

The Hoosier Paddler

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A note from our skipper, Dwayne James:

This year has flown by. Even though we were left without much water to float our boats, the club has been very active and continues to bring in new members. A program for special needs kids, a fantastic pirate party, 2400+ people introduced to canoeing and many more to kayaking at the Hoosier Outdoor Experience, great trips, and now a fantastic speaker for our annual meeting have made this a busy and wonderful year of activities. My thanks to all of our trip leaders, project leaders, and volunteers who have made all of this possible. Please come and enjoy the presentation by Kevin Callan (and please register prior to the event), meet new members, swap pictures and stories, sell or buy gear, and help us kick off our 50th year as a paddling club!!

I have enjoyed being skipper this past year and know that the nominated slate of officers and board will continue to make the Hoosier Canoe & Kayak Club Indiana's premier paddling club.

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Hoosier Outdoor Experience Volunteer Report

On a cool but sunny September weekend thousands of Hoosiers visited the Hoosier Outdoor Experience at Fort Harrison State Park. Canoeing and kayaking were among over 50 activities individuals could sample as a way to enjoy the great outdoors. Volunteers from HCC operated the canoeing section and IYAK staffed the kayaking experience. Volunteers worked tirelessly and were able to keep wait times to a minimum. Participants I spoke to reported waiting no more than 30 minutes which was a vast improvement over previous years. The new lake format made transitions easier and with help from the young men of Hoosier Challenge Academy we increased participation from 1,130 in 2011 to 2,618 in 2012! We actually put 778 people in canoes on Saturday and 1104 on Sunday for a canoe total of 1,882 for the weekend. I know our club got a lot of exposure because our volunteers were all wearing our newly designed lime green T-shirts and the HCC banner and safety info was featured in the tent. Just so you are ready, put September 21-22 on your calendar for HOEX in 2013. Be ready to come out next year to enjoy the event and give more people a paddling experience...just don't expect too much because as Dave Ellis jokingly said, he had never seen so much bad paddling in one place. A special tip of the paddle to our former skipper, Dan Valleskey for all his hard work on this event for the last 4 years.

The Newsletter of the Hoosier Canoe Club

Nomination of New Officers and Executive Board members for 2013

October 17, 2012

Pursuant to Article IV Standing Committees and Duties: G. A Nominating Committee consisting of five members in good standing, not more than two of which can be Executive Board members, to nominate qualified persons to each office and Executive Board positions to be filled at the Annual Meeting. The Nominating Committee shall submit a slate to the Executive Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual November meeting date. The membership must be notified of this slate at least fourteen (14) days prior to the annual November meeting date;

The Executive Board of the Hoosier Canoe Club appointed a nominating committee consisting of Sue Foxx, Dwayne James, Mary Keith, Susi Megathlin and Cindy Schroeder to take nominations from the membership. An initial list of nominations has been submitted to the Executive Board and approved. The nominees are hereby submitted to the general membership for vote at the annual meeting on November 17th, 2012. Election will be by vote of the majority of members present at the meeting.

Here is the list of Nominees for consideration:

Skipper: Sue Foxx
Ex O: Jim Clendenin
Purser: Dan Evard
Yeoman: Kellie Kaneshiro
Immediate Past Skipper: Dwayne James
Members nominated for the BOARD:
Jordan Ross
Matt Slagel
Ken Starrs
Konstantin Louganski
Natalie Needham
Kim/Robert Henry
John Wainscott
Anna Riley
Jeff Coates
Theresa Kulczak
Linda Smith
Jack Countryman

Alternative Nominations Process:

Pursuant Section 3 of Article V. Nominations and Elections: Any alternate nominations (an entire slate or portion thereof) may be submitted to the Yeoman ten (10) days prior to the Annual Meeting, and the Yeoman shall submit this alternate slate to the membership seven (7) days prior to the Annual Meeting. This means that any other nominations must be in my hands by noon on November 7, 2012. I will distribute any alternative nominations to the nominating committee and then to the membership via email no later than 9 pm on November 10, 2012. Please submit alternative nominations to sufoxx713@aol.com .

Notice of Amendment to the Constitution of the Hoosier Canoe Club

October 17, 2012

Pursuant to Article VII. Amendments to the Constitution:

Section 1.

This Constitution may be amended at any called meeting of the Club by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the governing members present and voting, provided:

- A. the amendment has been approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Board; and
- B. each governing member has been notified in writing of the proposed amendment at least two weeks prior to such called meeting.

Section 2.

This Constitution may also be amended at any called meeting of the Club by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the governing members present and voting, provided:

a petition for presentation to the membership of the proposed amendment has been signed by fifteen (15) percent of the governing members and;
B. the stipulations of Section 1, Article VII of this Constitution has been met;

The Executive Board of the Hoosier Canoe Club submits the following Amendment for consideration and approval of the general membership at the Annual meeting on November 17th, 2012.

Amendment: Official Adoption of the new name: Hoosier Canoe & Kayak Club

At present, the CONSTITUTION OF THE HOOSIER CANOE CLUB *Updated March 2006* reads as:

Article I. Name of the Organization: The name of this club shall be the Hoosier Canoe Club

The Amended language reads as:

Article I. Name of the Organization: The name of this club shall be the Hoosier Canoe & Kayak Club

Notice of Amendment to the By-Laws of the Hoosier Canoe Club

Pursuant to Article VIII Amendment:

Section 1.

These By Laws may be amended at any general membership meeting of the Club by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting, provided:

- A. notice of the proposed amendment shall have been given at a previous meeting, or
- B. notice of the proposed amendment is published in the HCC newsletter or a special notice mailed to each member at least two (2) weeks prior to the scheduled meeting.

Section 2.

A committee may be appointed to submit a revised set of By Laws only by a majority vote at a regularly called meeting of the Club or by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Board;

The Executive Board of the Hoosier Canoe Club submits the following Amendment for consideration and approval of the general membership at the Annual meeting on November 17th, 2012.

Amendment 1: Revision of Article VII Club Emblem

Article VII now reads as: The official Club emblem shall be the outline of the State of Indiana with crossed paddles. The use of the Emblem shall be by permission of the Executive Board.

The Amended language reads as: The official Club emblem shall be a logo adopted by two-thirds (2/3) of the Executive Board. Said logo will incorporate the outline of the State of Indiana, Paddles, and the club name as listed in Article I of the club Constitution. The use of the Emblem shall be by permission of the Executive Board.

Audit Committee Appointed

Pursuant to Article IV Standing Committees and Duties: H. An Audit Committee, consisting of two members in good standing appointed at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual meeting. This committee shall meet with the Purser and shall submit their report at the November meeting. The Executive Board has appointed Theresa Kulczak and Konstantin Louganski to serve as Auditors. They will meet with Dan Evard to go over our accounting records and prepare a report to be given at the Annual Meeting November 17th, 2012.

Chain of Lakes Trip Report

By: Sue Foxx

Six hardy paddlers met at Chain of Lakes State Park on Saturday, October 13. We set out from Long Lake and immediately encountered a beaver dam blocking our way up the channel and lots of weeds. Five of us turned back and went through the muck a second time...no Cindy it isn't quicksand even though you sank up to your ankles! Neal was the only brave soul who made it through the 3 lakes to meet the rest of the group on Sand Lake. We grilled brats for lunch and Stevie and Rick contributed some great white chili. The day grew cooler and windy but we paddled through the western lakes in the chain right to the end enjoying the October color, lots of turkey vultures and an awesome hornet nest by the canoe camp. For anyone wanting to paddle Chain of Lakes in the future, the group strongly recom-



Trip photo courtesy Cynthia Schroeder

mends that you start at Sand Lake so that if channels are blocked you have the most options. Sue and Cindy had no trouble securing a space at the campground that afternoon...electric and non-electric options were available for a small fee. Of course when the temperature dropped to 34 degrees they regretted the gear they had brought and were only to glad to clear out when the rain began in the morning. Sue now has a new rule to live by....only camp when the temperature matches your age or above!

Eagle Creek Activities—2012

Jim Sprandel

We enjoyed a great series of paddles on Tuesday Night at Eagle Creek this year. We even saw a group of pelicans on the upper part of the lake on our final paddle. Between 4 and 10 touring/sea kayakers showed up every week and we ended up the season with a celebration at a Mexican restaurant after our last paddle on September 29.

The HCC was allowed to paddle free of charge on Tuesdays because we committed to a Partnership Agreement with the Eagle Creek Discovery Center. The park allows us park entrance with our boats in exchange for shore clean-up activity. All in all, we logged about 50 hours to satisfy our agreement with the Discovery Center.

I would like to thank Kellie Kaneshiro, Anna Riley and friends, Mary Jo Tilford, Mark Cowser, and Dave Ellis for helping me to clean up the shoreline in the areas around the boat ramp near Rick's, the marina and coffer dam, and around the Bear on the West Side of the park.

Eagle Creek Marina's Moonlight and Sunset Paddles: I would like to thank Linda Reddington, Cynthia Schroeder, Kellie Kaneshiro, Mark Cowser, Rex Maddy, Dwayne James, and Sue Foxx for providing safety support and instruction for the new paddlers who signed up for the Marina's Wednesday Sunset and weekend Full Moon paddles which were led by Jeff Coates. These paddles were a great opportunity to get on the water and to help newer paddlers get started. Thanks to everyone.

I'm looking forward to another great year on Eagle Creek in 2013.

Pirates' Post-Appraise!

By Theresa Kulczak

Ahoy me paddlers and friends who participated in the Pirate Paddle & Party on October 13th! Our heartiest thanks to the Sponsors without whose support we could not have put on a grand pirate gathering. And to the volunteers who toiled above and below deck with countless hours to prepare the flotilla and pirate celebration. River Bend Campground was a perfect harbor, and we give an admiral's salute to the owners who rolled out the welcome mat for our boats, tents, music and revelry. The Hoosier Canoe & Kayak Club was pleased to welcome so many paddlers and partiers from all corners of Indiana, as well as from our sister paddling clubs. Here are some of the messages that landed on our shores . . .

Commendations be in order for the most recent of Hoosier Canoe (and kayak) Club "Pirate Paddle!" As a third-time participant (and more, should ye choose to have 'em), I be quite impressed with the collection of our ilk. Much was to be lauded with the diversity of tramps, scallywags, privateers, pirates, corsairs, buccaneers and such from across the state. Indeed, me and my lady enjoyed the revelry afterward as much as the paddle itself.

Much was to be said in favour of the food, libations and entertainment. As opposed to past years, there was more than an abundance for all to enjoy. Mark then, if ye will, me friends and family to be among those attending this event in the future. With regards and respect (and fair sailing)!

The Mighty Black Sam Read

Sailor of the Sweetwater Seas and Master of the Great Northern Fleet!

"It seemed like a large crowd with some amazing outfits! Good pizza, salad and fantastic breadsticks plus some beer on tap made for good eatin' after the paddle. The quiet of the river was interrupted by booms from cannon and shouts of "give me your gold!" as pirates pulled a series of raids along the route, leaving camping families on the banks in wonder..... Towards the end of the paddle a light mist of rain broke out but we never had to put on the rain gear. And the leaves were beautiful as they reflected off the water. A really great day, met many new paddlers and caught up with familiar friends. And that band is pretty darned good!"

That was one awesome Pirate Bash!! I do not remember the last time that I was able to get my husband on the dance floor like that (great band!) and have so much fun. Thanks for all the work that you put into the event. You all are awesome!

Best darn party I've been to in a long time! Kudos to all organizers and participants!

*Pirate Gypsy
Pam Gordon
mystifies campers on the banks of the White*

Agreed! Great trip! My first with Hoosier Canoe & Kayak Club and was pleasantly surprised at how friendly and helpful everyone was. Thanks to all who made it a great trip!



Valerie Gordon and her band of pirate comrades



Special Thanks to Dave Ellis for being the official pirate photographer!

Michael Bradshaw (below)



Worth Donaldson (above)



(L-R) Jordan Ross, Randy "Orange Crush" Parker, Theresa "the Black Toad" Kulczak, Dave Ellis



Sea Kayak Trip Announcement

Lake Monroe Paddle and Optional Camp-Out
Trip Sponsor: Jim Sprandel

Saturday, November 10, 2012

There is still time for one last paddle on Lake Monroe. This is a great time of year to paddle since you see many migratory birds such as loons and grebes on the lake.

We will paddle on the West side of the causeway and will launch from the Launch Ramp at Paynetown State Recreation Area (SRA) rather than the Cutright Ramp

If the weather is passable, I am planning on camping out Saturday Night in the Paynetown SRA and paddle again Sunday Morning.

Meeting Place/Put-In: Paynetown SRA, Launching Ramp (SRA Entrance—4850 S. State Road 446 Bloomington, IN 47401) Once inside the SRA, proceed to the Ramp. You must pay a \$5 fee to enter the SRA if you do not have an Annual Indiana State Park Pass.

Directions to Meeting Place: Take Hwy 446 south from Bloomington. The entrance for Paynetown SRA is immediately South of the DNR Office on the West side of 446.

What to Bring: Paddling Gear, water, Saturday lunch, and DNR Sticker (\$5 from the Paynetown SRA gate if you don't have one.).

Camping Information: If you elect to camp out, we will be car camping so you don't need to be too efficient and you can bring your really warm gear. There is a nominal fee for the campsites where we will be staying. If you are joining us overnight, bring food and camping gear PLUS **water** since the taps in the campground area were turned off in November last year.

Trip Requirements:

- Sea kayak or touring kayak with spray skirt and fore/aft bulkheads are required.
- You should be comfortable paddling in up to 2 foot waves.
- You should be able to maintain a pace of 3.5 mph for a 8-10 mile day (with breaks).

Schedule:

Saturday 10:00 am Arrive at Launching Ramp in Paynestown SRA.

Saturday 10:30 am Start Paddling

Sunday— A 2-3 hour paddle getting off the water around Noon.

Contact information: Please be sure to contact me by 7:00 pm on Friday Night before the trip since we may want to revise plans in case of bad weather. If there is a change, I will let everyone who contacts me know via phone or e-mail before the trip. You can reach me at:

Jim Sprandel merlin-3d@sbcglobal.net (317) 257-2063

See You on the River!
