

CENTRAL IOWA PADDLERS
Board of Directors Meeting
January 12, 2010

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 23, 2010

In attendance were: Ray Knight, Bill Graham, Dick Howard, John Holzmueller, Ned McPartland, John Wenck and Robin Fortney

Treasurer's Report:

- Bill reported \$1,626 in the checking account. He suggested a fundraiser was not critical for maintaining solvency, and will provide a written year-end report at the next meeting to assist with preparing a 2010 budget.
- Club will continue the \$10 basic membership level, with a \$15 "gold" contribution level to help support local and statewide river advocacy efforts.
- Board approved the following policy for managing requests for funds with a motion by Bill/second by Robin: *"The board will review and evaluate all requests for contributions. If the request is for \$50 or more, the board will discuss and approve/deny in a face-to-face meeting. If the request is for less than \$50, the board may discuss and approve/deny via email (or other) communication. In any case, a quorum is required to approve an expenditure that has not been previously budgeted for."*

DNR Update:

- John W reported that DNR will provide a manual to support water trail development as part of the Statewide Plan. The river program supports water trail development, stream keepers program, protected water area program and dam hazard mitigation program. Water trail maps are available for existing water trails.
- John W requested CIP support for development of the Raccoon River Water Trail in Polk County from Commerce Ledges to the confluence, specifically for signage and information kiosks. The water trail will include a new access at Walnut Woods State Park campground and a new access below Scott Street Dam. Photos and information about the river experience on this section will be needed. CIP volunteer engagement for this project was approved with a motion by John W/second by Ray. Ray offered to serve on the water trails subcommittee for Des Moines/Polk County Trails and Greenways Advisory Committee.

Newsletter:

- Board discussed newsletter enhancements, including a "what's coming up" section on the front page, president's report, budget and year-end financials as appropriate, board member list and contact information, welcome to new members, as well as Web page address, trip reports and notes from the editor. Newsletter will continue to be published on approximately March 1, May 1, July 1 and September 1. A paper copy of the newsletter and member list will continue

to be sent in March and other three issues will be sent via email (or paper copy if requested). Ray will follow up with newsletter editor Steve Parrish.

Membership: No report

Planning Party:

- Scheduled for Sunday, January 24 from 2-5 p.m. at Robin Fortney's. Robin will send an invitation to Lynn for distribution.
- Agenda will include potluck meal (board will provide soups/stews), business meeting with board reports, awards presentation, sign-up for the Paddlesport EXPO on February 12-14 and event planning session.
- The following awards were proposed:
 - "Stellar Steward" award for Joanne Mendenhall for her leadership on the River Run Garbage Grab
 - "Superscribe" award to Steve Parrish for editing the CIP newsletter
 - "Hostess with the Mostest" award to Sandy Thompson for her fall party hospitality

Other Items:

- Robin invited CIP members to attend the River Congress hosted by Iowa Rivers Revival at McFarland Park in Ames on January 23, 2010.
- Robin officially resigned from the CIP board. Robin founded the club in February 1997 and served on the board through January 2010.

Submitted by,

Robin B. Fortney