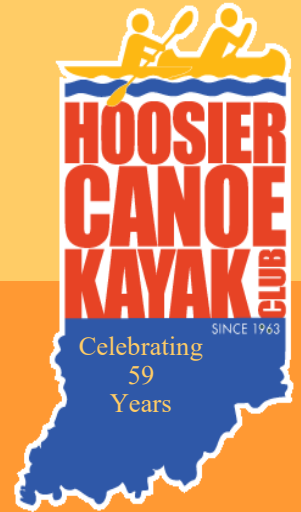


# The Hoosier Paddler

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## Skippers Note

*You are invited to .....*

**HCKC Annual Meeting and Dinner Sunday November 20** Register on the [HCKC Website](#)

Washington Township Park  
115 S County Road 575 Avon, IN 46123

*Please note the previous save the date was for Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> however, we will now hold the event Sunday November 20 due to the availability of the venue*

The HCKC Annual Meeting is a great opportunity for club members to come together to meet and visit with other club members, to participate in club business including the election of Board members and to learn more about paddling skills and paddling destinations.

This year we will be adding some Workshop Breakout Sessions from 11:00 - 2:00. The Club will provide a lunch soup and sandwich for those participating in the Breakout Sessions.

We will open with a short business meeting followed by dinner and presentations on paddling destinations. Beverages and the meat (as well as a vegetarian option) will be provided by the club. **Please bring a side dish or dessert to share for the dinner meal.**

**We will have a table and an outdoor patio area dedicated to a Gear Swap. Items can be brought in at any time after 11:00am. Mark items with your asking price, your name and your phone number.**

### Agenda:

**11:00-2:00 Workshop Breakout Sessions**  
**OPTIONAL**

11:00-12:30	Rescue & Safety (Outside)	Expedition Paddling Planning Packing Canoes/Kayaks
12:30-2:00	Leading a Trip – What to know about planning, safety & leadership on the water	Paddling Topics: Dressing for conditions, Safe transport of kayaks/canoes, Gear review (boats, paddles, safety gear)

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## Annual Meeting

**2:00-2:30**      **Social Time**  
**2:30-3:00**      **Business Meeting**  
                          **Board Election**  
                          **2023 Budget**  
                          **2022 Reflections & 2023 Planning**  
**3:00-5:00**      **Pitch-In Dinner and Presentations**

Registration on the HCKC Website Calendar      [hoosiercanoecub.org](http://hoosiercanoecub.org)

## HCKC Board Election Slate

Executive Board	Name	Current Board Member
Skipper	John Gates	
Executive Officer	Dave Ellis	
Yeoman	Kaleena Wright	
Purser/ Chairman SK	Linda Decker (Sea Kayak Co-Chair)	
Past Skipper	Toni Harris	

Member at Large	John Carlson	
Member at Large	Richard Clapham (Safety/Ed Chairman)	
Member at Large	Tim Owens	
Member at Large	Jeff Stejskal	
Member at Large	Judy Thompson (Canoe/Kayak Co-Chair)	
Member at Large	Brad Huey	
Member at Large	Tony Pascuzzi (Sea Kayak Co-Chair)	
Member at Large	Jan Rugaber	
Member at Large	Eric Hayes	
Member at Large	Jeremy Giddens	
Member at Large	Ben Larson	
Member at Large	Andrew Bredemeyer	
Member at Large	Robert Kirkman	

**The Newsletter of the Hoosier Canoe Club**

## **Trip Announcement SK: Lake Monroe Overnight**

**Date: November 5-6, 2022**

**Trip Sponsor: Jeff Stejskal**

**THIS is a LEVEL 2 HCKC Sea Kayaking Trip (with possible Level 3 conditions)** Please review trip level chart before signing up. [Trip Level Guide 1-2021.docx](#)

Join us for an overnight paddling trip on Lake Monroe. Lake Monroe lets us camp from our boats along the shore in Deem Wilderness. This is our annual fall pilgrimage and we will camp out on the peninsula across from Cutright Public Access Site.

*If you only want to paddle on Saturday, our campsite should be only be about 3-4 miles from the Cutright put-in so that people are welcome to come out and day-paddle with us without camping.*

**Registration:** Please register on the club web site or by email if necessary

**Meeting Place/Put-In:** Cutright Public Access Site. This is about 2 hours from the intersection of Hwy 37 and I-465 on the southeast side of Indianapolis. ([Google Map](#)) Note: Hwy 37 has a detour so plan ahead.

**Directions to Meeting Place:** Take Hwy 446 south from Hwy 46 on the east side of Bloomington to the Lake Monroe causeway. Cutright is the first turn on your left immediately after you cross the causeway. Go to the first boat ramp that you come to after leaving Hwy 446.

**What to Bring:** Bring your paddling gear, spray skirt, camping gear, food for lunch, dinner, and breakfast, and warm clothes. You should also bring drinking water with you. We will be camping from our boats and you will have to pack all of your gear and food in your boat, so plan accordingly.

Be sure to have a **2022 Indiana DNR Nonmotorized Boat Permit**. *You should be able to pick one up on the way to the meeting place, either at the DNR headquarter on Hwy 446 on the north side of the entrance to the Paynetown SRA or at the gate for the Paynetown SRA.*

**Required Equipment:** Depending on the temperatures, wet suits or dry suits are recommended. Due to potentially rough lake conditions, spray skirts, safety equipment, and sea/touring kayaks with fore and aft bulkheads are required.

**Schedule: Saturday** - 10:00 am is the recommended time for arrival at the put-in. We will launch at 10:45 am. We will probably paddle about 4-5 miles and then set up camp and have lunch. After lunch, we will go out and explore more of the lake.

**Sunday:** We are flexible here. We could return to Cutright as early as 10:00 am and drop off people who have to take off. We'll talk and figure this out Saturday night depending on how far people want to paddle on Sunday and when people have get home.

**Contact information:** Jeff Stejskal [jeffs45321@hotmail.com](mailto:jeffs45321@hotmail.com) Please contact me by 7:00 pm on the Thursday before the trip if you want to come. Be sure to register or contact me since I will monitor weather forecasts prior to the trip and I will let the people who have contacted me know if there will be changes to or cancelation of the trip due to the expected conditions.

Candidate Name	What HCKC activities have you participated or volunteered for in the past year?	How many on-water paddling events have you participated in during the past year?	How long have you been a member of HCKC?	What do you think is the most important role of the HCKC Board?	How do you personally set a good example for new paddlers participating in HCKC?	Additional Comments?
John Carlson	Served on the HCKC Board, Zoom Annual Meeting 2021	2	Since 2010	To be an advocate for the fleets	Be positive when discussion HCKC with others. Follow club policies when paddling	
John Gates	Served on the HCKC Board, Volunteer at Triathlon Eagle Creek, Acted as a Trip Leader/ Sponsor for a paddling event, Acted as trainer for training classes/ at the pool, Fleet Chair/ Co-Chair, Worked at Boat & Travel Show, Written and submitted articles for Newsletter/ Publish Newsletter, Zoom Annual Meeting 2021	Lots	Since 1988	To guide the club based on the club members inputs	By teaching and learning how to be safe on the water	
Kaleena Wright	Worked at Boat & Travel Show	2 trips, plus pool sessions and some Tuesday night paddles	Almost 2 years	I believe Board should have the best interest of the group as their focus including retention, growth, and member development/ engagement.	First, I try to be welcoming and supportive. I am still learning and encourage others to have patience as they learn, wherever they are in their progress. As a person who leverages the pool sessions and who has done some of the Tuesday night paddles, I would also encourage them to engage even in the small training/practice activities.	I am open to helping by not only lending my opinion and helping with the fun stuff, but also help with administrative needs or outreach. I work in volunteer management and feel that many of those skills could prove useful.
Dave Ellis	Served on the HCKC Board, Acted as a Trip Leader/Sponsor for a paddling event, Acted as trainer for training classes/ at the pool, Zoom Annual Meeting 2021, Work on board committee	5	53 years	Communication about planned events	Helping others	Nope

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Tim Owens	Served on the HCKC Board, Worked at Boat & Travel Show, Zoom Annual Meeting 2021	2	5 years	To provide opportunity for growth for the members, in a safe, fun and encouraging atmosphere.	Though I've not yet completed my certified instructor course. I assist in training new and intermediate paddlers always striving for a safe, fun, encouraging and supportive environment at the pool and on trips.	I hope 2023 provides us all with the opportunities to grow, learn and achieve new skills and have a lot of fun doing it. We are all paddlers for a reason. To get what we all need from a physical, mental, emotional and even spiritual perspective. I hope to paddle with you in 2023.
Robert Kirkman		none	50+	to govern trips, set standards, train, encourage/enable participation	I take responsibility for myself and looking out for others. Having been the safety officer for many years, I comply with all good practices.	I was an full year active participant over 3 decades; held offices of safety, purser and Exec. I actively lobbied the state legislature on taxes for possession of a canoe. I desire to again participate and support paddle sports.
Brad Hughey	Served on the HCKC Board, Acted as a Trip Leader/Sponsor for a paddling event, Worked at Boat & Travel Show	5	15 years	Promote the club and the sport of paddling , to grow membership and create more stewards of the water	Make them feel welcome talk to them about techniques and promote safe paddling	
Richard Clapham	Trip Leader/Sponsor, Trainer for classes and at the pool, Fleet Co-Chair, Worked Boat & Travel Show, Wrote articles for Newsletter, Administrator for Facebook Site, Zoom Annual Mtg, Work on Board Committee	8 + Pool training	5 years	Promote safe fun and diverse Paddlesports in the region	Lead by example in the development and promotion of safe and fun paddling	40 years of paddling experience in all craft and conditions. 28 yrs as a qualified coach/instructor

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Linda Decker	Served on the HCKC Board, Acted as a Trip Leader/Sponsor for a paddling event, Acted as trainer for training classes/ at the pool, Fleet Chair/Co-Chair, Written and submitted articles for Newsletter/ Publish Newsletter, Act as administrator of the HCKC Facebook Site, Zoom Annual Meeting 2021, Work on board committee	15+	5 years	Provide value to the members through oversight of events & training	Teach and participate in safety and rescue education. I have safe practices on the water including wearing a PFD and using good judgement about skills of the group and conditions on the water.	I have enjoyed participating in the work of the board and look forward to planning our 2023 events and training.
Tony Pascuzzi	Served on the HCKC Board, Acted as a Trip Leader/Sponsor for a paddling event, Acted as trainer for training classes/ at the pool, Fleet Chair/Co-Chair, Written and submitted articles for Newsletter/ Publish Newsletter, Zoom Annual Meeting 2021	36	5 years	Promote, organize and conduct safe kayaking trips for all skill levels	Provide guidance and training for certain skills, write articles for the monthly newsletter, organize and lead sea kayaking trips.	Thanks for providing such a great kayaking club and letting me be a part of it.
Jeremy Giddens	Zoom Annual Meeting 2021	4+	2-3 years	Supporting the goals of the fleets	By encouraging an inclusive, safe, and fun environment at club events/trips.	
Ben Larson	Volunteer at Triathlon Eagle Creek	4	1 year	To maintain membership and keep events on the schedule and organized.	I always wear my PFD! I also like to provide good coffee for the group :) I bring about 30 years of whitewater experience too, always happy to teach when needed or provide safety.	I saw the initial call for board members and thought about it. I was talking with Toni and John this weekend about it and they asked me if I was interested. I know keeping good people on the board and also in leadership positions is difficult, everyone is busy! I am too but I know how important it is to maintain this club. It's been fun to meet everyone and participate in events!

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Jeff Stejskal	Served on the HCKC Board, Acted as a Trip Leader/Sponsor for a paddling event, Acted as trainer for training classes/ at the pool, Eagle Creek Clean Up, Written and submitted articles for Newsletter/ Publish Newsletter, Zoom Annual Meeting 2021	20+	6	Representing all the club members	Provide a welcoming, enjoyable and safe paddling environment.	
Judy Thompson	Served on the HCKC Board, Volunteer at Triathlon Eagle Creek, Acted as a Trip Leader/Sponsor for a paddling event, Acted as trainer for training classes/ at the pool, Fleet Chair/ Co-Chair, Written and submitted articles for Newsletter/Publish Newsletter	not sure, guess around 8	8 years	provide structure and guide the club	I try to be welcoming to all paddlers and encourage them to participate in activities.	
Andrew Bredemeyer		4	1 year	Coordination	Following the rules of club membership	I am a proud new member of the club and if elected to the board I will do my best to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of my elected position.
Eric Hayes	Acted as a Trip Leader/Sponsor for a paddling event, Acted as trainer for training classes/ at the pool, Fleet Chair/ Co-Chair, Written and submitted articles for Newsletter/Publish Newsletter, Act as administrator of the HCKC Facebook Site, Zoom Annual Meeting 2021	4	?2006	Steward of funds/ Organizing paddling events	I engage with them to make sure they understand what the club needs are and what they can expect from the club. I also discuss the benefits they get from the club and offer assistance or put them in touch with other club members that can help them.	

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Toni Harris	Served on the HCKC Board, Volunteer at Triathlon Eagle Creek, Acted as a Trip Leader/ Sponsor for a paddling event, Acted as trainer for training classes/ at the pool, Worked at Boat & Travel Show, Act as administrator of the HCKC Facebook Site, Zoom Annual Meeting 2021, Work on board committee	Somewhere between 5-10	7 years	An engaged board member	I set an example for new paddlers through just getting to know them - asking what their goals are and what type of paddling they enjoy, then offering pathways for which they can reach those goals! I have been very involved as an admin on Facebook and our website as well as helping run the pool sessions. I have also been an engaged member of the board for several years working to maximize membership benefit and increasing opportunities for education by encouraging creation of training opportunities and inclusion of paddlers with all levels of skills.	I believe as a club we need to remember how and why this club was founded, and remember and celebrate that we have many founding members still involved. This club was formed with love and enthusiasm, and the membership numbers reflect that! We as a club need to make sure that we 'pay it forward' and work to include younger generations and families as well as a more diverse membership.
Jan Ruggaber		I don't know the exact number, but probably 10 or so.	About 5 years.	To me, the most important role is to keep things running smoothly for members. This includes providing up to date information about trips and training as well as functioning within the club's budget.	Apart from the obvious answer of always wearing my PFD, I try my best to be friendly and get to know them and their paddling background. Are they brand new to kayaking or experienced? If brand new, I'll offer to answer any questions or provide advice on one or two things that might help make their paddling experience better. It's important not to overload them with information right off the bat, though. The joy and excitement that new paddlers experience is infectious!	Up to this point, I have been getting to know people in the club, participating on trips (mostly with the sea kayak and C&K groups), and attending training both within and outside of HCKC to become a better paddler. Now I feel it's time to start giving back. I've volunteered my paddling time outside of HCKC for events at Eagle Creek such as the NCAA and Big 10 Women's Rowing Championships. As of December 2022 I'll be fully retired and will have more time to devote to projects and volunteer work as well.



## **Jim Sprandel Memorial Paddle**

**September 6, 2022**

**Submitted by: L. Decker**

On September 6<sup>th</sup> over 40 club members gathered at Eagle Creek to pay tribute to one of our club leaders who passed away during the pandemic. It was amazing to see so many boats launch for a collective paddle. Joining us on the water were Jim's two brothers, who made the trip to attend from St Louis.

The paddle was followed by a meal and time to tell stories and memories about Jim. His wife, Peggy Neill shared the plan to establish a Jim Sprandel Memorial Fund for proceeds from the sale of Jims equipment/ books and donations. This fund will be used by HCKC for training and development of adaptive paddling capabilities.

***May you have fair winds and following seas our friend and mentor***

