

Quarterly Whitewater Commission Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2011

Location: River Riders, Harpers Ferry, WV

Chaired: DNR Lt. Colonel Jerry Jenkins, in absence of Director Frank Jezioro

In Attendance: Doug Cooper, private boater; Don Beyer, private boater; Tim Barton, Alpine Ministries; Matt Knott, River Riders; Eric Vance, BTI Whitewater; Eric Martin, Wilderness Voyageurs; Brian Campbell, Adventures on the Gorge; Everett Ruppert, River & Trail Outfitters; Kelly Crago, DNR recording secretary

Approval of March 15, 2011 Minutes

Brian Campbell motioned to approve the minutes recorded from the March 15, 2011, quarterly Whitewater Commission meeting. Tim Barton seconded the motion, and the Commission accepted.

Injury Report RFQ

According to DNR Procurement Section's Angela Negley, the Whitewater Commission must take the lowest bid if it meets the requirements set forth in the RFQ. Even considering that an additional 5% of points can be given to a bidder located in West Virginia and that state bidding allows for a 5% difference when comparing bids, Aram Attarian still beat the Commission-favored Andy Whisman who has done whitewater work before.

Brian Campbell motioned to approve Attarian's bid in order to obtain the needed injury report compilation. Matt Knott seconded the motion, and the Commission accepted.

Trip Leader Report CFS Measurement

Reporting CFS measurements on the Cheat River is difficult because the new gauge is inaccurate and the online gauge is not working properly. The purpose of reporting CFS levels on the Trip Leader Reports is to gauge carrying capacity on the rivers at different flow rates. Therefore, the Commission does not want to leave the entry blank, and it wants measurements to be as accurate as possible. In order to accommodate Outfitters rafting the Cheat River and to make reporting as similar as possible for all rivers, the Commission decided to alter the online report submission to allow for the flow rate to be noted as either CFS or feet. Kelly Crago will contact Chip Short regarding the change.

Online Payments

Lella Miller of the State Treasurer's Office recently updated Kelly Crago regarding the progress of online payments. Kelly Crago and Lt Colonel Jenkins have reviewed and approved the web pages designed by Ms. Miller's office for annual license fees. Ms. Miller will send DNR Law Enforcement the URL to place on the DNR whitewater webpage and the login and password to access the collected data. Ms. Miller said that her office is very busy right now, and

the programmer has not had time to start on the monthly user fee online payment pages. However, she expects that development of the pages will only take 2-3 days once he or she starts working on it.

Next Quarterly Meeting

The next meeting will tentatively be held on Tuesday, September 13, 2011, at 1:00 pm. If reservations can be made, the meeting will be held at the Park Service location on the Gauley River. Brian Campbell offered Adventure West Virginia Resort as an alternative location.

Adjournment

Tim Barton motioned to adjourn the 2011 second quarterly Whitewater Commission meeting. Brian Campbell seconded the motion, and the Commission accepted.