



**Rock County Chapter of the Ice Age Trail Alliance  
Minutes of February 23, 2016 Meeting  
Rock County Jobs Center, Janesville**

**Dennis James, Chapter Coordinator  
Ed Madere, Secretary  
Beth Austin, Treasurer  
Rita Fox, Trail Maintenance Coordinator  
Dean Paynter, Director  
Jayne Paynter, Director**

Chapter Coordinator Dennis James called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Dean Paynter, Jayne Paynter, Mike Khan, Rita Fox, Russ Marr, Clara Marr, Ken Manthei, Beth Austin, Ginny Henkel, Lee Henkel, Jay Gasser, and Ed Madere.

Saturday Mammoth Hunt – Dennis reported this activity will be held at the Milton City Library on February 27, 2016, and asked for volunteers.

Earth Day – Rotary Gardens plans to celebrate Earth Day on April 22, 2016. In past years the Chapter has participated with a table and would like to do so this year.

National Trails Day – June 4, 2016 - The Chapter would like to hold an event at Lake Geneva to include a hike around all or parts of the Lake on the established trail.

Budget – Beth reported a current balance of \$2,062.

Annual IATA Conference – April 7–10, 2016, in Rothschild – Dennis encourage members to attend all or part of the Conference. He noted that the IATA staff had developed a list of questions Chapter members were asked to consider prior to the conference. These included the following:

- What inspires your chapter?
- What advice would you give a new hiker in you region?
- What are you most proud of?
- What color represents your chapter and why?
- What is your chapter's theme song?
- What type of flora represents you chapter?
- What else would we like to share?

Reroute of road walk from Green County line to County A and Update on trial planning with NPS – Dennis reviewed the proposed route to make the walk from Janesville to Green County more pleasant and safe. Among his comments included:

- Both the Evansville Mayor and Mayoral candidate support Evansville being a part of the Ice Age Trail.
- A trail on the north side of Magnolia Bluff County Park has been approved.
- In planning the revised trail, efforts will be made to avoid Hwy H.

Field Editing of Guidebook and maps – IATA is revising its guidebook and maps and is seeking assistance. It was noted that segments of the trail in Rock County have been assigned to individual members, and suggested that each of them review his or her portion of the trail for the guidebook and map update.

Planned Projects – Information was distributed. It is also included on the Chapter's website.

Walk Across Rock County – This will be a planned event in 2016 and include the revised trail west of Janesville. Information is forthcoming.

Crew Leader Training – Dennis announced that Crew Leadership and Skills Training will be conducted by IATA at Storrs Lake on April 27 to May 1, 2016. He is making arrangements to have firewood and beer for the event.

MSC Project – Dennis reminded everyone that the IATA will conduct a Mobile Skills Crew project at Storrs Lake on October 18 to 23, 2016. As with the 2016 MSC project, our chapter's involvement will be important to the project.

Trail Maintenance Report – Rita gave a brief review and noted that a work day is scheduled for Saturday, March 19 from 9 a.m. to noon. We will be meeting at the County E parking lot.

Other Items – Ginny asked about the Chapter's interest in "Tyke Hikes". This will be discussed further at a later date.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Ed Madere  
Secretary