

NEXT MEETING: September 8, 2005 in Ankeny at Bob's place

Central Iowa Paddlers Board Meeting – July 18, 2005

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

Minutes from June 13, 2005: Approved as read

Old Business:

Membership - Board reviewed the process for managing mail. Bob agreed to pick up mail, record new members and deliver mail to Lynn.

- Board organization - Dave provided a compilation of board member responsibilities and practices to document club organization.

New Business:

Liability - Board discussed liability issues. Ideas included providing trip leaders with trip leadership guidance, having participants sign a liability waiver when they submit a membership form, providing a leadership training session as an Armchair Paddlers program, practicing tossing throw ropes during the fall picnic. Bill will purchase a couple of basic first aid kits and throw ropes for the Ames and Des Moines groups. Robin will lead a beginner paddler trip later this summer. Nate will talk to Mike Smith about ways to limit club liability.

- Newsletter – Ghost editor Steve Parrish requested trip reports and other material for the summer newsletter.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer - Greg reported \$1,496.39 in the club's checking account

- Membership - Lynn reported there are 131 members
- Newsletter - No report
- Web site - Rick requested material for the web site
- Trip Coordinator - Bill agreed to update and distribute the event notice every two weeks
- Advocacy – Nate addressed the North Raccoon Watershed Coalition in April. The group is leading Operation Massive Assessment, which is a water quality initiative on the North Raccoon River. Gerry Rowland is providing the program in July. On July 14, Nate and Greg met with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources' Water Trails Task Force. Paddlers Gerry Rowland and Mark Wise of Fort Dodge also participated. The task force seeks to secure funding for various water trails projects through a mini-grants program. A subcommittee will be appointed to score the grants.

Miscellaneous:

Dave reported that the annual Iowa Games held at Grays Lake was fun and a good paddling experience.

Submitted by Robin Fortney, Secretary