



(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

November 2009 Newsletter

Minutes for the October 20, 2009 Chapter Meeting:

Members and Guests in Attendance: Barb Converse, Jerome Converse, Liz DeBaal, Brad Crary, Bob Fleishman, Eileen Harris, Russ Helwig, Gary Klatt, Ingrid Larson, Vince Lazzaroni, Meg McCormick, Ron Nacker, Peter Packer, Hedda Patzke, Carol Prchal, Roxy Radmer, Judy Wildermuth

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Russ at 7:10 pm. The October 2009 Newsletter was accepted as minutes of the September 15, 2009 chapter meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Judy presented the treasurer's report for the past month. Income was \$118.77, made up by a \$25 donation from John Race and the remainder from interest. Expenses were \$103.99 for paper, ink, stamps, and glue. Total funds are at \$16,595.86.

Announcements: Give your Sentry receipts to Gary K. and old cell phones to Barb C. for fundraising. The Nomination and Election Committee consists of Hedda, Vince, and Ingrid. Our chapter has new business cards (not chapter-specific), brochures, and note cards with envelopes. The new membership brochures are not available. Russ obtained some marking tape for marking large areas of Japanese Hedge Parsley along the trail. The DNR will be notified of these large areas. Small patches and individual specimens should be pulled by the trail adopters. If pulled before blooming, they can be left there. Once they have bloomed, they should be bagged and disposed of. We can be of great assistance to the DNR in eradication of this invasive species from the state forest. Barb advised us that a weevil that eats only garlic mustard has been identified. She passed around an article about this topic. Lyle Lidholm will be giving a presentation about his IAT thru-hike at the Janesville library later this month.

Old Business: Eileen had nothing new to report on the kiosks and displays, but suggested that Bonnie check with the Elkhorn public library as a potential site to place the traveling display. Hedda, in Gary P.'s absence, had nothing new to report on the trail adopter program. The glass of the map box just east of Hwy. P is broken. The new backer board in the "You Are Here" boxes is working well, per Russ. A vote for the name of our chapter's new hiking award program was then held among those present. A ballot listing the candidate names chosen at the previous monthly meeting was given to each person. The choices were "Kettle Hikers", "Kettle Trekkers", "Kick the Kettles", "Morainathoners", "The Moraine Corps", and "The Kettle Corps". The approval voting method of voting was used, in which each person voted for every name that he or she approved of. The votes were tallied, combining them with votes submitted to the secretary prior to the meeting by two persons unable to attend. "Kettle Trekkers" won, with "The Moraine Corps" coming in as a close runner-up. Some discussion of designs for the patch ensued, and it was determined to decide on a patch design at a later meeting. Gary K. updated us on the mile markers. He determined that the mileage should include the whole SoKMSF, starting at Pine Woods. The Waukesha chapter has not yet decided if it wants to participate, but we can go ahead and mark our counties. Paul Sandgren has suggested putting GPS coordinates in the "You Are Here" map boxes, and they could be put on the mile markers also. Jerome suggested marking the mileage at road crossings. Gary will design the marker and let us know when he has it finished. Brad noted that Chapter 7 of the IAT Handbook has information on "Destination Signs", which provide the mileage to a certain destination. He passed around printouts from the handbook and told us that the NoKMSF uses these types of signs. Honeysuckle was cut during the September 19 work day, led by Gary K. Jerome led the September 20 work day and spent it repairing the Clover Valley bridge. The day before, he and a few others moved a 25 foot boardwalk (actually a pallet) to the wet woods near Island Road. Gary K., Jerome, and Ron attended the MSC project in Dane County September 24-27. The harvest moon hike scheduled for

October 2 was cancelled due to inclement weather. Russ, Ingrid, and Gary K. went for the hike at the Madison Arboretum on October 10. They enjoyed a beautiful tallgrass prairie, and then took a break from the cold and windy weather with some shopping and lunch, followed by a hike of the new segment of the IAT near Belleville. None of our chapter members present at the meeting attended the MSC event in Taylor County October 8-11. Brad reported that a puncheon 200-250 feet in length was constructed. Photos are posted on Facebook. Hedda, speaking for the Nominating Committee, asked that anyone willing to be our next coordinator contact a member of the committee. Russ noted that our chapter is good at dividing the administrative work (for example, Ron takes care of the volunteer hours). He mentioned that maybe the publicity officer could take over updating the website calendar. Brad mentioned that the IATA website will be revamped, probably next spring, as it is currently poses problems due to being pieced together over the years.

Hospitality: Thanks to Gary and Pat Klatt for carrot cake, cranberry bread, apples, pears, homegrown tomatillos, and beverages.

New Business: Chapters will be able to choose from two regional meetings to attend this fall. Our chapter will host one in Whitewater on November 15, and the other will be hosted by the Portage County Chapter in Stevens Point on November 14. Barb volunteered to work with Brad to organize the potluck meal. We then discussed potential projects for the NPS Challenge Cost Share Program. Rebuilding the Kangaroo walk is probably too expensive and complex for this program, as a boardwalk costs about \$100 per 8 foot section. Putting in a boardwalk or puncheon at the recently rerouted area north of Horseriders Camp is another option; Gary K. will work on this idea. Judy told us about the ink cartridge recycling program available at Staples. We can earn \$3 in Staples Rewards for each cartridge we bring in. We decided to participate; Gary will collect the cartridges. The IAT state office has offered to print business cards for chapter officers. After a discussion, we decided that the benefit of individual business cards was not worth the expense, and we will continue to use the generic ones. Gary K. will lead the work day on October 24. Brad gave details about two back to back MSC projects coming up. During October 27-29, rocks will be replaced at Devil's Staircase in Janesville. During October 30 to November 1, more rock work will be done at Rainbow Bridge in Lodi. Also, if there are enough volunteers, work on the first dispersed campsite might be done. The annual hike, pot luck, and calendar planning will be held November 8 at Judy's house. The work day of November 14 will be led by Gary K. Jerome wants to nominate Ray Hajewski, the SoKMSF trail manager, for the IATA Public Partner Award. Brad will check into this. Jerome also wants to recognize Tom Pontel with a card or a gift. Tom owns the land at the Island Road section of the trail and mows the trail from the road to the bridge. Our next monthly meeting will be November 17.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 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. Meet at the Hwy. 12 IAT crossing and parking lot, just west of LaGrange. Contact person: Russ Helwig, 262-473-2187

Tuesday, November 17, 2009
at 7:00 pm

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

Sunday, December 6
at 9:00 am - carpool from the
Elkhorn Park & Ride
or at 9:30 am - carpool from the
East Troy Park & Ride

Visit the Milwaukee Art Museum and take a walk by the lake.
Contact person: Gary Klatt, 262-473-4973.