

Central Iowa Paddlers
Board Meeting
6 p.m. Tuesday, December 5, 2006
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NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, January 16, 2007

In attendance: Lynn Aldridge, Rick Dietz, Robin Fortney, Bill Graham, John Holzmueller, John Pearson, Bob Johansen, Dave Kraemer, Don Probst, and John Wenck

REPORTS:

1. Meeting minutes from 10/17/06 were accepted.
2. Bob reported \$1,430 in the checking account.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Annual meeting** is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, 1/28/06, at Robin's home in Des Moines. Nominations for annual awards include: John Wenck for his efforts with Boone waterworks dam portage trail, Don Probst for his work with river cleanups, Lexis for her enthusiasm as River Spirit Dog (board suggested getting her a special tag), John Pearson for raising our awareness of riparian issues, KJ Rebarcak for co-leading the Grove to Grove River Cleanup, and Bob J for his hospitality to the Board.
2. **Anniversary:** The club will celebrate its 10th anniversary in February 2007. Celebration ideas include a summer party with a band at Jester Park, Adel City Park or Iowa Arboretum, or a river float trip with overnight on a sand bar. Get a CIP banner made. Robin will check with Jeff Holmes about getting on Expo agenda to talk about paddling clubs.
3. **Board nominations:** John P has resigned effective 12/31/06, and has 2 years remaining. Dave, John H and Bob are schedule to roll-off. Potential nominees include Dick Howard, Ray Knight, James Weeks, and Sandy Thompson.
4. **Budget:** Dave will prepare a draft 2007 budget for discussion.
5. **Armchair Paddlers Series:** Robin and Steve Parrish are planning events in January, February and March 2007. Board recommended finding a venue closer to Des Moines; the Franklin Library was suggested and board will investigate options more closely for the 2008 season. 2007 season will continue at Canoesport Outfitters. Suggestions thus far are Cedar River watershed alliance, Slate Islands, Jim Dodd and boat building, and Scott Evans and Hank Ostwald on paddling big water and long river trips.
6. **Paddling advocacy group:** Board requested that Nate Hoogeveen address this issue at the next board meeting.
7. **Recreational Trail Fund:** Dave shared a letter that he sent to the current chair requesting that fund administration be

moved to the IDNR rather than DOT.

8. **Iowa Rivers Revival:** Robin reported that the IRR has received formal organizational status with the State of Iowa. Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation is serving as the receiver of funds until 501(c)(3) status is achieved so contributions are tax exempt. The group is coordinating with the IDNR trial coordinator to develop a Web page. IRR will hold its second annual conference on 3/1-3/07 at the 4-H Camp near Luther; the first day will focus on communities and the second will focus on river issues.
9. **Iowa Whitewater Coalition:** John W announced a fund-raising dinner on 2/8/07 at the House of Thai to raise money for operating expenses. He also reported that Representative Donovan Olson from Webster County plans to draft a bill for a matching grant program for communities that want to remove or modify low head dams, build portage trails and provide dam awareness education. Nate Hoogeveen and John Wenck will provide support with drafting the bill.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Membership: No report
2. Newsletter: No report
3. Web site: Rick is exploring new Web host and email list serve opportunities.
4. Trips: Robin volunteered to investigate the IDNR's C.L.E.A.R. grant program to obtain money to support a river cleanup in central Iowa in 2007. Grant applications are due 12/31/06.
5. Advocacy: Board discussed John W's idea about developing a community education program about rivers and paddling issues. IWC and CIP will provide support in developing curriculum. Don has discussed how to deal with bait boxes and other trash from the fishing community with the Adel city administrator. He reported that Luke Wright will coordinate the 2007 Project AWARE on the Raccoon River system. He is planning fundraisers in Jefferson, Perry and Adel. IWC will provide assistance to organize the fundraisers and the CIP board agreed to provide volunteer help.