

**Central Iowa Paddlers  
Board Meeting January 20, 2009  
Ray Knight's Place**

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. at 697 48<sup>th</sup> Street,  
Des Moines**

Attending were Robin Fortney, Ray Knight, Dick Howard, Bill Graham and Ned McPartland, Lynn Aldridge and John Holzmueller. Missed was John Wenck.

Meeting convened at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

Treasurer's report: Bill reported \$674.45 in checking, and recent payment of \$26 for post office box. Bill will present a year-end financial statement at season planning party.

Old Business

- Armchair Paddlers Series: Ned McPartland and Bill Graham will present on Sunday, February 8, 2009, from 2-4 p.m. Ray will investigate venue options (Franklin Avenue Library was suggested). March program/presenters to be announced.
- Board Roster: Dick Howard indicated a willingness to continue serving on the board; board approved with motion by Lynn/Robin. Board indicated a preference for not having family members on the board roster. Robin agreed to formally invite John Pollak to serve.
- Season Planning Party: Season planning party is scheduled for Sunday, January 25, 2009. Board approved giving awards to KJ Rebarcak (traveled farthest for paddling event), Dan Tower (support for Raccoon River water trail), John Wenck (support for Des Moines River water trail and river cleanup event) and Steve Parrish (newsletter editor). Lynn will prepare award certificates for Ray's signature. Board members will provide a summary of 2008 events.
- Fundraiser: Board agreed to proceed with planning a club fundraising event on July 3, 2009. Bill will chair the event, a garage sale of paddling/camping/outdoor items.

New Business

- Paddlesport Expo: A signup sheet will be passed around at the season planning party for staffing a CIP table. We will provide a season schedule, welcome packet for new members (CIP sticker, welcome letter and schedule of 2009 events), and membership brochure.
- CITA: Board approved \$50 contribution to Central Iowa Trails Association. CIP will be acknowledged on the CITA Web site.
- R2G2: Board approved \$250 contribution to the 2009 River Run Garbage Grab. Robin reported that she and John W continue to support the event, but have passed the leadership torch to Joanne Mendenhall and Kevin Kostelecky (Wells Fargo).
- Water Trails: Ray reported that several groups, including Madison County Conservation Board re: Middle River Water Trail, have asked CIP for a letter of support for DNR water trail grant applications. Board agreed these are important efforts, and Ray will prepare and send a letter on behalf of the board when requested.

#### Committee Reports

- Membership: Lynn reported we had 175 members in 2008. Membership push will occur at the season planning meeting and Paddlesport Expo.
- Web page: Ray will schedule a meeting with Mike Mendenhall and Robin to discuss the CIP Web page.
- Advocacy: Bill presented comments on the proposed ML King Boulevard extension for signature by Ray on behalf of the club.
- At-large: Dick agreed to print stationery with CIP logo for use as thank you notes.
- Newsletter: Next newsletter due in March.
- Trips: No report

Respectfully submitted by,  
*Robin Fortney*