



(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

December 2009 Newsletter

Minutes for the November 17, 2009 Chapter Meeting:

(Many thanks to Vince for taking notes for these minutes.)

Members and Guests in Attendance: Nancy Bucuk, Barb Converse, Jerome Converse, Liz DeBraal, Bob Fleishman, Eileen Harris, Russ Helwig, Don Howell, Dale Jefchak, Wayne Jensen, Gary Klatt, Ingrid Larson, Ron Larson, Vince Lazzaroni, Barbara Leetzow, Ron Nacker, Peter Packer, Hedda Patzke, Carol Prchal, Roxy Radmer, Allan Stenmark, June Wheeler, Judy Wildermuth

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Russ at 7:00 pm. The November 2009 Newsletter was accepted as minutes of the October 20, 2009 chapter meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Judy presented the treasurer's report for the past month. Income was \$0.14 from interest. We had no expenses for the month. Total funds are at \$16,596.00.

Announcements: Give your Sentry receipts to Gary K. and old cell phones to Barb C. for fundraising. The IATA is applying for certification as a Land Trust. The new membership brochures will be available in early December. The IATA state office has "wooden nickels" with the IATA information printed on them. These are available to be used for publicity. As we have discussed at previous meetings, personalized business cards are also available. New IATA patches and t-shirts are also now available. Thanks to a very generous donation by the Reuss family, the IATA state headquarters in Cross Plains is now being purchased outright instead of leased. The Reuss siblings made the donation of over \$200,000 in memory of their mother, Margaret. Michael Reuss (son of Henry and Margaret) will be the featured speaker at the next IATA annual meeting on April 24, 2010. Injury reporting kits are available to those leading work projects. These kits include forms to be used when receiving health care for an injury received in order to have that care covered by the NPS. The NPS has a new requirement for chain saw chaps which will require many now in use to be replaced by 1/1/2011. The "Let It Shape You" IAT brand look and feel event advertising templates have arrived. Early next year, the IATA website will be updated and will be more intuitive.

Old Business: Hedda reported that Gary P. met with Paul Sandgren and is updating the "You Are Here" boxes with new aerial maps and GPS coordinates. The map box with the broken plexiglass at highway P has been repaired. Gary is also putting up IAT Access signs at those parking lots for other trails from which hikers can access the IAT. He still has lumber for more sign construction. At our next meeting, a patch design for our new Kettle Trekkers hiking award program will be considered, so those who have designs in mind should bring drawings. (Your chapter secretary will bring the designs that were collected at a previous meeting. Hopefully, she'll remember to show up.) Our participation in the Staples Rewards program has begun. We receive \$3.00 store credit for each ink cartridge brought in for recycling. Give your empty cartridges to Gary K. Speaking of Gary K., the work day on October 24 had only one participant. At the work day on November 14, Gary K. and Liz enlisted the help of a hiker passing by.

Two MSC projects were recently held. From October 27-29, rock walls at Devil's Staircase in Janesville were repaired, and from October 30 to November 1, a bridge (based on an ancient Chinese design) in Lodi was finished. About thirteen people attended the November 8 hike, potluck, and calendar planning at Judy's. They accomplished a lot, hiked to the new puncheon, and overall had an enjoyable time. The regional meeting in Whitewater on November 15 had around thirty attendees. Brad Crary did an excellent job running the meeting, after which Russ led a hike from the Rice Lake nature trail to the scenic overlook near the Whitewater Lake Campground and then to the new bridge at Clover Valley Road.

Hospitality: Thanks to Ingrid for a wonderful spread.

New Business: Russ would like ideas for nominations for the "In the Mud" award for our chapter. He will bring a list of past winners to our next meeting. The 2010 calendar of activities draft was reviewed, discussed, and edited. Our next chapter activity is a visit to the Milwaukee Art Museum on December 6, led by Gary K. Our next monthly meeting will be held on December 15 and will include our holiday potluck. Hedda announced that the nominating committee had finalized the proposed slate of chapter officers. Liz DeBaal has volunteered to run for coordinator. (Thanks, Liz!) Russ has reached his term limit as coordinator, but all of the other officers will run again for next year.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 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, December 15, 2009
at 7:00 pm

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

Friday, January 31, 2010
at 1:30 pm

New Year's Day hike/snowshoe. Meet at the John Muir Trails. Contact person: Eileen Harris, 262-723-3716