

Pure Water Paddlers
Minutes of Meeting 3/29/04

The meeting was held at the Hallie Golf Course. We had some new people show up for this third meeting. Welcome to all newcomers.

The next meeting will be 4/24 (Saturday) at Hallie Golf Course from approx. 1-3 PM. Directions are as follows:

◆From Eau Claire: From the intersection of Main Street and US-53 turn left onto US-53. Continue about 4.1 miles. Turn slight left onto CR-J/Hogarth Ave. Continue to follow CR-J about .3 miles. Turn slight left onto 110th St/N Michaud Street. Continue about .7 miles. End at 2196 110th Street.

◆From Chippewa Falls: From downtown take WI-124 south, continue approx 6.5 miles. Turn right onto CR-J/Hogarth Ave. Continue to follow CR-J about .3 miles. Turn slight left onto 110th St/N Michaud Street. Continue about .7 miles. End at 2196 110th Street.

Directions were obtained from Mapquest.com

Review of the minutes: meeting 2/21/04.

The first item of discussion was the Mission statement/Charter of the club. The Charter was approved as the final version. Dave Froehlich will provide an addendum regarding the “board of directors” and what their role is to be at a future time.

A discussion of club dues was held. It was voted that the dues would be \$15.00 annually. Dues may be submitted at the next meeting or if you wish to mail them, send your check payable to Pure Water Paddlers to Theresa Raven, PO Box 1866, Eau Claire, WI 54702-1866.

The Club membership form and the liability waiver must be submitted to the Club secretary (completed once and it will remain on file) before you participate in any events.

A membership directory will be available at the next meeting. Members will then have access to paddling companions.

Patty Schultz contacted SureShot Networks regarding the possibility of setting up a website for the Club. The cost of setup would be approx \$125 with a \$2.95 per month charge to maintain. Patty and Tami Schimmel will look into this further. There is the possibility that SureShot may be able to create a logo for the Club.

The CPR/First Aid classes were held on March 8 & 15. Eight members attended and all passed and are now certified. At this time there will not be another session until

there are enough interested individuals. The Red Cross also offers the CPR/First Aid classes on a regular basis if someone is interested. Rutabaga, a sporting goods store out of Madison, is offering a Wilderness First Aid Course for those that may be interested in a more advanced first aid program. Two sessions are scheduled: April 17-18th or May 1-2nd. Log on to their website to obtain information regarding this and other classes they are offering. www.rutabaga.com

It was discussed whether trip leaders should be responsible for a first aid kit to be shared between events. It was decided that it would probably be easier for individuals to have their own first aid supplies. Safety coordinators will have a first aid kit with them at all events and will be reimbursed for any materials/supplies used.

Dave talked with the Eau Claire Downtown Development group and found out that they did want the Club to host a canoe/kayak race. At this time we have said no.

Discussion was held about fund raising events for the club. At this time we will not pursue this until we are more established.

A date was set for our first pool session. It will be April 22, (Thursday) from 7-9 PM at the Chippewa Falls Middle School. The cost will be a total of \$40 for the lifeguards. The cost per member will be the \$40 split between everyone who shows up. At this session we will go over basic skills including some basic rescue skills and other items that might come up depending on the skill level of those who show up. We are also planning a second session if wanted or needed. Date and time to be announced at a later time.

Wednesday Evening Paddling

Our first evening paddle of the season as a group will be held on April 28th at 5:30 pm at the Mallard Resort on Lake Wissota. Directions: take Highway 178 north from Chippewa Falls approx 7 miles. There should be a sign for the Mallard Resort road. Glenn Felske will lead the trip.

Our second Wednesday evening paddle is set for May 12th at 5:30 PM. Theresa Raven is heading up this event. Plan to meet at Riverview Park off Highway 124 and paddle the Chippewa River down to Dells Pond and Mt Simon Park.

The Wednesday night trips are open for anyone interested (who has signed a waiver – these will be available the day of the event), no obligation, just show up and have fun.

“Big” Trips

The date has been confirmed for the first “big” trip. It will be June 6th (Sunday) on the Namekagon with Patty Schultz being the trip leader. It will be a level 1 trip, approx 2 ½ - 3 hours (8 mile) paddle. If you do not have a boat, one can be rented. Patty

will have all the costs of boat rentals/trip costs. Any questions? Her email is wwurology@ameritech.net.

At this time, Sue Newman has stated she cannot commit to a date for paddling the Apostle Islands. As summer gets closer she may be able to give us a better idea if this will be possible.

Pete Kuhn may be able to put together a trip to the Apostle Islands sometime in May or June. Further information will be provided at a later time.

Glenn Felske will set up a trip for those interested in paddling on the St. Croix. Depending on what people prefer, it could be anywhere from 3 hours to a full day trip or more. The area he is looking at is the stretch of river from Danbury down, Highway 77/48 to Norway Point. A date has not been set yet.

Julie Johnson is also looking at putting together a trip to the Boundary Waters. At this time it is on hold. Dave and Julie are looking into putting a trip together for the Brule River. Date and time to be presented later.

Other Events

April 23-25th there is the Spring Outdoor Adventure Expo held by Midwest Mountaineering in Minneapolis. They will have exhibitors and presentations. They will also be having a boat demo day from 3-8 PM at Lake Nakomis on April 22 (Thursday), and a canoe/kayak auction on April 24th. Additional information may be obtained from www.midwestmtn.com

June 17-20 the Apostle Island Nation Lakeshore will be holding the Inland Sea Kayak Symposium. Additional information may be obtained from www.inlandsea.org.

June 27 (Sunday) in Dubuque Iowa people are trying to put together the World's Largest Canoe Float. Anyone interested should contact edschool@yahoo.com for additional information.

Door County is having a Sea Kayak Symposium July 8-11. They will be offering seminars and other events. More information may be obtained through the Rutabaga website.

If anyone knows other events they would like to post to other members please let Theresa know and she will send it out to the membership.