

**WHITEWATER COMMISSION
QUARTERLY MEETING
JUNE 21, 2007
MINUTES**

The quarterly meeting of the Whitewater Commission was held on Thursday, June 21, 2007, at the Quality Inn New River Gorge, in Fayetteville. The following individuals were in attendance:

WHITEWATER COMMISSION MEMBERS

Frank Jezioro, Director, Division of Natural Resources (Presiding)
Betty Cutlip, Division of Tourism
Don Striker, National Park Service
Paul Hart
Don Beyer
Rick Johnson
Jonathan Danz

DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Lt. Col. Jerry Jenkins, Law Enforcement, Charleston
Will Valentino, Assistant Attorney General, Charleston
Jena Kay Webb, DNR Law Enforcement, Charleston (Recording Secretary)

PUBLIC

Heather Johnson, Extreme Expeditions
Rob Dobson, West Virginia Adventures
Benjy Simpson, Passages
Eddie Lilly, Rivers
Ernie Kincaid, ACE
Brian Campbell, Rivermen

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Director Jezioro at approximately 1:15 p.m. The director introduced Don Striker, Supervisor National Park Service. The director welcomed everyone attending the meeting and asked everyone to introduce themselves. Commissioners Jeff Proctor and Bill Garten were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Danz made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2007, meeting as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Johnson. The motion passed as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Benji Simpson stated that June 21st, would mark the 40th Anniversary on the first whitewater trip on the New River. Jon Dragan started the first whitewater company, Wildwater Expeditions.

REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

Commissioner Johnson gave a brief on the trout stocking, will provided Final Draft to commissioners. (Attachment A).

5.4 – 5.4.2 – Commissioner Johnson made a **MOTION** to accept Regulation change. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Danz. The motion passed as submitted.

Regulations page 7 - 9.2.2.1b Gauges Commissioner Johnson made a **MOTION** to 9.12.1b. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Beyer. Brief discussion occurred. Commissioner Johnson made a **MOTION** to table issue until the September meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Danz. The motion passed.

Regulations page 8 - 10.1 Licensee shall provide a Type V vest-type personal flotation device approved by the United States Coast Guard for commercial whitewater use to each passenger to be transported in watercraft by the licensee and shall be securely fastened and worn by the passengers while underway. Trip leaders and trip guides shall wear either Type III or Type V vests approved by the United States Coast Guard for commercial whitewater use and shall securely fasten them while underway. The use of Type III or Type V personal flotation devices by passengers is acceptable for kayak or canoe instruction. Commissioner Johnson made a **MOTION** to change the regulation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Danz. After a brief discussion the motion passed.

Regulations page 2 - 3.1.2b – Striking 3.1.2c from the confluence of Bucklick Creek to the Railroad Bridge at Jodie. Commissioner Johnson made a **MOTION** to make modifications to regulations. The motion was seconded by Betty Cutlip. The motion passed.

LAC SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT - David Hughes, Waiting for Chip to report.

BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT – Paul Hart, putting committee together.

TOURISM SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT – Jonathan Danz, Better define what commission will do. Including more membership.

OTHER BUSINESS

Brian Campbell questioned if WVPRO or DNR is responsible for legal fees?
Director Jezioro will talk to the Attorney Generals office.

Privacy Acts

September 19, 2007, Lt. Case Red Cross First Aid and CPR Cards.

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Johnson to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Danz. Motion passed and the meeting adjourned at approximately 3:00 p.m.