

Central Iowa Paddlers
Board Meeting
6 p.m. Wednesday, May 9, 2007
Des Moines

NEXT MEETING: June 27, 2007, 6 p.m., at Bill Graham's home at 3818 Carpenter in Des Moines.

In attendance were Lynn Aldridge, Robin Fortney, Bill Graham, John Holzmueller, Dick Howard and John Wenck. We missed Rick Dietz, Don Probst, Ray Knight and Bob Johansen.

REPORTS:

1. Robin provided notes from the March 28, 2007, board meeting. They were accepted as written.
2. Lynn has assumed treasurer duties while Bob is recovering. She reported \$1,580 in the checking account. She sent \$100 to Watersheds United and will send \$250 to Brian Soenen for Project AWARE. Board thanked Lynn for her efforts and asked that she request assistance if necessary.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Anniversary Celebration: Robin reported on final plans for the June 2 boat float for paddlers, rowers and power boaters. She will send Lynn an email notice to forward to club members and a notice to the Des Moines Registers's Datebook. Robin reported that planning activities for the August 18 river cleanup event continue. John is working on the event Web page at riverstewards.org.
2. Paddling Iowa Class: John W reported that the Paddling Iowa adult education class has been full, presenters excellent, and feedback positive. The board agreed to fund refreshments on the final class night, May 15. Robin will bring coffeepot and coffee and John will bring cookies and lemonade. Dick will set up the club exhibit.
3. DNR Stream Use Questionnaire: Several members had mailed in completed questionnaires and Bill offered to hand them to the DNR contact.

NEW BUSINESS:

BOARD REPORTS:

1. Membership: Bill indicated that he is willing to assume post office duty, and Lynn reluctantly gave up her post office box key to Bill. Bob has the other key. Dick asked for feed back on a membership brochure that can be handed out at public events. Lynn offered to format the calendar of events for page 2 of the membership form. Dick will make copies for upcoming events. Lynn reported approximately 15 new memberships. Since she will be on vacation for a couple of weeks, she will let members know that they can send email messages to Bill for circulation to the membership.

2. Newsletter: John H reported that a paper copy of the spring newsletter with members list and schedule of events was mailed.
3. Advocacy: Bill reported that Scott Bandstra agreed to write a letter in opposition to the proposed ML King Avenue extension. Bill will draft a letter to the federal highway administration and others for board approval the week of May 14.
4. Iowa Whitewater Coalition: John W reported that Luther Aadland of the Minnesota DNR will participate in a public meeting hosted by Iowa DNR, Humboldt County Conservation Board and IWC in Humboldt scheduled for May 31 through June 2 to discuss dam removal projects and affects on fisheries. John also shared additional information on eagle poisoning by lead shot. Robin suggested that the club could share the information via a link on the CIP Web page that alerts paddlers about what to do if eagles that appear to be harmed are observed while paddling. John also reported that Jonathan Roos of the Des Moines Register has requested paddlers to assist with a photo-op on the Skunk River on May 10 or 11. John will send an email notice to interested paddlers.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Fortney