

Hoosier Canoe Club
Minutes of the
Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, April 6, 2010

G.T. Souths

Attending: Terry Busch, Jim Clendenin, Joel DeLashmit, Dave Ellis, Dan Evard, Sue Foxx, Theresa Kulczak, Suzi Rapp, Roger Ritchie, Jordan Ross, Matt Slagel, Linda Smith, Jim Sprandel, Dan Valleskey

Welcome

HCC Skipper Dan Valleskey called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Minutes

The minutes of the prior meeting were reviewed and approved.

Purser's Report

Jim Clendenin submitted a list of expenditures and reported that the operating account as of April 7, 2010 contained \$7042.93 and the savings account contained \$6082.49 for a total of \$13,125.42. \$3,000 of these funds are reserved for the Safety Outreach Project. Jim suggested that we set some threshold, perhaps \$5,000, that we never go below. The motion to accept the Purser's report was approved.

Newsletter Report

Jim mailed 63 April newsletters. That is 1/3 of last years mailing which is a very good sign budget wise. It seems most people are happy to read the newsletter on line. The next deadline is April 15th. The "River/Lake of the Month" Web Series that Jim was developing will now be rolled into a similar project being undertaken by Garry Hill and Indiana Outfitters. Work continues on the individual web pages for the Flatwater, Touring Kayak, WW and Fishing groups. Dan Valleskey suggested "Skill of the Month" as a regular newsletter feature.

Publicity Report

So that we can have an updated, fresh look banner available for the Nurpu "Spring Fling" Event on April 9, 10, 11 (and for like events), Theresa had arranged for 2 designs to be created. The finish size for the banner will be 2½ by 8 feet and it will contain our website information and be serviceable for years to come. Consensus was that the design showing a paddle prominently displayed in the center field with the caption: Hoosier Canoe Club "Join the fun and enjoy the beauty of the outdoors!" was the best look.

Motion: Jim Clendenin moved that we allocate \$200 for the production of the banner. Jim Sprandel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Dan Evard reported that the plastic "waterproof" business card that would contain our website information and be used for the promotion of the club was very pricey, forty cents each or 500 for \$200. He provided a sample of a "water resistant" card that he could produce at the rate of 2000 cards for \$70.

Motion: Dave Ellis moved that we allocate \$70 for the production of 2000 cards. Terry Busch seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Membership Report

Dave reports that we have 252 individual and family membership renewals for a total of 366 people. 55 are receiving paper newsletters and 197 e-mail only. 80 have not renewed. We are a little ahead of last year's total numbers.

Poolie Report

All is going well. Matt Slagel noted that there was a respectable turnout for the **Boat Demo Day** on March 27th. It was less formal than in other years.

Eagle Creek Report

Kellie has received email approval of our partnership agreement with Eagle Creek Park. Acting Park Co-manager Carrie Williams said that the Jazz Concert series moves to Wednesday evenings. The evening canoe paddles for the public have moved to Tuesday evening. Under the partnership agreement, the HCC paddle evening would be Thursday.

Conservation Report

Dan E. will have an announcement in the May newsletter and plans to scout the creek this weekend to assess greatest need for cleanup.

Whitewater Report

The WW group is looking forward to the Webster Springs trip April 10-11th. The Boater Chick Fest has moved; listed trip leader is not a club member, so at this point the trip has no sponsor. Dan Valleskey is still working out details for the Clear Creek trip. The Cheat Fest rounds out April for whitewater boaters.

Flatwater Report

Ten boaters joined Joel for the Summit Lake, First Day of Spring Paddle (Touring/Flatwater crossover trip). Richard Tekulve had 18 along for the Sand Creek trip, despite rainy weather. Flatwater paddlers are looking forward to the April Fools trip on the Big Pine on April 10th, the Big Blue on April 17th and the intermediate moving water clinic on May 8th.

Touring Boat Report

Summit Lake, First Day of Spring Paddle kicked off the season for the touring group. The Lake Monroe overnight trip will be April 17-18. In May, the group will head to Grayson Lake in Kentucky. Jim S. and Joel will lead open water rescue training on May 29th.

Safety and Training Report

9 kayakers have signed up to date for the intermediate training session on Fall Creek. The group will be limited to 18 kayaks and 6 canoes. Dave Ellis, Dan V., Garry Hill and Joel DeLashmit will be teaming up to teach. Meeting location is the old Omalia's parking lot by Emerson Avenue.

Our Skipper gets regular email from individuals who are "thinking about buying a kayak," "thinking about joining the club" or "have just bought a kayak." There is a need for a beginner class. After kicking this football around for awhile, Terry Busch agreed to conduct an all purpose Intro to Paddling class based on "Quick Start." It would be held at Thatcher pool one Wednesday evening and would begin with a 45 minute talk on safety, equipment, rules of the road etc. The pool session would include how to get in and out of the boat, how to go forward, how to stop etc. The following Thursday, the beginner group would meet up with the club for extra coaching at the weekly paddle. Maximum number of students would be 7 and minimum 3. Cost would be \$25 (\$10 for the pool session and \$15 to join the club.)

The club has a standing policy of paying part of the ACA instructor training for anyone who wants to be trained and is willing to teach a course for us.

Safety Outreach 2010

Theresa reported that Ethan Runnel's father has made a personal donation of \$500 for our **"Paddle Safe Indiana" Campaign**. Our grant application request with BoatUS Foundation is still pending.

Further Items for Discussion:

Dan V. asked that we circulate flyers for Venture Crew recruitment. 7 kids met at the pool for a session. The next meeting will be organizational at the church.

White River is closed, or severely narrowed, by 465 as a consequence of the construction. It is dangerous and there is a lot of debris in the water.

Dan V. is alarmed by some email over promotion of our trips. In other words, our trip notices are being forwarded to other clubs, some out of state. Unless the **trip leader** initiates this action, it should not occur. This overburdens the trip leader and could be a real safety problem.

Waivers should be signed and kept for every trip to comply with our insurance policy. This poses a special problem for the whitewater paddlers who arrive at their out of state sites at different times and may not even paddle the same river sections. The goal will be to concentrate on getting a waiver signed by each white water paddlers at least once a year and, second, to attempt to have waivers signed on all class II trips,

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, May 4th at G.T. Souths.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Smith, Yeoman