



(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

January 2010 Newsletter

Minutes for the December 15, 2009 Chapter Meeting:

Members and Guests in Attendance: Liz DeBaal, Barb Converse, Eileen Harris, Karen Helwig, Russ Helwig, Dale Jefchak, Gary Klatt, Ingrid Larson, Dominic Lazzaroni, Nancy Lazzaroni, Sophia Lazzaroni, Vince Lazzaroni, Barbara Leetzow, Meg McCormick, Ron Nacker, Bonnie Nommensen, Dave Nommensen, Dave Nowak, Mariette Nowak, Hedda Patzke, Carol Prchal, Roxy Radmer, Cindy Sheard, June Wheeler, Judy Wildermuth

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Russ at just after 7:00 pm. Then everyone partook in a wonderful potluck meal. Gary K. held a drawing for a poinsettia plant from Kiwanis that he brought. Barb L. won it. The December 2009 Newsletter was accepted as minutes of the November 17, 2009 chapter meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Judy presented the treasurer's report for the past month. Income was \$49.21 from interest and the Sentry Friends program. Expenses were \$62.97 for treasurer expenses, paint for trail signs, and wood preservative and brushes for a boardwalk. Total funds are at \$16,533.19. Through a conference call with other chapter treasurers and state office personnel, Judy learned about new forms which will be used by treasurers, and that a staff person from the state office will be put on each chapter's accounts.

Announcements: VIP hours for the 4th quarter of 2009 are due to Ron Nacker. Give your Sentry receipts to Gary K. and old cell phones to Barb C. for fundraising. Give empty ink cartridges to Gary K. for the Staples Rewards program. The new membership brochures have arrived. We need to mark them with our WJ code for tracking purposes. We can also modify the code for more information, such as using WJ-HQ for brochures placed at SoKMSF headquarters. The codes will allow the state office and our chapter to track where the completed brochures originated. Eileen will use the WJ-HQ code as above, and WJ-WL for those placed at the Whitewater contact station. (This was not discussed as part of the meeting - Bonnie plans to use the code WJ-TF for brochures placed with the trifold display.) We can also use a designated code for brochures distributed at special events. The new NPS Volunteer Coordinator for the Ice Age National Scenic Trail, Dan Watson, may be visiting our chapter at some point. The 2010 MSC calendar is now available; copies were passed around.

Old Business: Eileen has visited the IATA page on Facebook. Bonnie noted that she visits Facebook every day can post our activities there. Bonnie also mentioned that she has had the trifold display at the Eagle, Elkhorn, and Whitewater public libraries, and is planning to take it to the Fort Atkinson and Lake Geneva libraries. She questioned whether she should put the trifold display at the Nordic Trails shelter as she is concerned that this building is usually not locked. The general consensus of those present was that it would probably be safe there. Russ suggested that an alternative would be to mount a rack on the wall for brochures. Barb C. said that in the past, the Hoard Museum in Fort has offered to display it. She will check with them again about displaying it in March. Hedda reported that Gary P. is still working on routing signs at the SoKMSF headquarters. Gary K. wants to finalize the 2010 calendar this week. He is getting confirmation from event leaders and will send the final calendar out with the Trail Tales later this week. Hedda mentioned that the camping reservations at Rock Island State Park for the weekend of July 7-9 have been made. Further planning for the Kettle Trekker program was postponed to the next meeting. Gary K. asked for ideas for a challenge cost share project or for workdays. Bonnie said the trail from Bald Bluff to the Stone Elephant had damage from run-off. Carol suggested opening the view from the trail to a pond on the east side between the Oleson Cabin and

Bluff Road. This portion of the trail also has some deep rutting from water run-off. Gary K. also reported on the visit to the Milwaukee Art Museum on December 6. The nine people who went enjoyed the Andy Warhol exhibit, saw other exhibits as they wished, listened to music put on by some fifth graders, and had lunch at the Milwaukee Market.

New Business: The IATA is having a membership drive this year with the goal of increasing membership from around 3000 to 5000. The state office will be sending a letter to previous members who have not renewed. A list of those people from our chapter was passed around with the idea being that we should notify the state office if anyone on that list should not be contacted. In the Mud Award nominations were taken by Russ. Hedda nominated Judy, and highlighted her involvement as our treasurer, party hostess, and "stuff storer". Gary K. nominated Norwin Watson, who does great work as a trail adopter and helps Russ with leading hikes during the weekly walks. A drawing was used to determine the final nominee, Norwin's name was drawn, and a motion to submit his name as our chapter's nominee was passed. The New Year's Day hike and snowshoe event will be held on January 1. Eileen will host a potluck get-together at her house afterward. Our next monthly meeting on January 19, 2010 will be our annual meeting and election of officers. The nomination committee's slate of nominees is as follows: Coordinator- Liz DeBraal, Co-coordinator- Gary Klatt, Secretary- Carol Prchal, Treasurer- Judy Wildermuth, Publicity- Eileen Harris. We had a short discussion about term limits. Our chapter by-laws state that "Elected officers will serve for a one-year term and may be re-elected to the same position for a maximum of four consecutive terms." Nancy noted that she was coordinator for ten years, which led to the adoption of term limits.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 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, January 19 at 7:00 pm

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

Thursday, January 21 at 7:00pm

"Hiking the Appalachian Trail" by Chet Anderson (Gray Ghost is his trail name): Chet hiked the Ice Age Trail in 2009, the Appalachian Trail in 2008, and plans to hike another trail beginning this spring. Meet at Lapham Peak at 7:00pm in the Trekker Lodge off of the Homestead Hollow parking lot. Lapham Peak is located about a half mile south of I94 on Hwy C south of Delafield on the east side of the road. Once in, follow signs to Homestead Hollow which is at the end of the first left off the main road to the tower. State park sticker required. Hosted by the Waukesha/Milwaukee County Chapter, IATA.

Saturday, January 23
6:00 to 9:00 pm

Candlelight Ski at Nordic Trails. Food for sale and fire for food you bring to roast. Contact: Southern Kettle Moraine State Forest headquarters, 262-594-6200

Sunday, January 24 at 12:00 noon

Work on the scrapbook, make signs and other indoor projects. Bring a dish to share. At the Converse home, W8339 R&W Townline Road, first house east of Lakeview School, about 5 miles south of Whitewater. Contact person: Barb Converse, 262-473-7304

Friday, January 29 at 7:00pm

Moonlight Hike/Snowshoe. Meet at the Emma Carlin Trails parking lot, Hwy Z, 3 mi east of Palmyra. Contact person: Russ Helwig, 262-473-2187.

Saturday and Sunday
February 6-7

MSC Winter Rendevous at Central Wisconsin Environmental Station near Amhurst Junction. Contact person: Gary Klatt, 262-473-4973

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday
February 12, 13, and 14

Garden Expo in Madison. Help staff a table to share our handouts, calendar, maps, etc. Contact person: Gary Klatt, 262-473-4973