



CaNEWS!

Saukenuk Paddlers Canoe and Kayak Club

February 28, 2018 Meeting:

1. Present were Kentley Loewenstein, Tom Post, Eric & Deanne Tumbleson, Christie Coverdill, Chris Pekios, Lonnie Holland, Rex Grove, Susan Haack, Mark Ries, Kathy Keck, Pete Crocker, Beth Ann Schrup; guests Ray Davis and Pete Quinn; new members JoAnne Hayes, Jill Bjerke, Amy & Ken VanSickle, and Jo Noon.
2. Treasurer Tom Post said we have \$2615.41 in the bank, not including recent fees from membership renewals.
3. There was discussion about all members having emergency contact information in club records, in case of an accident or illness during a club event. The discussion also covered non-club-members that attend club events. Chris Pekios volunteered to draw up forms for members and guests to sign that include a liability release for the club, and emergency contact information. We will also start requiring everyone on a paddling trip to sign in so there is a record of who is on a trip. It was also decided to call club members who set up paddling trips as "Trip Organizer" rather than Trip Leader to emphasize that they are not responsible for paddlers safety. Note that Saukenuk does require all paddlers on our trips to wear properly fitting PFD's, and refrain from consuming alcohol before and during paddles.
4. Lonnie Holland mentioned that Saukenuk now has a Facebook page, moderated by Lonnie
5. It was mentioned that due to construction activities on the new I74 bridge, boat traffic under the new and old bridges will be restricted to the main channel, keeping to the right both ascending and descending. From the shore to the channel is a forbidden construction zone.
6. Pool session for Saukenuk are finished for the year. April 7 will be a class for Y members due to a request from the YMCA.
7. Rex Grove listed the dates the Wausau (WI) Whitewater Park will have water releases for whitewater paddling. Water is on from 10 am till 4 pm each day listed. You need to supply your own boat (with flotation bags if required), paddle, PFD, and helmet. Cost is \$15 per day, \$25 per weekend plus \$5 for a daily ACA license. Releases are May 12-13, Jun 9-10, Jun 23-24 (lessons available), Jul 14-15 (lessons available), Aug 4-5 (lessons available), Sep 15-16 (lessons available), and Sep 29-30. There are special events on Jul 21-22, Aug 16-17, and Aug 18-19. Go to wausauwhitewater.org for more information. The water releases are also listed on our schedule.
8. On May 19 the Iowa DNR will conduct a Whitewater Rescue Clinic at the Charles City, IA whitewater park. Contact glenn.harman@dnr.iowa.gov OR see www.iowadnr.gov for more information.
9. Events added to the calendar:

- a. Apr 21, Voyageur Canoe Clinic at Rock Creek park. Take your boat up and paddle around the area if you are not doing the Clinic.
 - b. The Wapsi River Staff from Scott County Conservation will teach beginning kayaking and canoeing at the West Lake Park boat ramp and Pride Lake in Scott County Park. Dates are Wed, Apr 18; Mon, Apr 14; Wed, Jun 13 at West Lake Park. Dates are Wed, May 2 and Fri, Jun 8 at Pride Lake in Scott County Park. Time is 1 pm – 3 pm all dates. They will have boats and PFD's available, but it is probably best if you bring your own equipment so you can get familiar with it. [Canoe/Kayak Experiences Spring 2018](#)
 - c. May 12 Wapsi River, Central City to Matsel Bridge, about 15 miles
 - d. July 21, Saukenuk Club Picnic at Potters Lake in Sunset Park, Rock Island, IL, Details to come.
 - e. Aug 26, Moonlight Paddle with the WOC. Details to come.
 - f. Aug 30 – Sep 3, a WWII LST (ship for landing heavy equipment on a beach during an invasion) will be docked at the Isle of Capri in Bettendorf and available for tours.
10. As always, keep an eye on Meetup as dates get closer, as details may change depending on water levels, weather, and personal problems.
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Last Wednesday of every month (except November and December) at 7:00 pm in the American Red Cross Building, 1100 River Drive, Moline, Illinois 61265.

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Dues paid after August 31 of each year will include the following year. Email kentley@aol.com for a membership application form.

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