

Iowa Whitewater Coalition Board Meeting Minutes

March 26, 2013, convened at 5:38 pm
NAI Ruhl & Ruhl, West Des Moines

Members present: Lyle Danielson, Julie Mankle, Ann Cannon, Dave Hillman, John Shultz and Piper Wall participated via teleconference.

Previous meeting's minutes: Approved minutes of meeting on January 22, 2013.

Treasurer's Report: Another grant was received for River Run Garbage Grab. Just a few expenses booked since the last meeting. Reports will be distributed to board members by email.

Dam Safety Update: Lyle shared a portion of an email from Iowa Rivers Revival providing an update on reconstruction of an impoundment dam at Delhi. The Iowa DNR is "satisfied" with Lake District plans on water issues, is not requiring public access (unless the State provides funding in the future), and has waived the requirement to allow fish passage.

Paddling Instruction Update: Piper said pool sessions were good for attendees. The March 16-17 Missouri Whitewater Championship was fun, and the Iowa group did well. This year the down river event went through the slalom course. Due to rain the river rose fast on Sunday.

Discussion

- The board voted to renew IWC's affiliation with American Whitewater.
- Lyle expressed appreciation for board member attendance and participation at the Annual Meeting held in conjunction with CanoeSport Outfitters' Outdoor Expo. Attendees discussed potential IWC tag lines.
- The board approved "Promoting river safety, education, and recreation" as a tag line on the IWC website and on letterhead. Lyle will distribute an example letterhead for the group to review.
- John announced that the Charles City Challenge kayaking events will all occur on Saturday, June 1st. Meeting with city team next week. Possible tuber event on Sunday, but not at Iowa Games.
- Piper will be leading a paddling seminar on May 2nd and 9th in conjunction with Des Moines Adult Education.
- Piper will be putting out a call for safety boaters for triathlons and the Swim the Bridge event.

Next regularly scheduled meeting: Tuesday, April 16, 2013, 5:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 6:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lyle Danielson.