

Central Iowa Paddlers  
Meeting Minutes  
3/17/04

Members present: Robin Fortney, Greg Vitale, Lynn Aldridge, Bill Graham, Bob Johansen, Steve Parrish, Rick Dietz, Dave Kraemer

**MEMBERSHIP:** Lynn reported that we have 185 members on the list, with 81 paid for the year. Of those who have responded, 26 would like to receive paper copies of the newsletter.

Robin suggested putting a notice into the first newsletter alerting members that if they would like to remain on the list they need to send in dues. We should outline the benefits of membership, including trip notices, the newsletter, etc. Lynn and Steve will coordinate sending the membership list and newsletter.

Part of the discussion centered on whether the club should grant courtesy memberships to any organizations. Consensus was that courtesy memberships should be extended to Canoesport Outfitters, Ames Outdoor Gear, 7 Oaks recreation center, the head of the DNR and the heads of the county conservation boards in Polk, Dallas, Story and Boone counties.

Group decided that after one year of non-payment, members would be dropped from the list.

**TREASURY:** Robin reported that we have \$773.61 in the bank. She will cash any checks in hand and close out this account, in her name, this week and transfer proceeds to an account to be set up by Greg. Bill will be second signatory on the account.

Bill and Lynn will be responsible for checking the mailbox and forwarding checks or money to Greg.

Greg emphasized the importance of cashing checks in a timely manner.

**NEWSLETTER:** Target release date is April 1. Robin will coordinate labeling. Lynn will include membership list.

It was suggested that updates from Gerry Rowland on water trail development and from Nate Hoogeveen on the whitewater group and other activity be included in future editions.

**TRIP COORDINATION:** Bill volunteered to become trip coordinator, sending out weekly notices of upcoming trips on Mondays. Info will be pulled from the Web site calendar. Rick will keep calendar on Web site current.

Any board member who receives notice of a trip should post this to the Yahoo group.

Steve will solicit trip reports before each newsletter comes out to encourage participation.

WEB SITE. The paddleiowa Web site is now owned by Paul Cartwright. Rick is maintaining the site. Robin suggested that CIP offer to purchase the Web site from Paul and retain rights to the name. All agreed. Steve will call Paul to make an offer and coordinate payment with Greg or Robin, depending on who has check writing authority at the time.

GOVERNANCE: Consensus was that all on the board should have some assigned tasks. The following assignments were made by mutual consent:

Newsletter -- Steve Parrish  
Web site -- Rick Dietz  
Membership -- Lynn Aldridge  
Treasurer -- Greg Vitale  
Secretary -- Robin Fortney  
Trip coordinator -- Bill Graham  
Advocacy -- Nate Hoogeveen  
Meeting moderator -- Dave Kraemer  
Host -- Bob Johansen

Dave will draft position descriptions for these and distribute.

(Preliminary inclusions: Secretary includes meeting minutes, mailing coordination; Moderator leads board meetings, drafts agenda with input from other members, monitors other tasks; Host makes great cake.)

OTHER BUSINESS: Greg suggested the club print bookmarks with Web information to be distributed when events such as Canoecopia and the Paddle Expo in Indiaola happen. Great idea, to be taken up at a future meeting.

Many thanks to Bob for the room and the food.

Next meeting: 6 p.m. Thursday, April 22. Note time change. Watch for confirmation.

Respectfully submitted: Dave Kraemer