

## **Indiana Division of the USCA**

### **Fall Meeting, November 7, 2009**

Present: Sonja Gilman, Guy Gilman, Brent Ernsberger, Wendy Brinson, Ty Artfish, Ed Artfish, Kinsey Artfish, Brock Artfish, Jack Waite, Steve Horney, Christine Horney, Terry Pontius, Skeet Craig, Jim Anderson, Bill Kanost, Deb Kanost, Patt Oakley, Roger Crisp, Buzz Lail, Brian Benson, Judy Benson, Devann Benson, Matt Conrad, Tom Conrad, Frank Tinsley, Ted Beatty.

#### Nominations:

- a. Delegate to Winter USCA meeting near Chicago: Guy Gilman and Terry Pontius nominated and elected.
- b. President: Steve Horney and Sonja Gilman nominated; Sonja Gilman elected.
- c. Vice President: Steve Horney nominated and elected.
- d. Treasurer: Brian Benson nominated and elected.
- e. Secretary: Ted Beatty continues.

#### Officers' Reports:

President's Report: Sonja reported that Betsy Arnold, outgoing President, sends her warm wishes from New England.

Vice President's Report: no report.

Treasurer's Report: The balance at last year's meeting was \$2,023.70; the current balance is \$2,163.62, an increase of \$139.92 (including income from points money (\$91.50) and the USCA rebate (\$190.00); expenses for youth insurance(\$10.00), Culver rental(\$107.00), and trophies(\$24.58)).

Secretary's Report: May 2009 minutes were approved.

Delegate's Report: Steve H and Terry P attended the meeting at Warren, PA. They noted the new USCA CanoeNews Website, which will be a great resource for paddlers and race organizers. All race organizers should input their information there. There will be a discount for youth USCA members.

#### Old Business:

Permanent Boat Numbers – See discussion from May meeting. There was discussion about appropriate shape and size. It was decided to use \$200 for stickers with Indiana division logo and website; Indiana members can still register numbers with Brent Ernsberger.

Program Development Committee – There was discussion concerning attracting new racers to the sport, an ongoing (and perhaps increasingly dire) challenge. All race organizers are encouraged to seek ways to bring in new racers and the division should continue seeking ways to publicize races via cards, the website, the yahoo group, etc.

ICRC Disbanding Funds – Frank Tinsley and Brian Benson will investigate whether the ICRC funds are an ongoing possibility. Patt Oakley has put together a draft of a proposal for using these funds to begin a water safety program and training programs in several Indiana locations. There was general enthusiasm for supporting this proposal. Pat pointed out that it is essential that more Indiana USCA members get trained as Canoe instructors through the USCA program. About half a dozen people indicated an interest in this next summer.

#### New Business:

Webmaster: Wendy B volunteered to replace Bill Arnold as new Indiana USCA webmaster.

Tri-State Championships – Sonja reported that this will happen again in 2010, now including C2 mixed.

Membership discounts – it was agreed to offer one year free memberships to all rookie racers who make a minimum of three races in one year.

Points System – There was extended discussion of the merits of the current points system, whether it provided a disincentive for experienced paddlers to race with novices, etc. Opinions differed and no action was taken.

2010 Race Schedule – all race organizers should get their information to Brent, Sonja and Wendy.

Awards -- Brent Ernsberger, Competition Chair, presented awards for the 2009 season.

Spring meeting will be held after the Tippecanoe Race, as usual.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ted Beatty