

Lakeshore Chapter Annual Meeting

Woodland Dunes February 27, 2016

Attendance: Dan Mitchell, Ken Schoenike, Bruce Berres, Dolly McNulty, Dave Gramling, Marty Gregory, Jim Powers, Brad Crary, Sharon Evans, Nancy Baker, Roz Baker, Mark Hinze, Nancy Kleppe, JoAnn Havel, Jim Boehike, Cheryl Gorsuch, Kathy Claude, Bill Klich, JoAnn Klich, Ken Holmes, Jim Knickelbine, Mike Wollmer, Guy Willman, Deb Heir, Tom Heir, Don Debruyn, Mike Wollmer

Meeting called to order: 9:09 a.m. Introductions and recognition of IAT Alliance staff and volunteers. Guy Willman, Point Beach State Forest Supervisor, was in attendance and discussed the trail at Point Beach State Forest with new camping for IAT hikers and the new East Twin River Segment. Deb and Tom Heier donated 132 acres north of Walla Hi to the Ice Age Trail Alliance in honor of her parents. An easement was obtained from Bill and Joann Klich to allow an exit west from Walla Hi west to Lax Chapel Road.

Minutes of 2015 Lakeshore Chapter annual meeting were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Checking \$141.70, Savings \$2,539.03 for a total of \$2680.73. Treasurer's report unanimously approved.

Introduction and election of officers: Coordinator: Dan Mitchell, **Treasurer:** Jim Powers, **Secretary:** Kathy Claude: Officers unanimously elected.

Old Business: Accomplishments include: building of the boardwalk on East Twin River segment, as well as mowing, signing, and maintaining trail. Purchased walk-behind string-mower with a donation from Ken Schoenike's mother.

New Business:

Duff Bucket Challenge: Alliance fundraiser using collection of coins in an Alliance mug and then dumped in the duff bucket and presented at the annual meeting. Information about the fundraiser is on the Alliance website.

IATA Annual conference: April 7-10, Stoney Creek Hotel and conference Center, Wausau, WI

Projects of Lakeshore Chapter: A major project is extension of the boardwalk at East Twin River Segment of 60 feet. The cost is \$30 per ft. approximately \$1800. The expenditure was approved unanimously. The project has been scheduled for Saturday September 10th at 9 a.m.

Discussion of signing on the trail and need for volunteers. Also, possible reroute at Potawatomi Park to avoid walking near the bathroom. Building a shelter at Potawatomi Park at the parking lot at the top of the old ski hill could be a future project. Possible reroute at Point Beach to avoid the ski trail. Problem with parking on the yellow trail which might be reserved for hiking and

snowshoeing only. Problems with cord-walk at Point Beach on the Molash Creek area. Also, the Park Road access to the beach is a problem with standing water. The issue is the constant changing level of the lake. Another problem is the damage from hunters shooting at the carsonite signs. A possible solution is to sign trees instead of replacing the carsonite. There is a need to re-sign the trail in Two Rivers crossing the 17th Street Bridge. (Two Rivers is considering a trail along the south side of the East Twin River.) Walla Hi County Park will be explored this year in anticipation of a Mobile Skills Crew (MSC) project in 2017, entering Walla Hi via Mueller Rd. and out west to Lax Chapel Road for a total of about 1 1/2 miles.

Calendar of Events for 2016: All information is available on the Alliance website as a link to Lakeshore Chapter. New is the Trail Segment Stewards. A list of trails with a sign-up has been distributed. The purpose is to check the trail for downed trees or issues that would concern hikers.

IATA Allotment for 2016: Because of expenses this year with projects it was unanimously decided to keep the Lakeshore Chapter allotment for 2016. Per Mike Wollmer, the money that chapters decide to return to the Alliance is set aside for chapters who may need extra money for their projects.

ColdCache Update. Over 900 people have logged in last year at coldcache sites. New information on Wisconsin State Park-ColdCache Park Packs with park locations. This information was distributed at the meeting and available on the IATA website.

Trail Communities: This new program is designed to make the IATA part of a community and provide a positive financial impact for individual communities. There is a \$2500 one-time fee for signs and literature to initially become part of a Trail Community. Applications are available on the IATA website. Events like "Dash at the Dunes" at Woodland Dunes promote the trail.

Woodland Dunes: Lakeshore Chapter will help with a project to help rebuild one of Woodland Dunes' boardwalk sections near the headquarter building. A gift of a Northern White Cedar bench and footstool salvaged from trees on the East Twin River segment were given to Woodland Dunes for a fundraising event. A donation of \$100 given to Woodland Dunes in appreciation of their support of the Lakeshore Chapter and allowing us to store our equipment in their barn was unanimously approved.

Mishicot Public School Nature Trail: Lakeshore Chapter has agreed to help with the building of this trail with workdays in the future.

Field Editors needed for 2017 Guidebook: Contact Gary Hegeman at gmheg@wi.rr.com.

Farm Tech Days: Volunteers needed to help with the IATA food tent at this fundraising event. The event is in Walworth County on July 19-21. Contact Brad Crary at brad@iceagetrail.org

MSC Rib Lake Project: As winners of the Michelob contest \$25,000 has been set aside to help with the two projects at Rib Lake.

Adjourned at 12 Noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Gorsuch
Kathy Claude