

Jan. 6 2004 Central Iowa Paddlers Board Meeting

Present: Steve Parrish, Rick Dietz, Bill Graham, Dave Kraemer, Lynn Aldridge, Robin Fortney, Nate Hoogeveen

Robin has agreed to act as treasurer until Greg Vitale returns from Thailand this spring. She gave a treasurers report, saying we have a balance of a \$525, with \$35 in new memberships.

Lynn brought up discussion about sending postcards versus a full-page mailing with more information on it. Steve asked whether we need to send a mailing to everyone, or just people who don't have e-mail to save money. 46 people either don't have e-mail or theirs is bouncing back to Lynn. It was agreed to send a full-sheet paper out to just the 46.

Lynn wondered if she should print the membership list. Robin said it's a good idea to wait until sending the March newsletter, because the list changes depending upon who signs up and doesn't.

Bill suggested getting a P.O. Box in Des Moines so that continuity could be kept up into the future. Lynn agreed she'd get one, and consensus was reached that it should be at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Post Office.

For the technology report, Rick said he is working on the web site, [paddleiowa.org](http://paddleiowa.org). Robin mentioned that John Washburn is running a web site for Sunday walks, and he said CIPs should have something similar. The Skunk River Paddlers site does already. Bill volunteered to help with the Web site and learn more about it so it didn't fall on Rick's shoulders because Paul Cartwright no longer has time to do the Web site. Domain name and hosting costs the group \$100 per year. Paul may have paid this before. Bill suggested that he and Rick check at least once a month to make sure the site is updated.

Robin has agreed to remain on the board through the end of the year to help keep us from reinventing wheels. At the CIP Winter meeting, Robin will explain what's gone on, and introduce Steve Parrish.

Steve wondered about our mission. Paddling? Newsletter? Advocacy? Robin said that this was formed years ago, but that it could change: "Our mission is to share paddle sports information, promote recreational opportunities, and boating safety, and encourage care of our aquatic resources." All agreed it seems to fit us.

Discussed CIP involvement with the cookbook. CIP doesn't need to profit from it, Steve said.

Dave Kraemer said the one thing we needed cash for right now is really the water trail and whitewater course proposal, and that CIPs would benefit from it.

Dave: River Ripple is Aug. 7 from Eddyville to Ottumwa. Greg offered to lead the calendar sign-ups.

Armchair: December was John Pearson, January was Brian Soenen, Feb. 14 will be Nate's book reception. Robin could use help setting up. March 14, Dave will talk about paddling safety techniques and medical kits.