

**To:** CIPboard@yahoogroups.com  
**Subject:** April 22 meeting notes  
**Central Iowa Paddlers**  
**Board Meeting**  
**April 22, 2004**

**Next Meeting: June 8 at 6 p.m. at Bob Johansen's**

In attendance: Greg Vitale, Dave Kraemer, Bob Johansen, Rick Dietz, Nate Hoogeveen, Lynn Aldridge, Robin Fortney, and Bill Graham

**Financial Report:** Robin reported that the club has \$1,258.31. She closed the account and handed a check for the full amount remaining to Greg Vitale who will take over treasurer duties. Greg will likely set up an account in Ames, with Rick or Dave as co-signatories. Robin suggested Greg order a new "Central Iowa Paddlers" stamp to authorize cashing of checks.

**Membership Report:** Lynn reported that there are 113 paying members to date and 93 others. She will send a reminder to the 93. Robin suggested she put a reminder on the front page of the next newsletter. Steve will include a member form in each newsletter. Steve will work with Nate to scan the member form so a pdf file can be sent to those members with an email address.

**Newsletter:** Group encourages trip coordinators to submit trip reports and mention new folks, at least by first name. Bill and Phyllis agreed to write up the Wapsi trip report.

**Trip Coordinator:** Bob suggested that we describe the difficulty level of each trip as easy, medium or difficult. Board commended Bill for the great job he is doing with the weekly update.

**Web Site:** Rick reported that there has been no news from Paul Cartwright. He had noted that he pays \$100/year for hosting and domain name. Nate reported on the Iowa Whitewater Coalition web site development, and he suggested that we consider the free hosting opportunity available to the IWWC when the existing hosting contract paid for by Paul runs out.

**Advocacy:** Nate reported on proposed legislation that would force public land to allow road access for parties that seek access across public land to private holdings. Board discussed placing summaries of paddling-related legislative activity in the newsletter and sending summaries to members via email. Nate will continue to provide this information to the newsletter editor and to Lynn for circulation to members. Nate also discussed the status of water trails. IWWC is conducting a Reconnecting Rivers campaign and raising funds to pay for a hydraulic engineer to develop new dam designs for downtown Des Moines.

**Marketing:** Group discussed the value of developing promotional materials for the purpose of developing a group sense and club awareness. Dave will follow up with a designer/printer to develop book marks with club name, web site address, logo (heron), and mission statement. These items can be distributed to paddle shops, etc.

**Board Business:** Group made the following decisions about board conduct:

- Open up the board meetings after we've met 2 or 3 more times
- There are 9 board members at present. Quorum will be 6 people. If less than 6 can participate in a board meeting, plan to reschedule.
- Robin agreed to put together a club policy book for each board member.