

Hoosier Canoe Club
Minutes of the
Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, September 10, 2009
Hill Top North Restaurant and Pub

Attending: Terry Busch, Dave Ellis, Dan Evard, Sue Foxx, Mary Keith, Jordan Ross, Linda Smith, Matt Slagel, Jan Sneddon, Jim Sprandel, Dan Valleskey, John Wainscott

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 September 11th is \$5796.28 and the savings account is \$6080.72 for a total of \$11,877.00. The motion to accept the Purser's report was approved.

Newsletter Report

Jim mailed 169 September newsletters. For 2010, he suggests that we make reception of the electronic newsletter the "default option," and mail a printed copy only if requested. Dave Ellis will look into how to change the default for people specifying E-mail addresses when people renew or sign up. Beyond 2010, we should look at transition to a dual pricing structure for those that want a printed copy the following year. Matt Slagel said that it would seem reasonable to charge 90 cents per copy for a mailed edition, just to cover our costs. The November issue will be the final issue for this year. Jim will continue as newsletter editor for 2010, but will be stepping down in 2011.

Publicity Report

Mariann Davis has spent considerable time reviewing the club archives and researching a club history article, which will appear in the November issue. Since we are very low on brochures, we will have them reprinted. The new run will be a different color than the previous run, at Matt's suggestion, so that we can monitor their dispersal. Terry recommended that we print 4,000.

Membership Report

Dave Ellis reported that we have 285 memberships, 123 of which receive electronic newsletters. He does have email addresses for 257 of the members. This is the first year that he did not mail paper membership lists out, and no one requested one. For new members, Dave will add their addresses to his email list, and we will somehow have to shift existing members to the new system. Perhaps at membership renewal time, we can require that folks request a paper copy specifically, otherwise they will get the email notice that the newsletter is ready to view on line.

Poolie Report

Jordan is not having any luck contacting anyone at Thatcher. The Blind School pool is closed for mechanical problems. The only time available at Krannert is after 8:30 pm due to high school swim team workouts. Jan Sneddon will try to locate contact information for a Carmel pool that might be available.

Conservation Report

Kellie filed the report of our Fall Creek Clean-Up with American Rivers. She also attended an Inland Sea Kayaking Symposium in June and participated in a demonstration with 350.org (an international campaign dedicated to finding solutions to the climate crisis.) Kellie reports that Dave Ellis is diligently cleaning the shoreline at Eagle Creek and has snagged some pretty big trophies!

Eagle Creek Report

Eagle Creek Tuesday evening paddles

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Joel, Kellie, Jim, Theresa, Tom, Erin - 6 mile paddle ended with a roll

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Kellie, Duane, Dave, Tom, Jim, Tony, Joel was there earlier

Tuesday, July 20, 2009

paddling: Jim, Dave (diligently cleaning the E.C. shoreline), Tom, Shawn, Joel and Kellie

Tuesday, August 4, 2009

rained all day - then cleared up, but not before some nice waves - Duane, Kellie, Joel, and Jim

Tuesday, August 11, 2009

Shawn, Duane, Tom, Kellie. Dave diligently cleaning E.C. shoreline

Tuesday, August 18, 2009

Eagle Creek paddle - Dave (working on cleaning E.C. shoreline with Clark & Denise), and Jim, Tom, Kellie paddled

Tuesday, August 25, 2009

Kellie, Erin, Jim, Duane, Tom, Joel -paddled, Dave diligently cleaning E.C. shoreline ,

Tuesday, September, 1, 2009

Dave diligently cleaning E.C. shoreline, Erin, Kellie, Jim, Tom, Joel paddled

Tuesday September 8, 2009

Dave diligently cleaning E.C. shoreline and Jim, Shawn, Joel, Kellie paddled

Comments:

- Erin and I have talked about a possible E.C. clean-up on Oct. 24 or 25th, I have not gotten very far with anything on that other than the possible date
- Erin loves to fish and I know there are other club members who love to fish - so this may be of interest to other fisherfolk
- The "regulars" paddle pretty fast, if we get more rec boats, might consider two groups (one faster and one slower)
- Dave well on his way to winning all the trash collection "prizes." I have decided to "award" them at the Nov. meeting if ok with Dan and the board.
- The Tuesday evening jazz concerts at the Marina make parking challenging for paddlers arriving after 5:30 (concerts run from June-mid-August and are very popular)
- HCC paddlers escorted all the E.C. Wednesday evening paddles for the public. I think we had two HCC reps at all but one of the paddles. Our presence seemed to be well-received and the bald eagles were spotted on every paddle!!!
- But where is the OTHER bald eagle?
- Last official E.C. paddle is September 29th - I will see if folks want to go out and grab a bite to eat afterwards

Triathlon Report

Jan reported on a super successful triathlon summer with 10 safety boaters participating on June 20th at the Eagle Creek Triathlon, 13 safety boaters participating on July 18th, 10 safety boaters participating on August 22nd, and 18 safety boaters participating on August 29th for the Go Girl Triathlon. This was a showing of 51 combined boats on the water **AT 7:30 am !!!** on the aforementioned Saturdays.

Whitewater Report

Upcoming trips: Gauley Oct. 3-4 and Oct. 17-18.

Flatwater Report

Upcoming trips: Raccoon Oct. 17. Pigeon River Oct. 31- Nov. 1. Mississinewa Nov. 7.

Touring Boat Report

Upcoming trips: Lake Monroe Oct. 10-11

Big Pine Gage Report

Terry is in the late stages of negotiating with Gander Mountain for their support of the gage. Still \$2500 yet to secure. We would want to be sure there is something in it for them. All stores (there is one in Greenwood and one in

Castleton and the rest near state borders) have a lodge for community use. They might be interested in us presenting a topic or program on geocaching, kayak fishing, etc. DNR (Division of Outdoor Recreation) is providing \$2000 for the gage. The equipment itself, valued at \$15,000, would be free. The location would be on a bridge, probably at Rainsville or Twin Bridges.

Executive Items

Arggghhhh! Pirate Paddle and Party. The take out will be at the 116th Street Bridge. Still seeking volunteers. A sign-up list was circulated.

HOE There have been TV ads and a big crowd is expected. The club will be manning the canoe/kayak venue. We will be sending 8 boats down the river every half hour. We will need volunteers (2 at the put-in, 2 spotters for bad spots on the river, 1 floater and 1 at the end) to work 3 hour shifts from 9:00 to 6:00 on Saturday Sept. 26 and Sunday Sept. 27. Put-in is the bottom edge of the park and the take out is Camp Belzer.

There will be a second chainsaw cleanup on the Raccoon on September 12. Dwayne James and Jim Sprandel and crew have been out once already. Volunteering to help with this project are Sue Foxx, Jim Clendenin, Dave Ellis, John Wainscott, Dan Valleskey, Kellie Kaneshiro.

Congrats and Thanks to Dwayne James for figuring out how to do the "Blue Box" email trip notices! Very helpful!

Changes to DNR flyer/posters for rental locations: strainers and log jams. Clark Kahlo is going to lobby the DNR to include something in the brochure on strainers and log jams in light of the recent death of the 2 year old on the Driftwood. Dave Ellis will include a one page sheet on this topic in his information pack. Terry, Dan V., Dan E., Jordan, and Jan agreed to work on this.

2010 River Rally. Jan Sneddon reported that the focus is on celebrating rivers. Purdue and the Wildcat Guardians will be involved. They are currently seeking ideas for workshops and presentations.

ACA still lists Roger Ritchie as our contact. Dave Ellis agreed to be the contact since he is an ACA member.

Changes to by-laws to allow email motions/votes. Linda Smith agreed to look into that. Linda will also study the designation of a voting proxy for board members who are unable to make a meeting.

Online receipt of money. Dan Valleskey will talk to Roger, our webmaster, about that.

Theresa Kulczak will be heading a committee to select the board for 2010. 3 nonboard members need to be on the committee. Names suggested were Jim Clendenin, Joel DeLashmit, Mike Miller.

The next Board meeting for the Hoosier Canoe Club will be TUESDAY, October 13th, at Gander Mountain. 5702 E. 86th Street (577-1114.) With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Smith, Yeoman