

## USA Canoe/Kayak Team – Wildwater Committee – Meeting Minutes

July 31, 2010, 6:00 PM PST (Newhalem WA)

Attendees: John Pinyerd, Chris Hipgrave, Tom Wier, T O’Sullivan, Lynn Pinyerd, Bailey O’Sullivan, Chris Norbury, Jack Ditty (end of meeting)

Introduce 3/27 Minutes:

[http://www.usawildwater.com/Committee\\_Minutes/WWC\\_Meeting\\_Minutes\\_032710.pdf](http://www.usawildwater.com/Committee_Minutes/WWC_Meeting_Minutes_032710.pdf)

### **Old Business:**

#### Finances

- Treasurer’s Report – We are staying on budget and Tom is reconciling our expenses with USACK.
- Donations/Sponsors – no updates. Pinyerd: Two of our Performance Fund Recipients (Mark and Jeremy) donated their funding back to USAWW.

#### Development/Recruiting:

- Team Development – We discussed Norbury’s plan (that had input for Hipgrave and Wier) for team monitoring and development. We agreed to move forward with implementation. Hipgrave will work with USACK to see our options for a lactate testing machine.
- Other updates on changes due to Summer /Fall Team Trials: Bylaws will need to be modified to reflect changes in our schedule. Pinyerd will work with Norbury to draft language and circulate to the WWC for input.
- Regional/National Recruitment and Development:
  - We are moving forward with the idea of working with the ACA. It’s a win-win for both Wildwater and the ACA. Wildwater can give the ACA another development program. Another logical tie-in is the ACA Downriver program.
  - Working with local paddling clubs is still a good key for development.

#### 2010-11 US Races/Events:

- 2010 Southeastern’ are on for August 14<sup>th</sup> (See schedule/article on [www.usawildwater.com](http://www.usawildwater.com))
- Hipgrave will host a 12 hour “tour de Nantahala” do as many runs as you can in a day in November.
- Training Camps
  - Chute the Hooch Training Camp 2011- Pinyerd will host the “CTH-TC” on the MLK Holiday Weekend Jan 15-16 2011. The object will be recruiting and development.
  - 2011 Feb Nantahala Camp – Hipgrave/NOC will host a team/prospective team TC in Feb. He will confirm date and get on the schedule.
- 2011 World Cups Schedule is still not posted. Norbury/ Hipgrave/Pinyerd will follow up.
- The Jr Worlds are on the schedule for mid-July. 2011 USA Wildwater National Events (due Aug 15<sup>th</sup>) – Our biggest concern are 2011 races below with the USA Nationals (Spring) being our largest concern:
  - o Wildwater National Championships
  - o 2011 Team Trials (to select USA National Wildwater Team for 2012)
  - o 2011 Eastern USA Wildwater Junior Team Trials (to select team for 2011)
  - o 2011 Western USA Wildwater Junior Team Trials (to select team for 2011)
- Bids – We have received the following “informal bids for 2011:

- Fibark – Ed Loeffel is willing to host races as needed in conjunction with FIBArk. The board agreed that we would likely need FIBArk for West Jr Trials (once we verify the dates).
- NOC – Hipgrave offered to use the US Open or Glacier Breaker as our Jr Team Trials course if necessary.
- 2011 Team Trials (Summer/Fall) – Norbury was nominated to come up with a suitable site/venue on the Russell Fork or other Mid-Atlantic location. This would be the first step in our plan to put Sr. Team Trials on the following rotation schedule:
  - 2011 – Mid Atlantic
  - 2012 – CO
  - 2013 – Southeast
  - 2014 – PNW
- **We need to re-circulate the 2011 Bid letter as well as reach out individually.**
- Reno WW Festival – would make a great choice for our Nationals. Wier/Ed Gordon will pursue.

Mid-term board changes/Search Committee:

- Any WWC members that are inactive will be given an opportunity to give up their seat on the WWC at end of year 2010. The board nominated Seth to fill the role of finding replacements for Mid-Term as well as to start working on 2012.
- Pinyerd – commented that at the end of the 2011 term he will have been Chairman for 7 out of the 8 last years. He is perfectly willing to give up the Chairmanship at midterm if anyone wants to do the job (but there appears to be no takers). He will dutifully and energetically serve through the 2011 term but the WWC should plan on him to not seek re-election (or a WWC position) beyond that term.

Next Meeting:

- By Skype – Time TBD