

Hoosier Canoe Club
Minutes of the
Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, May 4, 2010

G.T. Souths

Attending: Terry Busch, Jim Clendenin, Mariann Davis, Joel DeLashmit, Dan Evard, Sue Foxx, Kellie Kaneshiro, Theresa Kulczak, Susi Megathlin, Roger Ritchie, Jordan Ross, Linda Smith, Jim Sprandel, Dan Valleskey

Welcome

HCC Skipper Dan Valleskey called the meeting to order.

Minutes

The minutes of the prior meeting were reviewed and approved.

Purser's Report

Jim Clendenin reported cash as of May 4, 2010 to be \$7,199.60 operating, \$6,082.74 savings, for a total of \$13,282.34. \$3,000 of these funds is reserved for Safety and we previously agreed to a \$5,000 minimum reserve – a figure we would not spend below.

Newsletter Report

Jim Sprandel has received several independent comments that the newsletter archive is not easy to find since “Newsletter” in the left-hand menu is the natural place to go. Solution: The item “Newsletter” will be deactivated as a hyperlink and 2 “bullets” will be hyperlinked: Newsletter: 1. Current 2. Archive (or Past Issue). Deadline for submissions for the next newsletter is May 15th.

Publicity Report

Mariann was happy to report that the new banner worked well at the Nurpu “Spring Fling” Event. Many interested attendees bumbled over to investigate the fine display that she put together. She plans to cover, if not all, at least part of the Rusted Moon event. Dan Evard is waiting on art for the plastic “waterproof” business card so that it ties in with the banner. He will work with Theresa on that.

Poolie Report

Jordan reported that the first Kids’ Night will be this Wednesday. Three kids have signed up (they register through Thatcher), but you never know how many will show up. Our rental rate for pool time has been raised from \$75 to \$100 an hour. An agreement is being worked out currently and, hopefully, we will get lots and lots of credit for the youth instruction and the contributions to the facility. They would like to have shelves in the Guard Shack and an automatic pool cleaner. They also need around 16 pfd’s. Current charge to our members is \$10 for the two hour session. It’s a nice way to promote the club and often is the first club event for many individuals.

Eagle Creek Report

Thursday night is the first of our free paddle nights. Be patient with the staff at the park entrances since they might not be remembering. Carrie Williams is our contact and has made the arrangements.

Conservation Report

Dan E. has designated the section of the Fall Creek for Clean Up this year (June 5th) to be the 5 mile section just south of Skiles Test park down to the Keystone bridge. FOWR is not doing their regular clean up this year due to road construction and will be helping us. They would like to ride along with us and Dan V. thought we could provide 5 spots in canoes. American Rivers is supplying t-shirts, snacks and trash bags. Keep Indiana Beautiful is providing gloves and drinking water. No dumpsters are available that weekend. There will be a picnic following at Dan Valleskey’s home on Lake Maxinhall.

Whitewater Report

The Webster's Springs trip was great despite low water. Jordan reports good music. The Cheat was awesome with well over 25 people attending the 3 day affair. Dan Valleskey had to cancel the TN trip due to extreme flooding. On Memorial Day, the group will be doing Bear Paw with Bob Heckler providing his usual music.

Flatwater Report

The Big Blue trip was well attended. Several people took dips to "cool off," and in the process gained some valuable experience. The turnout for the April Fool Paddle on the Big Pine was low this year, probably because of the low water levels.

Touring Boat Report

Three people made the 28 mile two day paddle on Lake Monroe. Upcoming trips are The Grayson Lake, KY (a joint event with the Cincinnati Club,) the Dunes State Park Paddle on Lake Michigan, and the Carlisle Lake, IL three day paddle.

Safety and Training Report

Terry Busch reported that 3 people have signed up for the Intro to Paddling class to be held at Thatcher pool. Jim Sprandel will be there to help with the projector. Thatcher will be charging us \$25 for the use of the classroom. There are still openings and board members are welcome. The following Thursday, the beginner group will meet up with the club for extra coaching at the weekly paddle at Eagle Creek with Joel leading.

The Intermediate Moving Water Clinic will be May 8th on the Fall Creek. Killer Falls is great for teaching and the group will spend some time there. Instructors will be Dan Valleskey, Garry Hill and Dave Ellis.

The Touring Kayak Open Water Rescue Clinic will be May 29th at Eagle Creek and Joel DeLashmit will lead the clinic.

Safety Outreach 2010

Unfortunately, our grant application request with BoatUS Foundation was denied. Terry Busch will try to move the project along since Theresa is buried in work for right now. Tom McCain a professional illustrator and paddler will work with us on two kinds of material: a poster for outfitters and put-ins and a handout brochure, which would be a little more detailed. If new paddlers see 5 things and remember them, then we've done our job.

Further Items for Discussion:

Club purchase of equipment: Trailers and boats to be owned by the club and used by club members. This has been discussed in the past and issues to consider are: Who would store it? Who would maintain it? A proposal would need to come before the board before something of this nature could be considered.

Newsletter Editor: Jim Sprandel will finish his 3rd year as newsletter editor in December of this year. An Exercise in Excellence, the readability and design he constructed has put an impressive new face on our venerable organization. Big shoes to fill, but we will need someone, perhaps several someones who could do 2 or 3 facets of the production. Talk to people who might be willing.

ACA Rep., AW rep.: 5 Board members are ACA members. Jordan just renewed our AW membership.

Web Pages: Discipline Pages (WW, Flatwater, Touring, Fishing) Jim Sprandel has modified them to look more like the base HCC pages. He can edit the pages, or the individual chairs could. He wants to keep them as Google sites. Jim alone is the contact with Roger and he tries to only interface with him once a month.

Electronic Payment Option: This would greatly facilitate dues payment; it is convenient and is SOP for 21st century folks. We will keep the option of using the old fashioned way by making it possible for people to download the form and mail it in. The Pay Pal cost is 5% and there is no cost for implementation. Jim Clendenin suggested that we allow people to add and extra \$10 to their dues payments for safety outreach. Theresa felt that we should leave that as an option for next year.

Dan Evard made the following motion:

I move that Jim Sprandel be authorized to proceed toward enabling the HCC to receive electronic payments through Pay Pal.

Roger Ritchie seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Waivers: In continuing our discussion on waiver signage (or the lack thereof,) Dwayne James suggested that people on long distance trips, people who might not meet up with each other until they are at the campground post trip, download and sign their own waiver. Jordan reminded us that we are a common adventure club and on our own and responsible for ourselves. Jim Sprandel suggested that we restrict the Bulletin Board (where trips are posted) to members and pressure people on trips to become members. Terry informed us that on TSRA trips, you don't paddle as a **casual paddler** on formal trips and that you sign a blanket waiver.

Jim C. and Jim S. are working on a Payment/Registration Process whereby a new registrant can use a Check Box to confirm that they have read and agree to our Waiver/Pledge.

The next board meeting will be Thursday, June 3rd at Eagle Creek Park. Paddle at 6:00pm and meeting at 7:30 pm.

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Smith, Yeoman