

**Central Iowa Paddlers  
Board Meeting – January 15, 2008**

**Next meeting: February 26, 2008, at Ray Knight's home at 697 48<sup>th</sup> Street, Des Moines**

Attending were Ray Knight, John Holzmueller, Lynn Aldridge, Rick Dietz, Robin Fortney, Dick Howard and Bill Graham. John Wenck was missed.

Board thanked Lynn for hosting the meeting at the University of Iowa Hygienic Laboratory in Ankeny.

Board reviewed and approved minutes from meetings on September 25 and November 4, 2007.

Treasurer's Report: Bill reported that there is \$1,226.27 in the checking account.

**Old Business:**

1. Season Planning Party: Robin will host the potluck event on Sunday, January 27, 2007. She will send an email invitation to Lynn for distribution and mail a hard copy invitation to members as well. Ray offered to assist with the mailing. Board discussed the agenda for a short business meeting to held prior to the season planning activities. Committee chairs will provide a short summary of 2007 activities. Members will be invited to share a club-related highlight from 2007. Board considered annual awards, but did not establish any. Ray will serve as emcee and agreed to send a draft agenda to board members prior to the event.
2. Paddlesport Exposition: Board agreed to have a presence at the Expo scheduled for February 8-10, 2008. As usual, volunteers will be solicited during the season planning party. Dick agreed to set up the exhibit table. Robin will bring the club sign, an easel and extra cash for making change, as well as copies of the season schedule; Lynn will provide membership forms; and Dick will assemble a new member packet. Board agreed to make Skunk River Paddlers calendars available for sale if there are extras.
3. Photo Essay Exhibit: Robin reported that she has received photos from several club members and is working on the essays. The exhibit is scheduled to be shown at Plymouth Congregational Church in April-May 2008 and could be made available for showing at other public venues in central Iowa.

**New Business:**

1. New member packet: Dick suggested we assemble a packet of information to give to new members. He had researched an idea for a bumper sticker [aka stern sticker] that cost approximately \$98 for 250 stickers. Board approved the expenditure as well as the concept. Ray will draft a welcome letter. The initial packet will contain the welcome letter, bumper sticker, IDNR paddling and dam safety brochures and club bookmark.

2. Support: Board approved a contribution of \$250 to support the 2008 Iowa Rivers Revival conference. The board will develop the 2008 budget at the next meeting. Board is interested in supporting Project AWARE and the River Run Garbage Grab.
3. Armchair Paddlers Series: Steve Parrish and Rick Dietz have arranged speakers for the winter series, Pat Schlarbaum and Susan Heathcote. A free will offering will be accepted to support the state's osprey restoration effort.
4. New board members: Rick and Robin are scheduled to rotate off the board, and Bob Johansen's position remains open. Members will contact potential board members to gauge interest in these board positions.

Committee Reports:

1. Membership: Lynn reported that there are approximately 120 members presently. She will encourage membership renewal at the season planning party.
2. Newsletter: Four newsletters are published each year, in March, May, July and September. The current membership list is sent with the March issue.
3. Web site: No report
4. Trips/Events: Robin suggested that the club increase the level of communication provided to members. Ray agreed to send a weekly email update to Lynn to distribute to members during the paddling season.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robin Fortney