

**CENTRAL IOWA PADDLERS**  
**Continuity Planning Meeting Minutes – 10/19/2003**  
**Lynn Aldridge's Home**

Robin called the meeting to order around 3 p.m.

- Opened with remarks regarding the history of the organization and how it has functioned the past 7 years
- Invited participants to share their name, what they liked about the club and what they would like to see continue

Comments from those in attendance:

- **Betsie Wallace, Davenport**
  - Appreciates emails of planned trips
- **Dave Kraemer, Ames**
  - Maintain the mailing list: big inclusive list of paddlers at large is database providing connections within the state and various communities
  - The size of the group gives it potential to be a “voice”
- **Jill Watrous, Des Moines**
  - Wants to keep getting information regarding floats and trips
- **Scott McCalmont, Ames**
  - Has been paddling for a few years and is interested in getting more involved with others for trips and tips
- **Nate Hoogeveen, Des Moines**
  - Appreciates bigness of group and the variety of opportunities it provides
  - Likes trips in our backyard as well as out of state
  - Likes the fact that group members are willing to take care of what they paddle and involve themselves in clean up activities
- **Sandy Thompson, Winterset**
  - Likes that trips are planned for all to attend and participate in
- **Rick Dietz, Ames**
  - Echoes what's been said already
- **Gerry Rowland, Des Moines**
  - Enjoys having friends to paddle with
  - Likes open communication within the group
  - Is advocate of water trails and connection to funding
  - Would like to see CIP get more people involved in “clean water initiative”

- **Jerry Kemperman, Boone**
  - Appreciates the group being organized by Robin and echoes many comments already voiced
  
- **Don Motz, Perry**
  - Enjoys newsletter - email not as accessible for him
  - Was introduced to group via folks at Dallas County Conservation – this speaks volumes as to how the club is respected by county
  - Enjoys Tuesday nights at Gray’s Lake
  - Keep group open to anyone interested
  
- **Lynn Aldridge, Mingo**
  - Enjoys having a trip schedule
  
- **Bob McConkey, Dallas County**
  - Likes ability to forward email to others and plan trips via email
  - Enjoys the newsletter, Robin, and the people
  
- **Steve Parrish, Des Moines**
  - Likes write up in newsletter, so much so he was exploding
  
- **Bev McConkey, Dallas County**
  - Enjoys newsletter
  
- **Greg Vitale, Ames**
  - Likes having a routine schedule (e.g., Wednesdays at Peterson Pits and Tuesdays at Grays Lake)
  - Enjoys stories in newsletter
  
- **Bill Boyce, Newton**
  - Likes the people, casual get togethers, and trips
  - Doesn’t have email

Group discussed the fact that email is available at no cost in libraries – since group communication occurs most easily via email, this option should be noted in the newsletter.

- **Leslie Boyce, Newton**
  - Likes articles in newsletter
  
- **Bob Johansen and Roberta Mahalitch, Ankeny**
  - Enjoys whole organization and appreciates people stepping forward to lead trips
  
- **John and Eileen Holtzmueller, Des Moines**
  - Enjoy the social aspect of the club

Robin then led the discussion about where we go from here to continue these activities and assure continuity. She suggested that a board be established that included leadership roles such as group chair (so there is an acknowledged point person), vice chair (to assume leadership next to provide continuity), treasurer (to deal with money if money is collected), communication coordinator, and membership person, as well as other interested persons. Someone noted that it would be good to have the various paddling groups be represented on the board.

The following persons volunteered to form a steering committee/board:

- Nate Hoogeveen
- Dave Kramer
- Steve Parrish (will coordinate newsletter)
- Rick Dietz (with Paul Cartwright will spearhead website maintenance. He'll need others to forward information to him.)

Group discussed how club could serve as an umbrella organization, maintaining a static, but up-to-date, web page. It currently costs \$70/year to have web page.

- Lynn (would like to be involved coordinating membership and keeping track of people information; willing to serve not only as hostess with the mostess, but also as secretary)
- Greg Vitale (would like to be involved with fundraising once he's back from his gallivanting to Thailand)
- Bill Graham
- Robin Fortney

**Action Item: Dave Kramer agreed to initiate the first meeting of the steering committee in November, if possible.**

There was a round of applause for Robin and all she's done.

Minutes most respectfully submitted by the humble paddler,  
Carolyn Komar