

Ice Age Trail Alliance
Washington/Ozaukee Chapter
Jo Ann Mann Lodge, Camp Silverbrook
Minutes, January 10, 2015

Bernie Alberg, Tom Alberg, Joe Aldstadt, Barb & Joe Baldus, Rod Bartlow, Leah Bradley, Lisa DeLaney, Mike Fischer, Doug Galaszewski, Steve Henkel, Marcy Kempf, Paula & Peter Klima, Dan & Joanne Kline, Thomas Lifvendahl, Lois & David Lovejoy, Madelynn Miezio, Shirley Miller, Sue Munger, Dave O'Brien, Bernice Popelka, Jim Powers, Rich Propp, Jason Quast, Judy Rose, Sara Roxbury, Craig Sanford, Mary & Bob Stodola, Mary Tont, & Rob Wessberg were in attendance.

Prior to the business meeting, a lively and informative presentation "Glaciation in the Kettle Moraine" was given by Dr. Paul Price, Professor & Dean at the Univ. of Wisconsin-Washington County. After the talk, a chili potluck lunch was served. Joe Aldstadt (interim Coordinator) then presented a plaque to Craig Sanford in recognition of his outstanding service to the Chapter as Coordinator from 2002-2014. Added awards of a buckthorn walking stick and buckthorn bowl were made and presented by Bob Stodola. Joe began the formal business meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Secretary's report: Joe distributed draft minutes from the November chapter meeting for review. No changes were made; Rod moved to approve the minutes as submitted, Doug seconded, motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Bob Stodola reported that the balance beginning this year is \$1,931.66. Expenses since our November meeting included copying and postage for the recent edition of *Glacial Drift* and purchase of a new chainsaw helmet; income arose primarily from the IATA chapter allotment and the hiking program. Tom moved to accept the report, Craig seconded, motion carried.

Trail Work Project Updates:

- A. Joe presented an overview of 2014 and 2015 activities and highlighted several upcoming projects. There are the usual slate of hikes scheduled for 2015 and various trail building projects, the primary ones being re-routes on the South & North West Bend segments.
- Jason Quast, Superintendent of the KMSF-Northern Unit, reported that the plans for construction of the Milwaukee River Bridge are under review. He added that the DOT wetland complex will probably transfer to the DNR.
 - The Red-Shouldered Hawk nesting season may alter our work schedule on the South West Bend re-route; if found to be inhabiting the area, we will have to delay work until after July 31st. Lisa DeLaney will check with the biologist at the KMSF-Pike Lake Unit to see if that determination can be made for us.
 - We will continue our Tuesday evening workdays as well as hold several Saturday workdays for trail building and maintenance. Specific details will be the primary topic at our February meeting at the Hartford Library.

Hikes:

A. Recent hikes:

- We had Chapter-guided hikes on November 23rd at Pike Lake (~12 hikers) and December 6th at Polk Kames (~25 hikers).
- The First Day Hike at Pike Lake was well attended with 78 participants. Craig and Tom led the hike. Our ranger friends provided information on the ecology and geology during the hike and refreshments afterwards.

B. Upcoming hikes:

- Saturday, Feb 14th – “Candlelight Hike, Ski, & Snowshoe” event at Pike Lake. We will have hike leaders and an informational table again this year. Doug volunteered to staff the table with fellow volunteers from Kohls.

State/Regional News:

- A. IATA Board of Directors Update – Marcy Kempf (Treasurer) reported that statewide, ~2,400 people volunteered last year in various trail building endeavors totaling 78,354 volunteer hours, the equivalent of ~39 full-time employees. The Alliance is looking for more opportunities to have volunteers promote the trail.
- B. The state-wide Annual Meeting will be held April 23rd-26th in Wisconsin Dells. Joe noted that a “Leadership Summit” will be held on the 25th and urged that our experienced chapter cadre submit ideas for the agenda.

Miscellaneous Topics:

- A. Rod will go to “Hike the Hill” in Washington DC next month to seek reauthorization of the Land & Water Conservation Fund, which will “sunset” in 2015. LWC funds are used for land purchases in combination with other funding. He also discussed the State Trails Council meeting that he attended in November and noted that we ought to partner with a “big player” in the corporate world to sponsor & lobby for our interests – snowmobile, ATV, etc. companies are actively helping their users.
- B. Joe noted that our FaceBook page recently passed the “100 Likes” milestone.
- C. Leah passed a postcard from Jo “Someday” Swanson, a thru-hiker last summer, who complimented us on the well-maintained trail in Washington County.

Chapter Elections:

Chapter position nominations for 2015 were presented. Tom Alberg moved to accept the nominations, Leah seconded, motion carried. The following were elected: Coordinator – Joe Aldstadt; Vice Coordinator – Craig Sanford; Secretary – Judy Rose; Treasurer – Bob Stodola; Education Coordinator – Leah Bradley; Equipment Coordinators – Lance Henrickson & Mike Fischer; Membership Coordinator – Rod Bartlow; Publicity Coordinator – Lisa DeLaney; Trailways Coordinator – Tom Alberg; Webmaster – Doug Galaszewski.

Craig moved to adjourn, Tom seconded. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.