



Walworth/Jefferson County Chapter

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Chapter Monthly Meetings held at US Bank in Elkhorn
every 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM

May 2008 Newsletter

Minutes for the April 15, 2008 Chapter Meeting:

Members and Guests in Attendance: Robert Caniglia, David Cash, Marnie Cash, Barb Converse, Jerome Converse, Sharon Dziengel, Gerry Emmerich, Russ Helwig, Dale Jefchak, Gary Klatt, Nancy Lazzaroni, Barbara Leetzow, Ron Nacker, Peter Packer, Gary Patzke, Hedda Patzke, Carol Prchal, Roxy Radmer, Judy Schilthelm, Paul Thuma, June Wheeler, Judy Wildermuth

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by chapter coordinator Russ Helwig at 7:15 pm. Attendee introductions followed. The April 2008 Newsletter was accepted as an accurate representation of the March 18, 2008 monthly meeting, with the correction (in New Business) that the Power Equipment Operator Requirements that we must now adhere to are those of the IAPTF, not the National Park Service. These are actually a combination of requirements of the NPS and the WDNR. Also, Nancy Lazzaroni clarified (in Old Business) that she met with two elementary classes in Pell Lake and one in Lake Geneva, and she discussed glacial geological features of Wisconsin.

Treasurer's Report: The chapter treasurer, Judy Wildermuth, reported the past month's income from interest at \$.56. Expenses were \$154.79, including \$61.73 for trail adopter expenses, \$12.97 for a fire extinguisher, \$47.84 for chain saw expenses, and 32.25 for string trimmer expenses. Total funds are \$16,318.13. Her report was accepted.

Announcements: Continue to give Sentry receipts to Gary Klatt and old cell phones to Barb Converse for fund-raising. Remember that Barb is no longer taking ink cartridges for recycling. A reminder was given to sign up to provide the hospitality for the upcoming meetings. Chain saw training will be held at the SoKMSF headquarters on Tuesday, June 3, from 8:15 am to 4:00 pm, contact Brad Crary, brad@iceagetrail.org. This is the time of year for updating the IAT kiosks. Eileen Harris is responsible for the Island Road kiosk, Dale Jefchak handles the Hwy 12 kiosk, and Barb Converse attends to the Whitewater contact station kiosk. An Earth Day celebration will be held at Kishwauketoe on April 26 with lots of family activities. Dale announced that a nature hike will take place at Kishwauketoe on Tues, May 27 at 7:00 pm; meet at the field house across from the conservancy on Hwy 67. Russ passed around a newspaper article about Nick's Place, a log cabin for people with disabilities, at Bong State Recreational Area.

Old Business: The Regional IAPTF meeting was held in Cross Plains on Feb 24. Russ, Ron Nacker, and Gary Klatt attended. Items discussed there included the possibility of starting a new chapter in Green County, westward trail-building in Rock County, and plans in the making for National Trails Day on June 7. The hope is to have every mile of the entire trail hiked that day. Jerome Converse reported that he hoped to have all the string trimmer supplies in the Whitewater contact station shed by this week. Power equipment operator supplies were again discussed; kevlar chaps are being investigated. Barb C. reported that the moonlight hike on Mar. 20 was attended by 8 people. The work days on Mar. 29 and 30 were spent clearing brush for the trail re-route between Hi-Lo Road and Hwy P., per Gary K. Gary Patzke reported on the Adopt-A-Trail program. A meeting was held for adopters on Apr. 15. All of last year's adopters are returning this year. One large trail segment from last year was divided in two, and the segment from Bluff Road to Bald Bluff is available for adoption. Ingrid Larsen has the section from Big Spring Rd. To Duffin Rd. and needs help with this long and difficult segment. Training was given for using the new string trimmer. Paul Sandgren and the WDNR forest crew will spray the large poison ivy patches with herbicide. Jerome has prepared for the adopters a summary of which areas of the trail he can mow, and which need to be trimmed with the string trimmer or other means. Russell reported that he spoke to the American Association of University Women on Apr. 10. He was well-received and a woman from the group has since joined his hikes. Russ passed around the names of people whose IAPTF membership had lapsed to see if present members knew them. A potential new member who had hiked

with Russ will receive the Trail Tales newsletter. The chapter library was discussed; Russ explained that a couple of years ago, several books were donated to the chapter to be checked out by members. 3 books were checked out long ago and never returned. (Two of the culprits were present.) 2 more were checked out at this meeting. Although never officially passed and moved, it appears that the library will be disbanded. Members were offered the books at \$5 apiece.

Hospitality: Thanks to Russ for today's refreshments.

New Business: The annual IAPTF meeting will be April 17-20 in the NoKMSF. At least 11 members of our chapter are planning to attend. Work days on Apr. 26 (Gary K.) and Apr. 27 (Jerome) will focus on preparation of the trail for the 50 mile IAT run on June 10. A visit to the Kenosha Museum will be held on May 3, with plans for lunch and hiking afterward. The Aldo Leopold Legacy Center and Shack tour has been rescheduled to May 10. Discussion about possible hikes after the tour ensued. Hedda Patzke will lead Earth Day activities for Ft. Atkinson Purdy School children on May 16. Contact her if you can help and she will send you details. Our chapter is still developing a display for the SoKMSF headquarters. Photos are needed; please send them to Barb. She will contact the Waukesha chapter for photos of its area, also. Our regional work day on July 26 is quickly approaching; think about who might be contacted for continental breakfast and lunch donations. Gary K. announced that he is planning to participate in the GRABAAWR bike ride June 21-28 and wondered if anyone from our chapter would like to join him. Riders meet in Prairie Du Chien and are bussed north to the Michigan border. The ride is along the Wisconsin River and covers an average of 70 miles per day. See www.bikewisconsin.com for more details. Hedda mentioned that a native plant sale is taking place at Bong on Apr 27. The next chapter monthly meeting will be May 20 at 7:00 pm. The trail committee will meet just prior to the chapter meeting at 6:00 pm.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Tuesdays @ 4:00 pm &
Wednesdays @ 10:30 am | Weekly Walks: Join Russ and others for a hike on the IAT or other nearby trails. Meet at the Hwy. 12 IAT crossing and parking lot, just west of LaGrange. Contact person: Russ Helwig, 262-473-2187 |
| Tuesday, May 20 @ 6:00 pm | Trail committee meeting at US Bank in Elkhorn |
| Tuesday, May 20 @ 7:00 pm | Monthly chapter meeting at US Bank Community Room in Elkhorn. Contact person: Russ Helwig, 262-473-2187 |
| Saturday, May 24 @ 9:00 am | Work Day. Trail Maintenance. Meet at Hwy. 12 IAT parking lot. Contact person: Jerome Converse, 262-473-7304 |
| Saturday, June 7 @ 8:00 am | National Trails Day. Our chapter's entire 26 miles will be hiked. Meet at Rice Lake shelter parking lot, groups will go in both directions from there. Shuttles will be available at both ends and intermediate stops for varied lengths of hiking. Contact person: Russ Helwig, 262-473-2187 |
| Saturday, June 14 @ 9:00 am | Kayak and Canoe with the Elkhorn Adventure Club on the Bark and Rock Rivers north of Whitewater into Fort Atkinson. Meet at Burnt Village County Park on Co. Hwy N about 5 miles north of Whitewater. Contact Gary if you need a canoe partner or want to borrow a boat. Contact person: Gary Klatt, 262-473-4973 |
| Wednesday - Sunday
June 18 - 22 | Mobile skill crew leader training at IAT-U: Crew leader training, chain saw safety, care and feeding, successful event planning. Held at La Budde Creek, Sheboygan County. RSVP by June 10. Contact person: Gary Klatt, 262-473-4973 |