



Meeting called to order ca. 6:35 PM

*These meeting minutes approved by action of
NEWP Board of Directors during meeting of
September 27, 2009*

Attendance

Present: Jeff Mazanec, Knox Johnson, Sybille Nickel, Chuck Sivret, Bill Merrick, Will Stahl

Absent: Tom Koeppen, Chuck Krause, Jack Roberts, Julie Johnson, Linda Graves, Cay Moriarity

Minutes: Motion to accept previous minutes by Bill Merrick, second by Will Stahl. Approved.

Treasurer's report: Current account balance is on budget (after checks have cleared)

Notable expenses/payments: +\$40 on Park-to-Park Paddle Income from classes as planned. No instructor reports were received, except for the Green Bay classes, so Sybille does not know if that's the correct amount. We need to discuss a procedure for instructors to submit those reports. Refer to treasurer's report.

Some money has been allocated but not spent.

Motion by Bill Merrick to accept treasurer's report. Second by Will Stahl. Approved.

Old Business:

- (a) Need nose clips. Bill says we don't have any, same request from Tom Koeppen
- (b) Bought 6 spray skirts.
- (c) Paddle and PFD needs undetermined.

Jeff needs to circulate spreadsheet to verify purchases.

Motion by Chuck Sivret to buy 10 dozen nose clips. Second by Knox Johnson.

Approved.

It was suggested that we need a new inventory.

- (d) Brochure - Chuck S. presented this and suggested two versions, one for the public as an introduction to the club and one for the members to explain benefits.

Y's will have them in racks.

Public brochure sends people to website for class schedules etc.

Question of how many to print and what logo to use.

Bill Merrick suggested adding "Inc." to name used with logo.

Jeff Mazanec suggested authorizing \$600 to see how many 2-sided copies we can get. Motion by Bill Merrick to that effect. Second by Chuck Sivret. Approved.

Will Stahl agreed to edit when presented.

Member brochure: Sybille suggested sending them with "notice of renewal" letters. Also, pass them out at classes and events.

Consensus to defer this, pending results of printing public brochure.

- (e) Gardiner Dam has gates and they are up.



- (f) Sheboygan classes: Tom Koeppen wants classes there in November and April. He picks up Sheboygan as lead instructor. John Bodwin becomes lead in Two Rivers. No extra equipment is needed but instructor help is. Discussion of whether board will support centered on practicality of the idea.

Motion by Chuck Sivret that Tom K. investigate starting classes in Sheboygan.

Pending formal agreement with local facility there, board will support use of club resources and classes. Second by Will Stahl. Approved.

- (g) Fox Journey: Jeff Mazanec is working with Fox/Wisconsin Heritage Parkway. Support is available from Lawrence University, Friends of the Fox and others to do research.

Route is divided into 13 paddle segments. Participants can do some or all.

NEW Paddlers' role would be to make these official ACA sanctioned events so we need some ACA instructor participation. One \$10 introductory membership would cover all 13 paddles. Or participants could purchase \$5 day memberships.

We would need 15 people to take responsibility.(?) NEWP would have responsibility on the water. Participants will be required to wear PFD's. They will need to have proper skills, equipment and clothing for conditions.

Start date in April? It will include Park-to-Park Paddle on July 24, 2010, and end at the Tall Ships Festival in Green Bay on August 14, 15. Jeff hopes to complete the journey in 8 weekends.

Heritage Parkway will be handing out brochures at Canoecopia. National Park Service's Angie Tornes wants to support an effort to make this route a national water trail.

Motion by Jeff Mazanec (Bill Merrick?) to support Fox Journey 2010 in concept—details to be worked out. Second by Chuck Sivret, though he expressed concerns about number of weekend commitments. Approved.

Motion by Bill Merrick to approve Jeff M. filing for a grant from ACA to improve Fox River portage trails around the four Appleton locks. Second by Sybille Nickel. Approved.

- (h) Website: Motion by Bill Merrick that 6 website committee members will have access to website. Second by Sybille Nickel. Approved.

- (i) NEW Paddlers events: Student outing discussed.

Green Bay class- Suggestion by Chuck S. to use Green Bay class report as format for all club reports next year.

Women on the Water- see attachment

The firefighter outing was considered successful

Yoga group outing- no recorded comments

New Business

- (a) Instructor certification: John Bodwin and Chris Martin are scheduled for ICE in September; Knox Johnson is now whitewater certified. Jeff M. suggested we find candidates for another round of certifications.



- (b) Instructor training for 2010 classes in October: Question of whether we should hold them in Sheboygan. Inquiries will be made. Motion by Chuck S. that Tom hold instructor training in Sheboygan contingent on classes being scheduled there. Second by Will S. Approved.
- (c) Proposal for centralized equipment storage. Knox has found a location 4 miles east of Kaukauna off Hwy Z. It would be in a locked, concrete-floored, bird-free building with little possibility for unauthorized access. Cost would be \$250/year or \$25/month. Motion by Jeff M. to authorize Knox to arrange storage for club equipment up to a cost of \$400 with a \$250 immediate expenditure. Second by Chuck S. Approved.
- (d) Newsletter: Consensus to drop it in favor of the website.
- (e) ACA event registration/reporting: For instructors to receive credit for event, a message must be sent to the SCIC and then a skill report. Bill M. enumerated the regulations. Question if ACA events require board approval. Not decided.
- (f) Board annual meeting: The c3 designation will be "Wisconsin Paddlers." A report on that will be forthcoming.
- (g) Fall activity plan? Fall club outing? To be discussed.
- (h) Board secretary opening: Will S. volunteered to be the ad hoc, temporary, acting secretary until annual club meeting. Motion by Bill M. to that effect. Second by Knox J. Approved.
- (i) Official club address: Discussion of getting a post office box. Decision deferred.
- (j) Hats and caps: Motion by Bill M. to retroactively approve Knox J.'s purchase of hats and reimbursement for them. Second by Chuck S. Approved.
- (k) Future meeting dates: Consensus for a September board meeting. Knox J. will organize. November board meeting TBD.

Motion to adjourn by Will S. Second by Chuck S. Approved. Time: (?)