

Central Iowa Paddlers  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Minutes from August 14, 2007

**Next Meeting: September 25, 2007 at Ray Knight's home**

In attendance: Dick Howard, John Holzmueller, John Wenck, Ray Knight and Robin Fortney. We missed Rick Dietz, Lynn Aldridge, Bill Graham, Bob Johansen and Don Probst.

1. Notes from the May 9, 2007, board meeting were approved.
2. Old Business:
  - a. Paddle Fest: CIP members attended the Paddle Fest organized by Mike Delaney and the Raccoon River Watershed Association. About 75 people attended the event. Dick, Bill, Ray and Robin supported a CIP exhibit. We received one new membership and one renewal.
  - b. Statewide Paddling Organization: Board discussed the idea at some length, including concern about the issues of leadership and mission. John W noted that instruction and safety are important issues for new, inexperienced paddlers with recreational boats and a statewide group could provide support. Communication is important and such a group should engage boat seller, boat owners, and new boaters. Cost should remain inexpensive to attract members. The board will continue to follow developments. Nate said he didn't have time to provide care and feeding of the Paddlingiowa.com Web site and Dick suggested that the state wide group could provide oversight. Nate also noted that an association could afford to have paid staff with computer support.
  - c. 2007 River Run Garbage Grab: Robin presented a proposed budget for the August 18<sup>th</sup> River Run Garbage Grab and requested financial support of \$500. Board approved the expenditure.
  - d. July 4<sup>th</sup> Event: Robin reported that the holiday float trip and potluck picnic on the North Raccoon River were enjoyed by about 25 people. Mike Delaney hosted the picnic on his sandbar located below the Minburn access. Dick provided meat and buns and a grill. Des Moines Register photographer, Harry Baumert, photographed the event for a future newspaper article.
  - e. Treasurer: Board discussed replacing Bob Johansen as he cannot currently participate in club leadership due to health issues. Board approved Bill Graham as the new treasurer. Dick Howard will continue to serve as an at-large member. The trip coordinator/safety position is open. Ray Knight will contact Ray Harden and invite him to serve on the board.
3. New Business:
  - a. Board invited Nate Hoogeveen to address water trails issues. He addressed the following issues:

- i. Boone River Canoe School: School would provide paddling instruction and is geared toward county naturalists who lead paddling trips. Nate would lead the course. IDNR would provide certification for instructor training at reasonable rates.
- ii. IDNR Water Trail programs: Nate reviewed the various water trail programs. He requested volunteers to assist with construction of the Yellow River water trail camp sites.
- iii. Reports of River Abuse: DINR has received reports of paddlers trashing rivers, specifically the Maquoketa at MonMaq dam in Monticello. Nate will meet with area outfitters to discuss their responsibilities and suggest placing a trash bag in each rental boat.
- iv. Water Trails Advisory Committee: This group, consisting of county conservation board staff, Iowa Whitewater Coalition representative, outfitters and unaffiliated paddlers, advises the IDNR on program issues. He invited CIP to provide a representative to report back to the club. They meet the second Wednesday of the month. The group is currently discussing how to manage boats less than 13 feet in length and how to deal with river trash.

4. Board Reports:

- a. Newsletter: No report
- b. Membership: No report
- c. Web site: No report
- d. Treasurer: No report
- e. Trips: No report

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robin Fortney