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Skipper's Message

The year has flown by and now it is time to prepare for our annual meeting and the election of a new board and officers. Please look over the nominations. If you wish to nominate yourself or someone else, please do so before the deadlines noted in the Club By-laws.. I hope you are able to attend the meeting and listen to Darlene Patterson discuss two of her many adventures, share pictures and stories with club members, and enjoy gathering new ideas for your next adventure. As always, please submit your trip reports, announcements and pictures for publication by the 17th of each month to Dwayne dwaynesjamesA1@hotmail.com

Jim Clendenin
Skipper

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Celebrating 51 Years of Paddling

Nomination of 2015 HCC Officers and Executive Board Members October 14, 2014

At the Annual Meeting on November 8, we will be electing the HCC's Officers and Board Members for 2015. The Nominating Committee is submitting the following slate of candidates to the HCC Membership for consideration as our 2015 officers and board members.

2015 List of Officers and Executive Board Members

Officers -

Skipper	Mariann Davis
Executive Officer	Natalie Needham
Purser (Treasurer)	Duane Garloch
Yeoman (Secretary)	James Sprandel
Immediate Past Skipper	Jim Clendenin

Board Members -

Todd Barrett	Earl King
Jim Eckerty	Theresa Kulczak
Dave Ellis	Konstantin Louganski
Sue Foxx	Greg Rathnow
Shirley Gates	Anna Riley
Dwayne James	John Wainscott

Election procedures are described in Article V of the [HCC By-Laws](#).

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Hoosier Canoe & Kayak Club 51st Annual Meeting

WHEN: November 8, 2013

LOCATION: Immaculate Heart of Mary Church
5692 Central Ave. (57th and Central Ave)
Indianapolis IN 46220

TIME: 11am to 3 pm

AGENDA

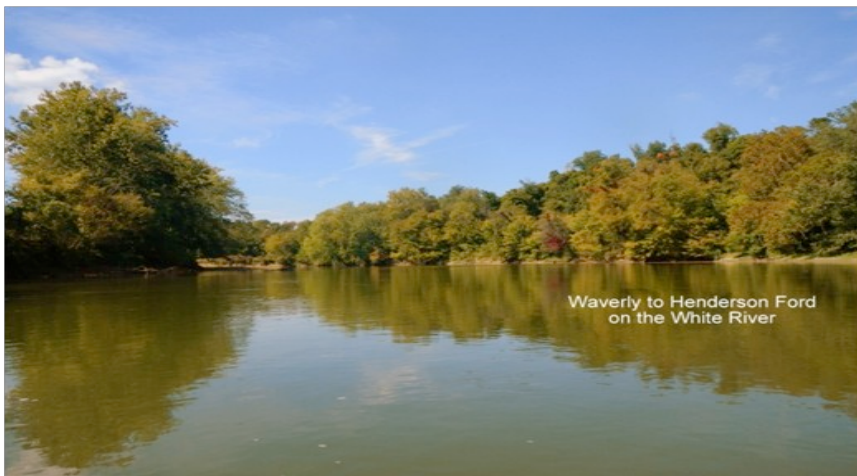
11:00 am	Swap Meet
12:00 pm	Dinner
1:00 pm	Meeting
1:45 pm	Amazon and Sopris River Presentation by Darlene Patterson
2:45 pm	Clean-up

Come and share your paddling pictures and experiences of the past year with others at the Annual meeting on Saturday, November 8. The club will provide the meats, usually a ham and a turkey or two, water, soft drinks, and tableware. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. The SWAP Meet begins at 11 am so remember to bring your extra, unneeded, or unused paddling gear to sell or swap for something better. Following the dinner there will be a brief business meeting which will include information on by-laws changes for email voting and teleconferencing and the election of new officers and board members. This year's presentation will be by long time HCC member, Darlene Patterson. She will share details of her Amazon and Sopris River Trips.



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Trip Report:
Waverly to Henderson Ford bridge—White River
Date: 9/27/2014
Trip Leader: Mariann Davis



The weather was fabulous on this day which more than made up for the scattered areas of low water. While a few boats did experience contact with the river bottom, this did not distract the nine paddlers from enjoying the beauty of this 9 mile stretch on the west fork of the White River. Two eagles were sighted and hung around for a few minutes but not long enough for a photo-op.

Paddlers enjoy this trip since it always renders more time on the water than in a shuttle. If you haven't made this trip yet—not to worry—as it will be on the trips calendar next year.

Thanks to Clarke, Everett, Judy, Brianna, Tish. Gusty, Jim and Konstantin for making this a very fun and successful trip.



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It's November and our paddling season is winding down. I've included pictures from our September Ohio River Trip (top of page) and our Cataract Falls trip (bottom). The temperature is dropping and it's getting to be time to pull out the dry suits. This is a great time to get out and paddle on Eagle Creek or Summit since the bird migrations have started.

Our final club paddle will be the November 15-16 Lake Monroe Paddle whose announcement follows. We will also have our Geist 1st Sunday Paddle at 1:00 p.m. on November 2. I'll get a note out to the Sea Kayak mailing list as a reminder.

Time to Start 2015 Planning: The 2015 Trip Planning Meeting is just around the corner in January. ***If you have a suggested trip that you want to lead or want to be sure that we have, please send me an e-mail or just send it to the sea kayak mailing list.*** Yes, we take requests. In addition to our normal weekend trips, we are planning several week-

long trips to North Carolina, the Apostles, and possibly Lake Huron and Chesapeake Bay. Plus, we will probably add an overnight to 12 Mile Island or 18 Mile Island on the Ohio River.

2015 Training - Next year, we will again offer Introduction to Paddling classes during the summer months for all newer club members as well as Intermediate Sea Kayak skill classes that people show interest in. We can talk about the sea kayaking classes at the upcoming planning meeting.

Rough Water Training - I have been talking with Maggie Byrne at NWIPA and we were thinking about bringing in a Level 4 or Level Instruction to have a "Rough Water" paddling class next year. This would probably be a weekend course that would work on boat handling skills required in bigger water. ***Please let me know if you would have interest in this course.*** We will either contract with an instructor for this course or coordinate to have an HCC/NWIPA contingent at an existing course.



Off-the-Water Courses - January may be a little cool to paddle but it is a good time for off-the-water classes. In the past, Dave and I have talked about offering classes on kayak camping, knots, pirate talk, sea kayak navigation, and sea kayak trip planning/leadership. Let us know if you any of these classes appeal to you so that we can start planning accordingly.

Learn to Roll - Thatcher Pool - Winter is also a great time of year to work on your bracing, roll, and rescues. Nothing gives you more confidence to play in waves or surf than knowing that you can brace or roll yourself back up if you do capsize. The pool is also a great place to comfortably work on solo reentries. Rescues and rolling require ongoing practice if you want to count on them in the type of conditions where you'll need them. For November, pool practices will be Wednesday and will probably move to Saturday morning after Thanksgiving. Watch the HCC Bulletin Board and the HCC Members e-mail list for info.



Sea Kayak Trip Announcement

Lake Monroe Overnight Paddle

Saturday-Sunday, Nov.15-16, 2014

Trip Sponsor: Jim Sprandel

What better way to celebrate the end of another paddling season than with an overnight trip in Deem Wilderness on Lake Monroe. We have done this trip for several years and we will camp out on the peninsula across from Cutright Public Access Site.

Monroe is the largest lake in Indiana and it is one of my favorite paddling destinations. This time of year should be great for seeing migratory birds such as loons, grebes, and cormorants.

If you only want to Paddle on Saturday, you can day paddle with us on Saturday if don't want to camp out. We will camp near the point of the peninsula in Deem Wilderness so it's only a 2-mile paddle back to our put-in at the Cutright Public Access Site.

Meeting Place/Put-In: Cutright Public Access Site. Turn left into Cutright after you cross the causeway going South on 446. We will launch from the first ramp that you come to within Cutright.

Note: There is no home Indiana football on this Saturday so we don't have to worry about traffic along campus.

Expected Paddling Conditions: Lake Monroe is a big lake and conditions vary with the weather - paddlers should feel comfortable paddling in 2-foot waves and be able to paddle 8 miles. Due to possible lake conditions, sea kayaks with fore and aft bulkheads and spray skirts are recommended.

If the air/water temperature drops, wet suits or dry suits are strongly recommended.

What to Bring: Bring your paddling gear, spray skirt, camping gear, food for lunch, dinner, and breakfast, and warm dress. You should also bring drinking water with you.

We will be camping from our boats and you will have to pack all your gear in your boat so plan accordingly.

Be sure to have an Indiana DNR Boat Permit before you come since the DNR office and Paynetown SRA gate may not be open that Saturday. I have one extra if you need it so contact me.

Schedule: Saturday -10:30 am -Ready to Launch from Cutright PAS

We will probably paddle about 3-4 miles, set up camp, and then explore more of the lake.

Sunday: We are flexible here. We could return to Cutright as early as 10:00 am. We'll figure out a plan Saturday night depending on conditions, how far people want to paddle on Sunday and when people want to be home. In the past, the group has gone straight back to Cutright and those people wanting more adventure head back out.

Contact information: Jim Sprandel, merlin-3d@sbcglobal.net, 317-257-2063

Please contact me by 7:00 pm on the Friday before the trip if you want to come. Be sure to contact me since I will be monitoring weather prior to the trip and will notify people if we need to adjust our plans for this late season paddle.

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Proposed Amendments to the Hoosier Canoe Club By-Laws

At the November Annual Meeting, we will ask you to approve two amendments to the Hoosier Canoe Club By-Laws. The amendments to the HCC By-Laws follow the discussion of these changes at the top of this note. If you want, you may review the current Bylaws at the [HCC Web Site](#). The board has had these amendments reviewed by an attorney.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel to contact Jim Clendenin or Jim Sprandel.

Use of Latest Edition of Robert's Rules of Order

The first change modifies Article VI, Section 1 and ties governance of the HCC to the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order rather than a 20-year old and out-of-print Edition. We were advised that this is standard practice for many organizations since it prevents groups from having to modify their by-laws as frequently. In our case, we wish to use more modern version that specifies procedures allowing people to teleconference into meetings.

E-Mail Voting Procedure of HCC Executive Motions

The procedure below gives the Skipper and Executive Officer a procedure to approve a motion via e-mail. It is assumed that this will only be done if a motion's approval is required before the next regular meeting of the HCC Executive Board or if a voting quorum was not present at a board meeting. For example, it may be necessary to get timely approval of a motion to approve funding before an upcoming event.

This new section establishes e-mail voting procedures for motions by the HCC Executive Board. Neither our current edition nor the latest Edition of Robert's Rules of Order specify e-mail voting procedure and both require us to specify these procedures in our by-laws if we want to this capability.

The HCC Board has used e-mail voting in the past. This change is not challenging those actions since the officers and board acted in "good faith". At that time, the entire board felt that this action was allowed through Robert's Rules. However, since the board now knows that this is not the case, we must update our by-laws if we want to continue to use this tool.

The procedure below was kept as simple as possible to minimize "red tape", reduce the time required to complete the procedure, and prevent possible confusion associated the voting process. The procedure does not allow amendment of the motion and assumes that the officers have reviewed the motion with the board before initiating E-mail voting on it. Allowing amendment would greatly complicate the procedure and extend the voting interval.

Proposed Amendments to HCC By-Laws

Change to Article VI, Section 1 – Specification of a Newer Edition of Robert's Rules

Change to By-Laws is highlighted on Line 148 of the HCC By-Laws.

145 Article VI. Order of Business and Quorum Requirements

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147 Section 1

148 The latest edition of Robert's Rules of Orders shall govern this Club in all cases to which

149 they are applicable and are not in conflict with the By Laws of the Club.

Addition of Article VI, Section 4 Creation of E-Mail Voting Procedure

Add the following section immediately after Article VI, Section 3 of the HCC By-Laws.

Section 4 - E-mail Voting Procedures for Motions by the HCC Executive Board

In addition to actions taken by the Executive Board at meetings where a quorum is present, the following procedures

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allow the Executive Board to transact business using e-mail. Like a meeting where Executive Board members are present, a quorum of the board members must participate in the process, by either voting or abstaining, in accordance with the procedures in this section.

Using these procedures, the Skipper or Executive Officer may elect to use e-mail to approve or disapprove a motion. These procedures do not support discussion or amendment of the motion and assumes that there has been prior discussion of the motion at a previous board meeting or via e-mail and that approval of the motion is required prior to the next scheduled HCC Executive Board meeting.

A) Initiation of E-Mail Voting Procedure – At their discretion, the Skipper or Executive Officer may initiate the E-Mail Voting Procedure for a motion by sending an e-mail containing the motion to all members of the Executive Board.

B) E-Mail Format: The e-mail initiating voting on the motion shall contain the following elements.

The Subject Line of the E-Mail shall be:

"HCC BOARD CALL TO VOTE - (Title of Motion) - Vote due by (Voting Deadline)".

The body of the e-mail shall contain the following sections:

Voting Deadline: Time that e-mail votes must be returned by. This time must be at Midnight on a day that is at least 3 business days after the e-mail is sent.

Motion: The motion to be voted on must be stated in full.

Voting Procedure: The e-mail voting procedure as defined in Point D below shall be described.

Criteria for Motion to Pass: The e-mail shall specify how many votes or abstentions must be returned to establish a quorum and how many of those votes must approve the motion for it to pass. This must be based on the criteria for the proposed motion type as specified in Section VII.A.1 of the HCC Constitution or Section VI.3 of the HCC By-laws.

C) Quorum: A board member shall be considered to be present for the e-mail vote if that member replies to the e-mail with a vote or abstention or if they vote or abstain when contacted by the Yeoman as specified in Point D.II of this section.

D) Voting Procedure

- I. Board members must submit their vote by e-mailing it to all addressees (e.g., reply all) on the e-mail initiating voting on the motion by the Voting Deadline specified in the e-mail or via phone as specified in D.II of this section. Before the end of the voting period, a member may send a subsequent e-mail to the addressees of the E-mail initiating the vote rescinding a previous vote and registering a new vote.
- II. Before the end of the voting period, the Yeoman shall attempt to telephone board members who have not provided an e-mail address. The yeoman shall read them the motion and shall record their response if the people choose to vote or abstain.

E) After the voting period has ended, the yeoman shall compile the result of the vote and send that result in an e-mail to the Executive Board. While compiling results, the Yeoman shall use the most recent e-mail received from each board member. The yeoman shall also record the motion and results of the vote in the minutes of the next Board Meeting.



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