

The Hoosier Paddler

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From the Skipper:

As another year comes to a close, I'd like to thank Natalie Needham for her great leadership during her two years as our skipper. I am honored to be your skipper for the next year. I would also like to thank the board, trip sponsors, and instructors for the work they have put in over the last year supporting all of the great opportunities this club provides.

We just had another wonderful annual meeting with 60 people in attendance. Thanks to everyone who helped to put on this meeting. We had a great presentation on a past trip "Uganda: In Search of White Water". The slate for the new board was approved. Changes to the Constitution and By-Laws were approved to allow for voting using an Absentee Ballot. Awards were also presented.

Winter is approaching, but we still have plenty of club activities coming up. Keep an eye out for information about the New Year's Day paddle, First Aid training, and the trips planning meeting. We also have pool sessions at Thatcher Park on Saturday mornings from 10:00 to 12:00 throughout the winter where you can work on your roll, rescue skills, and paddling technique.

Hope to see everyone one on the water sometime next year!

Duane

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New Officers

Please welcome your new slate of officers and board members elected by the club during our annual meeting November 11, 2017.

Officers

Skipper – Duane Garloch

Executive Officer – Toni Harris

Purser – Jim Sprandel

Yeoman – Shirley Gates

Past Skipper – Natalie Needham

Board Members

Dave Ellis

Judy Thompson

Earl King

Jon Reneberg

John Wainscott

John Carlson

Marian Davis

Jim Clendenin

Theresa Kulczak

Allison Strurtevant

Erica Stum

Deb Wilson

See Pages 7 through 9 for a great summary of our Annual Club meeting. Mariann Davis did a great job capturing every moment and provides some great pictures.

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Changes to the HCKC Constitution and By-Laws

These proposed amendments were voted on and approved at the annual meeting on November 11, 2017. Copies of the current [by-laws](#) and [constitution](#) are available on the HCKC web site. Text changes to the constitution and by-laws are highlighted in red.

By-Law Changes for Absentee Ballots

Article VIII, 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 **or voting using an Absentee Ballot**, 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.
- C. A member may submit an Absentee Ballot to vote on a proposed amendment by sending an e-mail or mailing a letter to the Yeoman containing their name and their votes for proposed amendments. Such e-mails or letters must be sent early enough to be received by the Yeoman one day before the election.**

Article V, Section 4

The Officers and members-at-large of the Executive Board shall be elected by ballot, provided however that if there shall be but one candidate for any office, by motion from the floor, the election may be by voice.

A member may submit an Absentee Ballot to vote for club officers and members-at-large of the executive board by sending an e-mail or mailing a letter to the Yeoman containing their name and their votes. Such e-mails or letters must be sent early enough to be received by the Yeoman one day before the election.

Constitution Changes for Absentee Ballots

Article VII, 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 **or members submitting an Absentee Ballot**, provided:

- A. 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.
- C. A member may submit an Absentee Ballot to on an amendment to the constitution by sending an e-mail or mailing a letter to the Yeoman containing their name and their vote for a proposed amendment. Such e-mails or letters must be sent early enough to be received by the Yeoman one day before the election.**

Auction Items Needed

Camptown is looking donations of outdoor recreation items for its annual garage. The purpose of the garage sale is to help people get started in outdoor activities. Since 1991, Camptown has been leading youth to a better path by providing physical, mental, and spiritual growth opportunities in community with caring adults. Through the context of outdoor adventures, Camptown challenges, mentors, and teaches youth about nature and life.

Camptown partners with youth organizations in Central Indiana to offer these exciting and unique programs to their students to build life skills, character and confidence. Programs range from a half-day to a week long at various Parks and Forests across the United States.

If you have anything that you would like to donate (may be tax deductible) please contact us at info@camptown.net. For more information on Camptown visit www.camptown.net



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Our Mission is to challenge, mentor, and teach youth about life through outdoor adventure and nature programs that build confidence, character, and hope.

Trip Announcement

New Year's Day Paddle

January 1, 2018

Dwayne James will be leading a paddle again this year. We will pick a location near Indianapolis, such as Fall Creek or the White River sections we have done the last few years, and send out trip details just after Christmas. Look for an email. Please contact Dwayne if you have any questions on gear, suggestions for location, or concerns over your ability to get out and have some fun with the club.

dwaynesjamesA1@hotmail.com

New Trip Ideas

Please let us know if you are interested in combining a canoe/kayak trip with hiking or biking. And how about getting in some fishing while paddling? Are you interested in attending a session on how to pack and what to pack for a canoe/kayak camping adventure? Please let us know. Contact the trip chairs or send an email to the newsletter editor before the trips planning meeting this coming February.

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Trip Planning – In December, Linda Decker and I will kick off a discussion of possible sea kayak destinations for 2018 on the HCKC Bulletin Board. Many thanks to Robert, Mariann, and Dave who did a great job of researching and leading us to several new venues this year. I've already heard about several new possibilities for next year. I will get a note out to the Sea Kayak mailing list when we start this discussion.

Become a Trip Sponsor: Our club is only as good as our trip sponsors make it. Please consider sponsoring a trip this year. If you don't feel like you have been paddling long enough to lead a trip yet, you have two options:

Sponsor a trip and ask a more experienced paddler to walk you through organizing the trip. If you don't feel comfortable leading the "on-water" part of the trip, ask some you trust to come and help with that part of the trip.

Offer to take over one of our existing trips and work with that trip's past sponsor so you can learn the ropes. This is easier since we've already done the trip research. This also frees up our existing sponsors so that we can introduce new events.

I will write a note on the process of sponsoring Sea Kayak events and circulate it to the fleet in December.

Winter Navigation Training Class – I have been asked to organize a training course on Sea Kayak Navigation over the winter. Watch the Sea Kayak mailing list for details as soon as I've figured them out. If there are other training topics that people might like to cover, please let me know.

Winter Pool Sessions – Winter is a great time of year to learn to roll or to bombproof your existing roll. If you have a roll, think about working on your offside roll or a different style of roll (there are 35 different Greenland competition rolls). Nothing bombproofs your primary roll like trying a new roll, failing, and then flipping yourself back up with your "go to" roll. The pool is often your only chance to play in your boat during the winter and people get together for lunch and talk kayaking afterward. Saturday rolling sessions start on Saturday, November 25 and run through the end of March – more details are in a separate article in this newsletter.



Winter Pool Sessions

The last Wednesday night Thatcher Pool session of the year will be from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm on November 22, the evening before Thanksgiving.

The first Saturday morning pool session will be on November 25 from 10 am to noon. Saturday sessions will continue weekly through the end of March 2018 and Wednesday night sessions will resume in April. Since Christmas and New Year's Day are on Monday this year, we will be able to hold these sessions through the holidays.

For full information, go to the [Pool Training Page](#) on the HCKC Web Site. These sessions are still held at Thatcher Pool and are only \$10/session/family.

Trip Report

Lake Monroe Fall Overnight Trip

November 4-5, 2017

Jim Sprandel

Okay, you remember the weekend before the annual meeting. The weathermen were calling for rain on Saturday afternoon and Saturday night plus thunderstorms most of Sunday morning. To their credit, their forecasts were accurate for some parts of Indiana but we lucked out. We had great conditions on Lake Monroe – a bit of rain and fog on the drive down but only a little rain Saturday night after we had gone to bed. In addition, it was unseasonably warm for November. We planned for the possible conditions and monitored them closely with our phones – just in case.

On Saturday morning, we drove down to Cutright ramp with a bit of rain and fog. Six HCKC paddlers showed up for Saturday's paddle and four of us camped overnight in Deam wilderness. The rain had stopped by the time we arrived at Cutright so we loaded up and paddled out. While waiting, we heard the first of many loons that we saw or heard this weekend.

We paddled north out of Cutright and headed up the north fork of Salt Creek before heading down to the tip of the Peninsula where we set up camp and had lunch. We set up a bit south of our normal campsite since that site would have been more exposed to the predicted thunderstorms and stronger wind on Sunday.

After lunch, we paddled south toward Patton Cave but weren't able to get far down that channel since the lake was too low. We then paddled back north past our camp and ducked into the Middle Fork. At this time, the sun finally came out so we paddled a few more miles since it was too beautiful not to be on the water. This was a great paddle since the trees were in full color and we saw 4-6 bald eagles as well as loons and horned grebes.

In any case, we finally got back into camp after 13 miles on Saturday to have dinner and a fire. Although we had put up my 16' tarp, the rain held off until after we went to bed so we really didn't need it.



On Sunday morning, we got up a smidge early since we wanted to get back in before the thunderstorms/rain forecast for later in the morning. We broke camp and launched by 9:00 am. Before launching, we checked real-time radar on our phones. Radar and the skies both looked clear of storms so we paddled past Cutright, under the 446 causeway, and down the west side of the lake towards Allen's Creek.

The west side of Lake Monroe was fun since the wind had built overnight and we were paddling into a 15-20 mph wind with about 1' waves to play in. It was work on the way south but we got a nice push back up to Cutright.

We got off the water around 10:30 am after a 6-mile day and we headed home from there. This was a great way to close out our club paddles for the year and it remains one of my favorite trips.

Camptown Garage Sale

February 24th

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HCKC ANNUAL MEETING: NOVEMBER 11, 2017...By Mariann Davis

What a Success!

Over 60 members attended our annual meeting at Spirit Lake in Broad Ripple to celebrate another outstanding year with the HCKC. Not only did we enter the 21st century quite

formidably with our new website this year and we participated in some great initiatives in water safety and sup-

ported the vision and ultimate creation (albeit on paper) of the Columbus White River Park, WE HAD LOTS OF FUN.

The "meet and greet began" at 2pm when members arrived with a bountiful fare of yummy eats. The dessert table overflowed with delightful delicacies along with our waist lines, unfortunately, by the end of the evening: ...but "Tis The Season!"

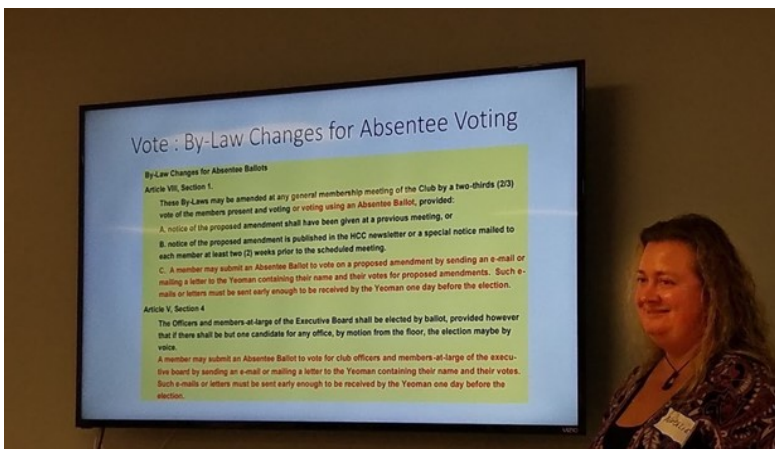


Over 60 paddlers attended the Annual Meeting and party;
Thank you for your participation

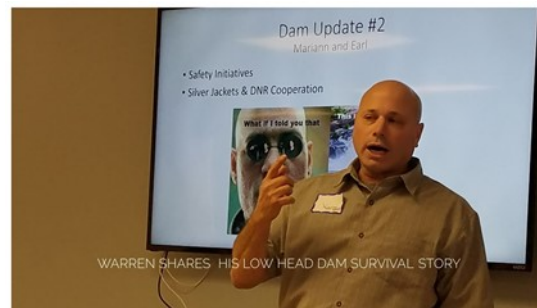
The invocation followed, with an inspirational reading by Clarke Kahlo from Robert Kimber, A Canoeist's Sketchbook. Clarke read two brief reflective passages on waterways which spoke to the poet and paddler in all of us **[the first reading is found at the end of this article for your reflection].

While the membership feasted, Natalie led the meeting portion beginning with the section reports from: Membership – Dave Ellis; Financials – Jim Clendenin; Sea Kayak – Jim Sprandel; Flat Water – Theresa Kulczak; White Water – Toni Harris; Fishing – Jon Wainscott. Thanks to these members for their managerial, financial, and trip organizing skills. The membership then voted unanimously to include absentee ballot voting and the by-laws were reflected to include such. Our new Board was introduced and was voted unanimously to serve in 2018. "Thank you all for volunteering."

It appears that our club has grown seamlessly towards more community involve-



ment with 2 initiatives almost inextricably intertwined: The White Water Park in Columbus Indiana and the revival of our water Safety project including 'Low Head Dam Removal.' Fortunately, we were able to have Warren Rosenthal (survivor) speak about his near death experience involving these drowning machines on the White River. Earl King received an award for his leadership with the Low Head Dam Project. He and Mariann Davis and Allison Sturtevant are working to coordinate the club's efforts with the DNR, the Silver Jackets and the Department of Homeland Security.



It was the 'Natalie & Hasina' show that followed with the long awaited presentation of: WILD ON THE NILE. It was a jaw dropping, wide-eyed, out-loud shrieking experience—and that was just the audience's reaction.

Finally, the event would not be complete without the Awards presentation so solemnly or irreverently delivered by Dave Ellis, Shirley Gates and Toni Harris. Nominations for these prestigious awards are made by the Academy of HCKC paddlers with the creative award designs by Dave and Shirley.

Here is a brief overview of the winners... (my apologies to those not earning the Darwin/ humorous awards as there were so many who qualified).



Earl King: for his contribution and leadership on the HCKC efforts toward the Columbus (and future) whitewater parks and our safety crusades

Cliff Cooper: for his exemplary theatrical performance during the Swift-water Rescue Class as an entrapped kayaker on the Mad River in Dayton Ohio

Dave Ellis Tribute: 'Master Teacher' award for his decades of continuing support at the HCKC pool sessions

Hasina Khan: Club Ambassador award for her efforts and education to the club regarding the plight of the White Nile and leading trips to her home country Uganda



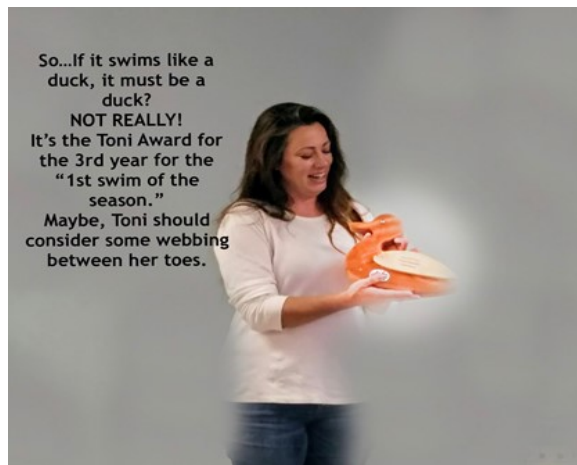
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Linda Decker: for her maiden sea kayak experience with the club when she out-paddled the freighter in the Charleston Bay

Toni Harris: First Swimmer award...3rd year in a row (has a bunch of ducks on her mantle as testimony to her excellent swimming ability)

Jordan Ross: for the successful 'Rock the Yough' trip amidst great challenges



So, as the annual meeting comes to an end, we become aware of the new beginnings ahead of us

in 2018. We know we will continue to have many successful years as our membership steps up to contribute to that end. Come to our trip planning meeting in January and make your voice heard. Suggest a trip...



lead a trip...or join a committee. Or you are invited, as always, to just come and have fun. This is your club.

We can help our new skipper, Duane Garloch, & the board create another memorable year and, by all means let's "see you on the water."

****Robert Kimber, A Canoeist's Sketchbook, 1991:**

"Succumbing to the charms of any river tosses you on the horns of an impossible dilemma. Do you spend the rest of your life going back to that same river, knowing that no matter how many times you see it you will only have just begun to see it? Or do you move on from one river to another and from each bend in that river to the next bend, knowing that each river and each bend has its own personality and mystery? Most of us deal with this dilemma by resorting to those sloppy compromises so rife in human affairs. We keep exploring the new while fitting in, whenever we can, return trips to those rivers and places that have spoken most powerfully to us. Monet did not compromise. Devoted to an art that can capture only static moments in a constantly flowing world, he went back to the same bend on the Seine time and time again. Monet was not a canoeist. His way of knowing a river was not to climb into the flow and become part of it, but to be in the same place next to it season after season, day after day, to capture--hour by hour and minute by minute-- the shift from blaze of noon to evening shadow, from water hidden in the morning mists to ice flows glinting in the winter sun. What he wanted to do, as he said himself, was record his impressions of the natural world "in the face of the most fugitive effects". No wonder he painted rivers and river scenes so often. The river is a fugitive effect, always in constant flight from us, slipping through our fingers no matter how diligently we attend to it. The river in constant flow and change is the image not only from our own lives but of everything alive.

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