



Des Plaines River Association

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Des Plaines River Canoe Marathon 1958-2016

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Dear Mike,

I want to extend appreciation once again to you and the Lake County Forest Preserves for support in multiple areas of the preparation and conduct of the 59th Annual Des Plaines River Canoe and Kayak Marathon. Indeed, the clearing of downed timber and other debris by river maintenance crews from various locations along the river enabled us to proceed entirely as scheduled. Moreover, the availability of a motorized johnboat to assist with rescue and sweeping the course continues to be a considerable asset.

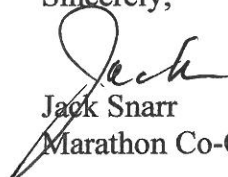
Consequently, we were able to present a challenging, yet enjoyable and safe day on the river for 675 individuals in 444 boats starting in Libertyville, and another 65 in 39 boats starting the 5.25 mile Minithon in Potawatomi Woods in Wheeling. Participants took from 2 hours 5 minutes (solo kayaker) to 5 hours 29 minutes by a more relaxed solo kayaker to complete the full course.

We are aware of no irregularities, although quite likely there were a few customary dumps amidst the excitement at the Starting Line.

We are grateful for the continuing support of the Lake County Forest Preserves and are pleased to be able to bring participants into these preserves, with at the end of the day no evidence of their passing through!

I extend to you best wishes for an enjoyable summer!

Sincerely,


Jack Snarr
Marathon Co-Chairman