



(formerly Ice Age Park & Trail Foundation)

Walworth/Jefferson County Chapter

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Monthly Chapter Meeting Every 3rd Tuesday, 7:00 pm, at US Bank, Elkhorn

August 2009 Newsletter

Minutes for the July 21, 2009 Chapter Meeting:

Members and Guests in Attendance: Gerry Emmerich, Bob Fleishman, Eileen Harris, Russ Helwig, Dale Jefchak, Gary Klatt, Ingrid Larson, Dominic Lazzaroni, Nancy Lazzaroni, Vince Lazzaroni, Gary Patzke, Hedda Patzke, Carol Prchal, Judy Wildermuth, Elora Wildermuth-Breizman

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Russ at 7:10 pm. Two corrections were made to the July 2009 newsletter and minutes of the June 16, 2009 chapter meeting; Gary "K" was corrected to Gary "P" in the old business discussion of the "You Are Here" boxes, and in upcoming events, the opening day of Chillin' on the Ice Age Trail is July 31, not 21. The minutes were then accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Judy presented the treasurer's report for the past month. Income totaled \$253.43 and included a \$50 donation from Kim Monk, a \$20 donation Russ received from driving a thru-hiker, a \$50 prize from the Independence Day parade, and the remainder from interest on accounts. Expenses were \$178.24 and included \$100 for engraving of our chapter rock at the state office, \$45.65 for parade expenses, and \$32.59 for supplies for renovating the "You Are Here" boxes. Total funds are at \$16,391.64. The treasurer's report was accepted.

Announcements: The hospitality sign-up sheet was passed around. Give your Sentry receipts to Gary K. and old cell phones to Barb C. for fundraising. The weekly walkers will continue to meet at the Nordic Trails until the construction on Highway 12 between Whitewater and LaGrange is finished. The 2010 IATA annual conference will be April 22-25 at the Janesville Rotary Botanical Gardens. We are encouraged to bring friends and families to the Chillin' on the Ice Age Trail event in Taylor County, July 31 - August 2. Russ passed around some items he had printed out from the recent IATA Board of Directors meeting, including new criteria for financial statements for nonprofit organizations. He also explained the new requirement that VIP volunteers who are girl scouts or boy scouts are designated as such.

Hospitality: Thanks to Gary K. for a quick bread with cream cheese and homemade raspberry jam and to Russ for macadamia and white chip cookies.

Old Business: Eileen passed out all of her trail maps at the parade. Gary K. has more for her. Ingrid mentioned that she is posting the photos she receives from Russ online on Picasa. Nancy thinks that we might want to use an online photo service to print a hard cover scrapbook for our chapter to use at displays. She noted the prices are very reasonable. Gary P. is continuing to repair the "You Are Here" boxes. He has replaced the pink board with corrugated board in six of the boxes. He is updating them with new aerial maps as he obtains them. Some horse activity has been noticed on the IAT from Horseriders Camp to Palmyra and that is being monitored. If it appears to be a chronic problem, we might want to put up a stile on the trail to prevent it. Regarding the hiking award program, Kangaroo sent an e-mail to Russ explaining that the costs Sassy Shirts had given him for a "patch" were really just for embroidery on fabric and did not include edging. He also listed a number of businesses that he thought might be willing sponsors. Vince will bring a patch design to the next meeting. Nancy will check a couple of other places regarding having patches made, including Poltermans in Genoa City and Yunker Industries in Delavan. The Rock County chapter is getting 30 to 40 participants at its weekly walks as part of its new award program. The kayak and canoe outing on June 20 was a successful outing with

13 people and 12 boats. It is unknown if anyone from our chapter attended the regional work day in Montello. Gary K. was the sole participant on the June 21 work day. He cleared honeysuckle and buckthorn from the lake view at Ron's bench at Lake LaGrange. Russ mentioned that he had noticed a hole, perhaps from a muskrat, on the trail near the Kangaroo walk. Jerome attended the IATU in late June to obtain first aid/ CPR training. Our chapter once again won first place in the costumed marchers category at the Independence Day parade in Whitewater. Thanks to Barb C. for her organizing efforts and to Karen Helwig for her ideas. Two Viet Nam vets marched with our group. Gary K. would appreciate any photos of the parade for the Trail Tales Newsletter. The MSC project in Cross Plains July 16-19 was attended by Gary K., Sharon D., and Jerome and Barb C. from our chapter. Over 100 people attended the grand opening of the new state office building, including Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin and Tom Gilbert from the NPS. Gary K. started a discussion about placing mileage posts along the trail. These would be helpful for people to report locations of downed trees, etc. and would also be used by hikers and runners to know their distances. He would like to place them every ½ mile. He envisions a 4 foot post with 2 feet of it in the ground. The top would be cut at a 45 degree angle with the marker placed on the slanted surface. He recommends numbering from the county lines, starting over at each county. Other ideas for numbering brought up were to number straight through our 2 counties, or to number straight through the entire Southern KMSF. Ideas for what kind of markers to put on the posts were discussed. A motion was passed to make mile markers for the trail, with details to be determined at a later date.

New Business: Kangaroo will not be here to lead the July 25 work day so Jerome or Gary K. will lead it. Ron will lead the hike/bike/paddle event on August 8. He was not present to address this and those interested in attending should contact him for information. The next MSC project is scheduled for August 13-16 and will be at LaBudde Creek. Our next monthly meeting will be on August 18 and will be run by Gary K. as Russ will be fishing in Canada.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesdays at 4:00 pm &
Wednesdays at 10:30 am

Weekly Walks: Join Russ and others for a hike on the IAT or other nearby trails. During road construction on Hwy. 12, meet at the Nordic Trails parking lot on Hwy. H. north of Hwy. 12.
Contact person: Russ Helwig, 262-473-2187

Tuesday, August 18, 2009 at 7:00 pm

Monthly chapter meeting at US Bank Community Room in Elkhorn.
Contact person: Russ Helwig, 262-473-2187

Saturday, August 22, 2009 at 10:00 am,
or at 9:00 am to carpool

Tour and hike at Riveredge Nature Center in Newburg, near West Bend. See <http://riveredgenaturecenter.org> for more info about the center. Carpool from the East Troy park and ride off Hwy. 20 east of town (at the airport). Contact person: Gary Klatt, 262-473-4973

Sunday, August 23, 2009 at 9:00 am

Work Day. Meet at Hwy. 12 IAT parking lot to help with trail maintenance.
Contact person: Contact person: Jerome Converse, 262-473-7304

Tuesday - Sunday
September 8-13

MSC project at Straight Lake Scenic Recreation Area in Polk County. Build new trail. Free group camping and meals.
Contact person: Gary Klatt, 262-473-4973