

Lakeshore Chapter Annual Meeting

January 31, 2015 Woodland Dunes, Two Rivers, WI

Attendance: Dan Mitchell, Cheryl Knuppel, Jim Knickelbine, Trent Adern, Don DeBruyn, Mack Whitmore, Becky Whitmore, Ben Duran, Martin Gregory, Ed Abell, Jim Boehlke, Mike Cavanaugh, Bruce Berres, Kathy Claude, Jim Powers, Cheryl Gorsuch, Dolly McNulty. Guests, Mike Wollmer, IATA Executive Director; Brad Crary, Eastern Field Rep. IATA; and Kelly Raleigh Moses, WI DNR Trail Coordinator.

Time: 9:15 a.m. Introductions and recognition of volunteers. Blazing Babes worked in Potawatami reblazing the trail. Dolly McNulty contributed to the MSC project, co-ordinates the Cold Cache program, and is running for a seat on the IAT Board of Directors. Bruce Berres has been nominated for the In the Mud Award. **Introduction and election of officers. Coordinator:** Dan Mitchell, **Treasurer** Jim Powers, **Secretary** Cheryl Gorsuch Officers elected unanimously.

Minutes from 2014 Lakeshore Chapter Annual meeting unanimously approved with a correction on Jim Boehlke's name.

Treasurer's Report: \$402.80 in checking and \$2,801.48. Treasurer's report unanimously approved.

New Business: Donation to Woodland Dunes in the amount of \$500 for use of their facilities for meetings and for the MSC project in 2014.

New boardwalk on East Twin River Segment: May 15-17th as workdays. Will need Alliance expertise on location and construction of the boardwalk. Most of the supplies are stored at the barn owned by Woodland Dunes on the Bugler property. The expectation is that the boardwalk will be approximately 80 feet in length with work completed by the local chapter. Project approved unanimously.

Door County trail consideration to take a reroute to go north of Sturgeon Bay in Door county; however, it would take an act of Congress to approve the re-route. The state of Wisconsin could act independently to approve the project, but again it has not been discussed at the state level. Also, discussion of the archeological site in Sturgeon Bay that is not located on the trail. However, after exploration of the area, the limited benefits would not be worth the efforts since the site is already highlighted as a point of interest in the 2014 Guidebook.

Camp Vits area discussion of possible trail. Woodland Dunes is working with the landowner. No decisions or plans have been finalized.

Walla Hi Park: Alliance is working with landowners for access to the park. A beautiful park which could help get the trail off road as it connects to Sheboygan County.

Mowers: Bechtold mowers we have run, but is difficult to use in rocky areas and they are not manufactured anymore. They do not have a "kill switch" which makes them dangerous. Jim Powers also

has a similar mower. The hope is to purchase a newer and more portable, lighter, self-propelled string-mower and sell the old mowers as is.

Events: ColdCache "Road Scholars" Hike Oct. 5-8 will need volunteers. Contact Dolly McNulty if willing to volunteer. At the IAT Alliance annual meeting for leadership, Dolly will present information on the ColdCache program. **West Bend Cache Bash** volunteers needed for August 7th and 8th. Visit the IAT website which will link to information about the ColdCache program. **Dash at the Dunes** April 25, 2015 registration at Woodland Dunes and on-line. **Winter Rendezvous** Feb. 7th and 8th at the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station.

Ice Age Trail Alliance annual meeting and conference April 23-26, Wisconsin Dells, Wintergreen Resort & Conference Center. Register on the Alliance website for reservations and agenda. *Mammoth Tales* March edition will have information. Hikes will be at Quincy Bluff, Mill Bluff, and Lone Rock led by naturalists.

Maps: "Secret" Manitowoc County Snowshoe and Hiking Trails brochure. Jim Knicklebine will help with printing and Bruce will distribute.

Meetings for Lakeshore Chapter tentatively scheduled for several times a year. A subcommittee will meet to schedule meetings, hikes, and work days.

News Items from Alliance: Trailhead signs intended to be used at parking areas. Routed signs can be used at cross roads.

VIP Volunteer Hours in the Park: The Alliance has had an increase in volunteer hours, which adds funding to the park system. Mark Wollmar thanks all the volunteers and will be going to Washington D.C. to meet with Congressional Representatives. IAT is third in terms of National Trails for volunteer hours and probably first in land acquisition. All should be proud of the many accomplishments of the IAT Alliance and its volunteers.

Forms a new form for volunteers to sign in order to be covered by the National Park Service. However, if a volunteer has signed a form in the past, a new form does not need to be signed.

Projects: Re-level, replace, refasten deteriorated boards and ropes on plank walk at **Point Beach**. Jim Boehlke and his son have been working on this project and monitoring the area. Some sections of Point Beach have some water issues as well as signs that have been damaged. Dan Mitchell will investigate. **Pitt Road** sign down and will be replaced. **Schuetz Park** signs need attention. Also, issues about hunting and easements with landowners and new laws that protect trails and hikers need to be clarified. **Point Beach** area has some issues with reroute of trail off the groomed ski trail; however, we have been waiting for the completion of the "Master Plan" In addition, the **Potawatomi Park** "master plan" needs to be completed before we can move forward with the Kiosk or shelter at the top of the ski hill.

Adjourned at 11:23 p.m.