

Hoosier Canoe Club
Minutes of the
Annual Members' Meeting
November 13, 2011
2:00 p.m. Scout Hut/John Strange School

There were 50 plus members and guests at the annual meeting which was held at the Scout Hut/John Strange School (3660 East 62nd St.) Members sold gear at the swap meet and enjoyed a pitch-in meal of honey baked ham, turkey and many delicious side dishes and desserts.

The meeting was called to order by Skipper Theresa Kulczak.

Brief reports were then given by officers and committee chairmen.

Jim Clendenin gave the treasurers report, stating that we make and spend about the same amount each year. At this time the club has cash on hand of about \$12,000. \$2,000 was been designated for the safety outreach program. Sue Foxx and Dan Evard conducted the annual review of the Books and Records, and all was found in order. They indicated that tracking deposits was the only weakness.

Dave Ellis gave a membership report. Currently there are 335 paid memberships. He gave a history of membership numbers in the past and indicated that this year was the largest number of members since 2006. Dave encouraged everyone to make changes to their information on the club data base available on the club website. Dave also announced that he had the video library with him if anyone wanted to borrow something from the library.

Theresa Kulczak gave a newsletter and website report in Kim Henry's absence. Over the next six months there will be an upgrade of the website and bulletin board to make it more user friendly with a blog format. The newsletter will still be available on the website and the blog format will encourage more photos in the newsletter. Paper printouts will still be available to those people requesting the paper format.

Joy Miller gave a cheer report. She indicated that flowers, cards and spirit sticks were given to members and past skippers for extra encouragement. Joy encouraged everyone to let her know about members needing cards as she can only send cards and flowers if she knows about it and has addresses. This year three members had parents die and she sent cards to those members. Theresa also announced that the Millers will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on December 17th in Muncie and members were invited to bring pictures and attend the event.

Kellie Kaneshiro and Jim Sprandel gave the touring and Eagle Creek paddle reports. Kellie said there had been 13 sea kayak trips. Jim reported on the weekly Eagle Creek paddles and the monthly Geist paddles. They had two joint trips with the Northwest Paddler's Association and attended several symposiums. Jim indicated that between May

and September there were 10-12 paddlers that attended the Eagle Creek paddles with an average of at least 5 paddlers. He reported on the partnership agreement with the park that included free entrance in exchange for shore cleanup. There were also Wednesday night and moonlight paddles at the marina that he would like to incorporate into the partnership agreement next year. They had sea kayak training this year that included strokes, rescue clinics, edging and turning classes and the mojo rolling clinic taught by Debby Baker.

Barry Welling and Ken Starrs gave the whitewater report. They had over twenty trips across the Midwest and east coast that included some beginner trips. Barry said that the two major flood events helped this year. New trips and destinations are planned for next year with some multi-fleet trips that are more all inclusive for the members.

Sue Foxx reported on the flatwater trips. There were 22 trips with 17 trip leaders. The Thursday night Fall Creek trips were new this year. January 14th will be the trip planning meeting at Jim Clendenin's.

Dan Evard reported on Conservation which included the Fall Creek cleanup and over 50 hours of shore clean up at Eagle Creek. Clark Kahlo reported on some activism opportunities and encouraged members to become more involved in policy decisions, water control, etc.

Linda Smith gave a triathlon report. She described the duties and responsibilities of the members when participating in these events as support boaters. The club receives \$1,000 for their participation and support boaters receive t-shirts.

Theresa gave a summary and recognition of the trip leaders for the year.

Special project reports were given. Ben Vallesky reported on HOEX in Dan's absence. Ben indicated that Dan had been the leader for the club for this event for the last 3 years and that they club put 1,000 people in the water this year over that week-end.

Terry Busch and Mariann Davis gave reports on the Paddle Safe Indiana Campaign. Terry discussed the background of this and what initiated the club efforts to form this committee. Progress has been slow and more public education is needed. Mariann discussed where this program is headed in the future. A media campaign will be initiated earlier in the season this next year. Mary Mills of Channel 13 will help relaunch the campaign in February.

Dwayne James gave the report on the Boat and Travel Show at the fairgrounds.

The Nominating Committee submitted their slate to the HCC Board.

The nominees were as follows:

Officers for 2010:

Skipper: Dwayne James
Executive Officer: Sue Foxx
Purser: Dan Evard
Yeoman: Jim Clendenin
Immediate Past Skipper: Theresa Kulczak

Board of Directors for 2012:

Jim Clendenin
Mariann Davis
Joel Delashmit
Sheahan Dissanayake
Dan Evard
Sue Foxx
Robert Henry
Dwayne James
Kellie Kaneshiro
Theresa Kulczak
Koonstantine Louganski
Sarah Naehar
Natalie Needham
Jordan Ross
Matt Slagel
Ken Starrs
Barry Welling

Joy Miller moved and Terry Busch seconded that the members unanimously vote to accept the proposed board member slate and the candidates were officially approved as the 2012 Board of Directors.

Barry Welling moved and Mary Keith seconded that the members unanimously vote to accept the proposed officer slate and the candidates were officially approved as the 2012 Officers.

The Aaron McLaughlin family and Matt Slagel gave slide presentations and talks on “A Paddling Season on the Edge: Our Whitewater Kids” that was very well received and inspired members to see children so involved in the sport.

Theresa passed the gavel to Dwayne.

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

Respectfully submitted by:
Susi Megathlin, Yeoman