

Central Iowa Paddlers Board Meeting Minutes  
June 8th, 2010 6:30PM

Board members present: Bill Graham, Ned McPartland, John Holzmuehler, John Wenck, and Pam Brennan

**Treasurer's Report:**

\$1,189.50 in the bank  
\$580 yet to deposit

Total: \$1769.50

**New Board Members:**

Between board meetings, Ray Knight agreed to call Pam Brennan and ask her to become a board member. She agreed, and arrived at her first meeting tonight. Ray couldn't attend the meeting this evening because he was in the process of moving, but voted in absentia in favor of adding Pam to the CIP board.

A motion was made and seconded for Pam Brennan to become the newest board member of Central Iowa Paddlers. The board unanimously supported this motion.

John W. sent an email and left a voicemail for Diane Lowry, but never heard back. She could very well be out of town. He will continue to try to reach her about becoming a board member.

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Minutes from the previous board meeting were approved, and the current agenda was also approved.

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**Changes to "Board Organization and Club Policies" document:**

Based on current discussions and discussions at the previous board meeting, John W moved to amend *Section III* of the "Board Organization and Club Policies document" to read as follows:

- A. While the membership will vote annually on board positions, the board may fill vacated positions temporarily prior to the annual meeting.
- B. Quorum will be a majority of active board members. If fewer than a quorum can participate in a board meeting, the board meeting will be rescheduled. Major board decisions including changes to the "Board Organization and Club Policies" document requires a quorum plus one.

C. Major board decisions will be reported to the membership via the newsletter.

D. Voting by email is permitted in order to conduct business between meetings, but expenditures greater than \$50.00 requires a meeting in person.

E. Meetings will be set as necessary.

All board members present voted unanimously to amend *section III*.

In addition, the board unanimously agreed to add a new letter D under *section IV* that reads as follows:

D. A welcome letter and CIP sticker will be sent to every NEW member.

**Expenditure of \$135 to pay for Constant Contact annual fee.**

A motion was made and seconded to approve an expenditure for \$135 to pay for an annual subscription for Constant Contact, a newsletter template and email management program used to design monthly updates for our membership. The motion was unanimously supported.

**PayPal Option for membership dues.**

A motion was made and seconded to offer PayPal as a payment option for membership dues. After much discussion, the motion was unanimously supported. John W said he could probably get this accomplished by the next monthly update.

**CIP/ Iowa Cubs Paddle to the Park Event**

Much discussion ensued regarding the Paddle to the Park event scheduled for August 22nd. John W reported that he met with Melanie Doser and Mike Gartner, event organizers for the Iowa Cubs. It was agreed that the cost for food, drink, Cubs souvenir and ticket to the game was going to be \$14.00 per head. John W. said he wanted to verify that before advertising it or setting up a registration page for it.

They require that we register the participants for the event, which brings up issues of liability. Even with DNR support and help from the city we still might be a target for a law suit if something were to happen since we are the ones taking the money for the event.

Bill recommended a detailed plan be written up before we decide to go forward.

There was general discussion about liability, not just for this event but all our events. Not all board members were aware that non-CIP members were welcome on all CIP trips. On the one hand, some felt that if we go the route of registering participants, requiring waivers, and requiring people to wear life jackets we put ourselves at greater risk of a lawsuit. On the other hand, some argued we should do everything within our power to insure the safety of participants on the water, perhaps requiring registration, life jackets, and waivers. A point was made that a lawsuit could be filed no matter what we do.

John W recommended we have Nate Hoogeveen and perhaps Mike Smith visit with our board and steer us in the right direction. The board was agreeable to this.

### **Independence Day Float, Monday July 5th**

Robin was called and put on speaker phone. She has decided to do the stretch from Redfield to Pleasant Valley on the South Raccoon. If the water level is not ideal, alternatives could be the stretch of river that runs by Mike Delaney's cabin, or Walnut Woods to Water Works Park.

The plan is to meet at 11:00AM to do the shuttle and hopefully be in the water by noon. We'll park along a sandbar about midpoint and grill. Robin will bring the meat and buns. Dick Howard may or may not be on the trip, but he will loan us his grill if he's not there. We will encourage folks to bring pot luck dishes to share. Bill will take care of the rolling tables.

Minutes respectfully submitted by John Wenck.

**Next Board meeting scheduled for July 13th 6:30 PM at John W's house.**