

## **NEW Paddler's Annual Meeting**

Stone Cellar Brew Pub, Appleton, WI

Saturday, January 17, 2009

*Minutes approved at  
2010 Annual Meeting  
January 30, 2010*

The meeting was called to order at 3:50pm

### **Attendance:**

Officers Present: President, Bill Merrick, Vice-President, Knox Johnson, Treasurer, Jack Roberts, Secretary, Robin Nelson, Newsletter Editor, Chuck Sivret

Board Members Present: Cay Moriarity, Jeff Mazanec, Will Stahl

Absent Board Members: Mike Albertson, Linda Graves, Julie Johnson, Tom Koeppen, Chuck Krause

Members Present: Tamara Johnson, Sybille Nickel, Greg Geiger

Guests Present: Mark Rogers, Scott Koehler, Tim Pflieger

### **Secretary Minutes**

A correction was made to the secretary's notes from the meeting of September 20, 2008. The PFD's were not ordered from Bear Paw as stated in the notes.

A motion was made by Jeff M. approving the notes with correction. Seconded by Will. Motion passed.

### **Treasurer Report**

The cash on hand at the end of 2009 totaled \$5,883.97. As of the first of the year expenditures have amounted to about \$465.00 leaving around \$5400. A more detailed report is included with the meeting minutes.

Chuck S. made a motion to accept the treasurer report. Knox J. seconded. Motion passed.

### **Election of Officers**

Knox J. nominated Sybille N. to the office of Treasurer. Seconded by Jack R.

Will S. nominated Jeff M. to the office of President. Seconded by Knox J.

Jack R. agreed to fill Mike A. open board position. Chuck S. agreed to maintain position of newsletter editor. Cay M. and Tom K. agreed to remain board members.

Discussion focused on filling Jeff M's board position with an individual from the GB area. A suggestion was made to approach Chris Martin about taking the position. Also, Bill M. automatically moves to the board position of past president.

Knox J. made a motion to approve the following officers and board members: Jeff M., President, Sybille N., Treasurer, Chuck S., Newsletter Editor, Cay M., Tom K., Jack R. Board Members. Seconded by Will Stahl. Motion Passed.

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### **Wisconsin Annual Report**

The annual form, which lists officers and directors, needs to be completed and filed by March 31, 2009. The annual fee is \$10. Bill will take care of filing the form.

### **ACA Renewal**

Our ACA renewal will cost \$150 for the club.

Membership costs have stayed the same.

\$30-single, \$40-family (2 adults and 2 children), \$5-per event, \$10-intro membership for 6 months, \$25-under 18

A motion made by Robin N. to renew our ACA membership. Seconded by Jack R. Motion passed.

### **Equipment Needs**

Outdoor outlet was contacted about PFD's but there will be none available until March.

A motion was made by Robin N. to purchase a used RPM max for sale through Bear Paw for \$450. Seconded by Knox J. Motion passed.

Jack also has extra thigh braces available for boats.

### **Student Outing**

May 30&31 are the dates set for the student outing at Bear Paw Inn, Whitelake. Jack and Will plan on doing the Pike and Irrigation Ditch. Joseph M. has offered to lead a group meal for Saturday night.

### **Canoe Workshop**

Unless we get a certified instructor we will be unable to run this workshop.

### **Series of Paddles**

Jeff M. is putting together a series of paddles on the Fox River. The trip segments are outlined in the Paddle Trips of Southern Wisconsin Guide Book. He is planning to begin the series in April and have a couple of two-day weekends in spring in order to cover the mileage. Due to mileage these trips would be more than social although there is the possibility of setting up sub-segment launch and land locations to accommodate more paddlers. Jeff's plan is to have a trip map using "My Maps" in Google so we can see the trip. He hopes to have the campsites and boat landings on this map also. Jeff would like to see support for this undertaking. Some of the positions he would like to fill include: A blogger to record the event; A historian, familiar with perspective; A photographer for obvious reasons; newspaper connection to run a series; Probably the club trailer for some of the trips to facilitate shuttling; all the obvious stuff – escorts on some stretches, safety coordination, weather eye, quick communication option, back-up dates etc.

### **Next meeting**

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The suggestion was made to have the next meeting at Canoecopia to set dates for paddles.

### **Boy Scouts**

The Boy Scouts have approval for the gate system through their organization right now they want our moral support. Thursday nights there will be access through the camp to the river which is not regularly available.

Knox J. Made a motion to donate the gates NEWP has stored at Dr. Ron Baylor's to the Boy Scouts Camp at Gardner Dam. Second by Jack R. Motion passed.

### **Website**

Due to the less than user friendly nature of the present website, the suggestion was made by Jeff M. to consider another option. At present Cay M. has been doing all the web site managing. The present website we have does not allow for easy access from others to offer her support and assistance in maintaining all the areas a couple examples: updating the calendar or adding information. The suggestion Jeff M. made was to go to a site called Buildmyownsite.com Jeff has worked with this site before. He is figuring cost would be approximately \$1,000 to get started. Monthly cost would be \$40. It would be possible to sell sponsorships for \$200-\$300. These advertisements would be limited to businesses providing paddling equipment etc. and they would link to their sites. The advertising would be limited to offset the costs of the website.

A motion was made by Jeff M. to approve the funding for the new website contingent on the fees presented with plans to offset the costs with advertising revenue. Seconded by Jack R. Motion passed.

### **Instructor Appreciation**

Will Stahl made a motion to approve \$100.00 for instructor appreciation get together. Seconded by Chuck S. Motion passed.

### **Open Pool Broadview YMCA**

Robin N. made a motion to approve \$75 for the open pool at Broadview YMCA on January 25, 2009, with reimbursement based on attendance at the event. Seconded by Knox J. Motion passed.

Jeff M. made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Will S. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10pm A 10 minute break was taken and Tim Pflieger talked about planning trips. First and foremost focusing every outing on safety.