

# **Hoosier Canoe Club**

## **Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting**

Tuesday, May 12, 2009  
Hill Top North Restaurant and Pub

### **Attending:**

Terry Busch, Mariann Davis, Dave Ellis, Dan Evard, Sue Foxx, Kellie Kaneshiro, Mary Keith, Theresa Kulczak, Dwayne James, Suzi Rapp, Jordan Ross, Linda Smith, Matt Slagel, Jan Sneddon, 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**

The checking account as of today is \$7143.14 and the savings account is \$5079.17 for a total of \$12,222.31. The motion to accept the Purser's report was approved.

### **Newsletter Report**

Jim announced that the June newsletter was in the works and reminded everyone that May 15<sup>th</sup> was the deadline for submissions.

### **Publicity Report**

Mariann Davis thanked Dan Evard and Linda Smith for representing the Club at the Rusted Moon Demo Day and Jordan Ross and Jim Sprandel for providing photos. The turnout was great and club literature was handed out to several new boat buyers. Dan mentioned learning of a website "meetup.com" from one of the participants and suggested it as a publicity venue for HCC. Mariann is making random calls to old members who have not resubscribed to get their reasons and reactions.

### **Membership Report**

Dave Ellis reported that we have 265 memberships that are paid through 2009 (149 paper members and 116 e-mail.) There has been 1 request for a paper **membership** list. According to our By-Laws, if we want to change the fee structure for membership, we need to give the members 2 weeks notice.

### **Big Pine Gauge Report**

Terry said that we will need to discuss if we want to continue supporting this project beyond July. He's not sure we get that much pay-back value from it. We cover the weekly report and readings are reported in feet and inches.

### **Poolie Report**

Jordan reported that Thatcher will close May 23<sup>rd</sup>. We are hoping the Blind School pool will be available.

### **Conservation Report**

Our Fall Creek Clean Up will be June the 6<sup>th</sup> from Camp Belzer to Emerson Avenue, about 3.1 miles. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. at Belzer and be done by 12:30 or 1:00 p.m. FOWR will loan us canoes. Short kayaks will be helpful this day for getting into the bushes. Watch out for Poison Oak along the banks. Visit the "fabulous" conservation committee website at: <http://sites.google.com/site/hccconserv/>. There will be a party at Dan Vallesky's afterward. BYOB.

### **Whitewater Report**

Jordan reported on the Cheat Fest (May 1,2,3) at the Cheat River in Albright W VA. They had a good turnout. It was rainy but they still got in some runs. Upcoming trip is the Wisconsin Whitewater Memorial Day trip scheduled for May 23,24,25. It will include the Wolf, Red, Peshtigo Rivers and Piers Gorge.

### **Flatwater Report**

Linda reported on The Sand Creek Trip (April 18) led by Richard Tekulve, who did a fantastic job showing a large group of us his home creek. Beautiful limestone formations lined the creek and the banks were replete with acres and acres of Bluebells and dotted with Redbud trees. The 2 mill races provided a particular fascination to the 11 paddlers. Joel DeLashmit was also an awesome trip leader as he led 14 of us on the Big Blue River on April 25. A big logjam had been recently cleared from this river allowing many of us to see it for the first time. The weather was great and the trip planning and signage made this one a shoehorn experience. Joel even arranged for a baby owl to be in place for easy viewing. The 9 mile trip began with relatively calm waters and then gradually increasing current. The finale was ice cream at the Cow Palace. Theresa paddled Otter Creek with the Muscatatuck group and said that it was beautiful with fast water. Upcoming trips include the Blue River on May 16 and 17, camping at Stage Stop Campground, and the Eel River on June 20, both cosponsored by Sue Foxx and Jim Sprandel. High water was expected for the Blue River trip so paddlers were asked to call to check on trip plans. Joel DeLashmit will be leading a trip on Laughery Creek and Versailles Lake on June 13.

### **Touring Boat Report**

Jim Sprandel noted that there are spontaneous trips on Eagle Creek and Geist Reservoir. The group is organic and growing.

### **Training Report**

Sharon and Jordan will be attending a clinic at the NOC. It is a women's festival entitled "Boater Chicks," but there is a little room for Co-ed participation. Rolling clinics will be on the agenda.

### **Skipper's Agenda**

The Reggie Memorial Paddle will be Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at Lake Monroe. We will meet at 12:30 at the Cutright putin and the pitchin dinner will be at 4:30. This will double as the HCC summer meeting and the club will provide the meat and money to reserve the shelter house. RSVP. You will need a boat sticker.

Jan Sneddon gave a report on 2010 Indiana River Rally.

McCormicks Creek Park will be the venue. The dates are June 18-19 2010. Dwayne James will help scout the White River for the on the water activities.

Dan asked for a volunteer to do an article on the club history. Mariann Davis will take on this responsibility. It was suggested that she contact George Flexman and Howard Hill their input.

The livery on the Raccoon is selling the business and their canoes because there are not regular releases of water. The locals in the area don't want rentals coming down the river. Ergo, at some point we will need to do a cleanup on the Raccoon.

The Board agreed to approve money for bulletin board software updates, if and when that occurs.

The next Board meeting for the Hoosier Canoe Club will be THURSDAY, July 9<sup>th</sup> at Hill Top North Restaurant and Pub at 5500 North Emerson Way. The other summer Board meeting will be THURSDAY, August 13<sup>th</sup>. This will allow anyone who wishes to participate in the Tuesday night paddles at Eagle Creek to do so.

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

Respectfully submitted by:

Linda Smith, Yeoman