

Hoosier Canoe Club

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, January 13, 2009
China Buffet

Attending:

Terry Busch, Mariann Davis, Dave Ellis, Dan Evard, Sue Foxx, Kellie Kaneshiro, Mary Keith, Earl King, Suzi Rapp, Jordan Ross, Linda Smith, Matt Slagel, Theresa Kulczak, Dan Valleskey,

Welcome

HCC Skipper Dan Valleskey called the meeting to order.

Minutes

Theresa Kulczak read the minutes of the October and November 2008 meetings. Both were approved. There has been a request from board member, John Wainscott, to have the board minutes posted on the website. It was decided that this would occur, following board approval of said minutes.

Treasurer's Report

Matt Slagel gave the treasurer's report noting that there was \$5435.23 in the checking account and \$5078.95 in the savings account for a total of \$10,514.18. Recent expenditures were \$117.70 for printing, \$75 clubhouse rental for November meeting, \$29.62 for food and \$4.52 cheer expenses. The annual audit was conducted.

Newsletter/Web Status Report

Jim Sprandel filed a written report which Dan Valleskey read in his absence. The last Hoosier Paddler newsletter was the November/December 2008 issue. In December an E-Letter was created with election results, officer bios as well as other bits. Articles for the upcoming newsletter were identified with the submission deadline being January 15th.

Roger has listed club officers on the HCC *Home Page*. The *Other Links* page was expanded in October. A Club Communications Page entitled "How We Communicate in the HCC" was created. The next steps would be to update the names and e-mail addresses of officers and committee chairs on *Contact Us* page. Per October board resolution, a page will be created with HCC officers, board members and committee chairs linked to a PDF file placed above *Newsletter* on the *Club Info* page.

In response to Jim's inquiry, the Board chose to have contact buttons for officers, board members and all committee chairs. Jim warned about receiving some spam messages.

Membership Report

Dave Ellis reported that we had 329 members with 85 having paid 2009 dues. He plans to mail dues statements to as yet unpaid members. Another 7 members have met the qualification for *Life Time Memberships*, 25 years of continuous membership. Theresa brought up the need for a targeted mailing for the Pirate Party Guests, since we have their email addresses and they are likely prospective members.

Trips Report

Theresa reported on the New Year's Day Flatwater paddle led by Dwayne James. 7 paddlers, including Dwayne James, Jim Sprandel, Dan Evard, Linda Smith, Mike Miller, Joel DeLashmit, put in at Waverly on the White River and did the almost 9 mile run to Henderson Ford in about 2 hours. A bald eagle posed a long time while in a tree and did a fly-over. The high was 31 degrees.

Jordan Ross reported on the Ocoee Whitewater trip November 11-2, 2008. Paddlers were Sharon Schierling, Jordan Ross, Suzi Rapp, Monica Davis, Vaughn Corum, Cory Lefebre, Eric Hartwell, Chris Bischoff and Mike McKinley. They enjoyed excellent fall foliage and great paddling.

Upcoming trips include the Flatwater Ice Falls trip on Sugar Creek to be led by Dwayne James, weather permitting.

Bulletin Board Report

Dan mentioned that the bulletin board is not working the way that it should and suggested that we probably need an updated version of the software. Terry Busch suggested that we move the website host, currently in Columbus Ohio, to wherever Roger has his website. Jordan, who is currently manually registering all new members to control spam, will talk to Roger about getting it going again. Terry will check with Ben Swain to see what he might suggest. All resolved to try to make it better.

Poolie Report

Jordan reported that we were able to buy a new kitchen for the Thatcher Pool Center. Dan explained that, in an effort to keep pool usage costs low, we have a reciprocal arrangement with the parks department that permits our club to use the pool at a very reduced rate in exchange for some donations to the Thatcher Center to keep it operating. Our Club also provides kayak instruction at the pool for the area youth on the first Wednesday of each month. The Club has been having regular pool sessions through the winter with the exception of one or two weeks when the pool was closed for maintenance, due to a clogged filtration system. This was likely the result of a water-proof camera that got sucked into a drain.

Safety and Training

Terry Busch reported that the East Race may not be available for whitewater training next year. We need a contingency plan, perhaps the Whitewater river with a release. Terry has to relinquish his position as Safety and Training Chair due to an injury. Jordan Ross was persuaded to step into that role.

Scipper's Report

Dan solicited volunteers to fill vacant Chair positions. The following board members graciously agreed to serve.

Suzi Rapp: Whitewater

Duties include identifying trips and trip sponsors; arranging for scheduling; reporting on trip activity to the Board.

Mariann Davis: Publicity

Duties include distributing brochures to outfitters and feeder clubs; arranging media coverage where appropriate; manning or arranging to have a publicity table staffed when requested.

Kellie Kaneshiro: Conservation

Duties include organizing a clean-up on the Fall Creek, perhaps in conjunction with other groups.

There is concern that Cheer Chair, Joy Miller, is not getting information funneled to her to do her job effectively. Maybe a blurb in the newsletter would remedy this.

Terry Busch announced his willingness to serve as the Club's representative in an advocacy position to encourage the installation (at no cost to the Club) of a USGS gauge on the Big Pine at the confluence of the Mud River and Big Pine to facilitate flood control, water management and improved recreation.

Dan gave board members early notice of a new DNR event that will be held at Fort Harrison in late September (25, 26, 27). This **Hoosier Outdoor Expo** may draw 30,000 participants and would be an opportunity for the Club to gain some visibility by volunteering. It will be a family event and include many outdoor activities, not just paddling.

Dan alerted us that **Friends of the White River** is meeting at Holliday Park Wednesday, January 21st at 7:00 pm, with the social hour beginning at 6:00 pm.

Dan opened the discussion of alternative meeting locations. Suggestions were Hilltop, GT Souths, Holliday Park nature center, Pat Flynn's, Community Rehab and Surgery Center.

It was agreed that, for February, the Board would meet at Pat Flynn's (5198 Allisonville Rd.) Tuesday, Feb. 10th at 7:00pm.

Dan asked for a motion to adjourn. It was so moved and approved and the meeting concluded at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Smith

