

Minutes of the Michiana Watershed

April 12, 2011

Members present: Ted Beatty, Rick Carey, Simeon Geels, Ken Sauer, Henry Scott

- Rick provided an update on the proposed East Race Paddle Event
 - Chamber of Commerce grant for Paddlefest was not funded; will try again, perhaps for East Race Paddlefest (see below)
 - He continues to strengthen contacts with the Chamber; he has been encouraged to try again with the proposal.
 - Proposals are solicited once a year through the Sports Foundation.

- Ted talked about the potential of a photo-op with many boats on the river
- He has also been talking with an informal group of people interested in revitalizing the East Race, including:
 - Erin Perry - Manager of Legends
 - Aaron Busch - Urban Adventure
 - Jason Tharp - president of ERWWRC

- Brief discussion about moving Paddlefest downtown. Because the race component is so key, however, St Pats seems to be the best bet, and it will stay there for the foreseeable future

- Paddlefest update from Ted
 - Financially in good shape; Memorial is on board
 - Last Sunday in June, as usual (6/26)
 - Mass email coming out soon

- Ted discussed plans to offer instruction sessions to introduce people to paddling
 - Ted licensed through USCA as instructor to introduce
 - Planned instruction dates: June 11 and August 6

- Treasurer report from Simeon: \$7700 in the black

- Paddlers Guide update from Ken
 - Still moving forward; looking into hiring a student to convert photos to look like old photos

- Discussion about participation in Ecofest: perhaps a joint MW / Paddlefest / KSBB both?