

## **1/6/2005 Central Iowa Paddlers Board Meeting**

### **Next meeting: 2/17 at 6 p.m. at Bob's place**

In attendance: Greg Vitale, Dave Kraemer, Rick Dietz, Robin Fortney, Bob Johansen, Nate Hoogeveen and Bill Graham

Thanks to Bill, Rick, Dave and Bob who brought food to share!

Treasurer's report: Greg reported that we have \$1,017.82 in our checking account.

No membership report.

Registration fees: Nate reported that Diane Ford-Shivvers had called to follow up regarding the recent meeting with Jeff Vonk and Senator Black. Her understanding of the meeting was that (a) the IDNR would hire a director after the registration fee increase rather than before and (b) the boating program would continue as a combined program for motorized and paddling boats, though she indicated that Jeff Vonk supports the need for a separate paddling program at some point. The board suggested that Nate contact Senator Black to determine his understanding of issues discussed at the meeting since no notes were taken. The board supports the agency's plan to request a fee increase. The new \$4/year fee would generate \$115,000 after the county fees were subtracted. Diane noted that it would cost \$50,000 to fund a paddling program manager position and the agency expects to seek grant monies to fund the position. Nate believes the club has had a positive impact on the process. The board suggested he ask Mark Edwards, IDNR trails coordinator and paddler liaison, if the proposed paddler advisory committee has any precedent.

Paddlesport Expo: Nate passed around a volunteer sign-up sheet. Robin took it so she could pass it around at the Armchair Paddlers Series this weekend and at the season planning meeting so we can get more folks to sign up to attend the club table. Robin will coordinate the campstove cook-off planned for the Expo; Nate suggested she talk to Casey Gillum about set-up and timing. Dave will coordinate the film fest.

Season planning meeting: Robin will host the meeting on 1/30 at her house. Greg and Dave are scheduled to emcee. She'll provide chili and ask others to bring side dishes. She will coordinate with Lynn to get labels made and send out an invitations. Board discussed handing out awards to paddlers who have made a significant contribution to the cause:

- John Holtzmueller: support for mailing CIP news
- Lyle Danielson: video and web support
- Dick Howard: showing up and modeling for us what fun retirement can be
- Gerry Rowland: championing water trails
- Jim Dodd: support for Fall Color Cruise and Canoe Builder Show and calendar sales

Kudos to CIP board members who are role models for the working board. Thanks to all for your on-going contributions to the club and to paddlesports in Iowa!

Respectfully,  
Robin Fortney