

WHITEWATER COMMISSION
QUARTERLY MEETING
MARCH 25, 2009
MINUTES

The quarterly meeting of the Whitewater commission was held on Wednesday, March 25, 2009, in Building 3, Room 674, Charleston, West Virginia. The following individuals were in attendance:

WHITEWATER COMMISSION MEMBERS

Lt. Larry O. Case, Division of Natural Resources, Law Enforcement (Presiding)
Jeff Proctor, Class VI
Betty Carver, Division of Tourism
Rick Johnson, River Expeditions
Jonathan Danz, Wildwater Expeditions

DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Jennifer Weinrich, Law Enforcement, Charleston (Recording Secretary)

OTHERS

Mark Lewis

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Lt. Case at approximately 1:00 PM. Lt. Case welcomed everyone attending and passed around the sign in sheet.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jeff Proctor made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2008, meeting as submitted. The motion was seconded by Rick Johnson. The motion passed as submitted.

NPS LETTER FOR GAULEY RIVER PROJECTS

Jonathan Danz took this item off the agenda because Don Striker asked that we hold off on this letter.

WHITEWATER OUTFITTER RENEWALS

Jennifer Weinrich presented to the commission a list of outfitters that had not completed their renewals for the 2009 season. The Whitewater Outfitters in question are: Elk Hill Farm (is an outfitter who did not run any trips during the 2008 season); Garrett College

(an outfitter which has not run any trips during the 2008 season); Historical River Tours (Check has been received but missing the renewal application); Whitewater Information and Rafting (Cannot renew because they owe money to the tax department).

The license for Whitewater Information and Rafting is currently in limbo because there is nothing in the rule or legislation that states that the commission can do away with a license for non-payment of fee's.

OTHER BUSINESS

Betty Carver thanked Mark Lewis and Jennifer Weinrich for their efforts in assisting with the Division of Tourism the gathering of information for the new brochure.

Betty Carver also thanked WVPRO for providing a gift certificate for the event it hosted on Saturday, March 21, 2009.

Jennifer Weinrich brought up the BARD (Boating Accident Report Database) worksheet on behalf of Lt. Col Jenkins, in his absence. The BARD worksheet is very similar to the Accident Report sheet that is currently used during whitewater accidents. The information from the BARD worksheet could be entered into the BARD-Web and therefore queries could be made for trends. Ms. Weinrich passed out the worksheets and asked that the outfitters take them and review the information and questions that are on the sheets.

Jeff Proctor made a **MOTION** to have Dr. Whisman only prepare one year (2008) of the Injury Report and LAC Report. Rick Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed and carried.

Jeff Proctor made a **MOTION** to have Jennifer Weinrich to manually input the 2009 and subsequent Whitewater Rafting Accident Reports into the BARD-Web system for the information to be utilized for the coming years Injury Reports. Rick Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed and carried.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND PLACE

The date, time and location of the next meeting will be established at a later time and commission members will be notified.

MEETING ADJOURNED

A **MOTION** was made to adjourn the meeting by Jeff Proctor and seconded by Rick Johnson. The meeting ended at approximately 2:00 PM.