

Central Iowa Paddlers
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes from September 25, 2007

Next Meeting: November 4, 2007, at Lynn Aldridge's home

In attendance: Rick Dietz, John Wenck, Dick Howard, John Holzmueller, Ray Knight, Robin Fortney, Lynn Aldridge and Bill Graham

1. Notes from the August 14, 2007, meeting were approved with one correction. Bill Graham was in attendance.
2. Treasurers Report: There is \$1,291.00 in the checking account.
3. Old Business:
 - a. Board issues: Ray reported that Don Probst has resigned from the board due to losing interest in the club. Ray Harden may be interested but distance is a factor. Board clarified John Wenck's position as a full board member. Ray will research board tours of duty to determine who will roll off the board in 2008.
 - b. Board meetings: Lynn reported that she has received approval to host board meetings at the University Hygienic Laboratory in Ankeny.
 - c. River Run Garbage Grab: Robin and John W reported that the 2007 River Run Garbage Grab was an extremely successful event with approximately 200 participants, of which 75 were paddlers. Volunteers picked up 88 tires, more than ten tons of scrap metal, two refrigerators, two air conditioners, and 306 pounds of glass and plastic bottles, all of which were recycled. Polk County reported that 4 abandoned cars and an engine block were removed from the trail on the west side of the river. Fourteen tons of waste were landfilled. Agency support was terrific. Financial support by CIP and Iowa Whitewater Coalition was greatly appreciated. John W showed a DVD of the event that will be used in the fundraising effort for next year. The next event is scheduled for August 16, 2008.
4. New Business:
 - a. Fall Party: The fall party will be held on Sunday, November 4, 2007, at Lynn's home. The board will meet at 2 p.m. and the party will start at 3 p.m. We will celebrate the club's 10th anniversary with a cake. John will bring the paddlers library so people can check out books.
 - b. Photo Essay Exhibit: Robin reported that she will begin preparing a photo essay exhibit of river stewardship activities in Central Iowa for display in spring 2008. She is planning on twelve 11' x 14" photographs, each with a short essay, and the first venue is Plymouth Congregational Church at 42nd & Ingersoll. She will send a reminder that photographs and stories are needed.

- c. Dam Safety: John W reported on a recent meeting with Barbara Mack, lawyer and ISU journalism professor, to discuss dam safety issues. John W, Robin, and representatives from the Iowa Whitewater Coalition participated in the meeting. Barbara is considering how ISU can provide support for improving dam safety (e.g., survey, video).
- d. 2008 Calendar: Rick requested photographs and trip information for the 2008 Skunk River Paddlers calendar and the board offered the following dates:
 - i. Season planning party - January 27
 - ii. Wapsi Cabin Trip (Rick) – April 12
 - iii. Lynn’s paddle trip – April 26
 - iv. Upper Iowa River (Bill) – May 3-4
 - v. Des Moines River (John W) - June 1-7
 - vi. Project AWARE - June 15-21
 - vii. Independence Day boat float and picnic (Robin) – July 4
 - viii. R2G2 – August 16
 - ix. Robin’s Birthday Float – October 4
 - x. Fall Party – November 2
- e. Award: Mike Delaney received the grassroots leader award from the Sierra Club.
- f. Chichauqua Prairie Festival: Robin will volunteer for this event to help get paddlers into canoes at this Polk County Conservation Board event and she requested support.
- g. Nighttime Paddling: Bill and John H reported on issues related to paddling at night. Several CIP members were recently ticketed on Lake Red Rock by a DNR conservation officer for not having appropriate lighting on their kayaks. A boater must place a 360° white or amber light on his boat stern at sundown.
- h. T-shirts: Robin suggested that it would be great to make club T-shirts available and board members suggested vinyl stickers with the same design would be great to sell and make available at low cost to new members. Robin and John will draft a design using information provided below.



5. Board Reports:

- a. Newsletter: No report
- b. Membership: There are 158 paid members.
- c. Web site: No report
- d. Treasurer: No report
- e. Trips: No report

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Fortney