness efforts in Ohio where Greg has retired. Greg will compensate the IWC Reconnecting the Rivers fund for the cost to build another LHD model complete with accessories and user documentation.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, April 19, 2011, 5:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 6:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lyle Danielson.