



## Walworth/Jefferson County Chapter

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**Monthly Chapter Meeting** Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 7:00 pm, at US Bank, Elkhorn

## JUNE 2015 Newsletter

### Minutes for the MAY 19, 2015 Monthly Meeting

**Members and Guests in Attendance:** Nancy Bucuk, Barb Converse, Jerome Converse, Ellen Davis, Jack Hawkins, Karen Helwig, Dale Jefchak, Gary Klatt, Bill Knickrehm, Vince Lazzaroni, Ron Nacker, Georgia Owens, Peter Packer, Carol Prchal, Paul Thuma, Judy Wildermuth and Andy Whitney.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Andy Whitney at 7:10 p.m.

**Hospitality:** Thanks to Gary Klatt for a nice assortment of goodies and beverages for the meeting.

**Newsletter:** The May Newsletter was not available at the time of the meeting due to a family emergency. Thank you Dale for filling in tonight for Eileen.

**Treasurer's Report:** Judy presented the treasurer's report for the past month. See attached per Dale. The report was approved.

**Announcements:** Give your Sentry receipts to Gary K. and empty ink cartridges and old cell phones to Barb C. for fundraising. Barb Converse has prepared a PDF about spring flower hikes. Barb volunteers at Rotary Gardens. It is titled "Spring Ephemerals" Ephemeral refers to short lived, lasting a very short time, about 6-8 weeks. A description of many of the spring flowers and their growing conditions given.

**New Business:** On Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. on July 22 the hikers are planning to honor Russ with a hike to his bench. They then plan to go out for pizza. The Warrior Hike is coming through our chapter's trails on July 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup>. This hike is to help people returning from military assignments to acclimate and return to civilian life. They are stopping at various VFW posts. They have chosen to walk the Ice Age National Scenic Trail. Ruth has 2 women hiking the IAT and staying at her home. The mid-year Calendar Planning Meeting is being organized. If it is on Sunday June 14 it could be at Judy's home. If it is July 5 it could be at the cabin or Nordic Shelter?

**Upcoming Events:** Andy plans on lopping bushes off of Duffin Road on Saturday May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Jerome Converse plans mowing or DR trimmer work on the workday Sunday May 24. Gary K. and Jerome are attending the May 27-31 MSC Project on the Rib Lake Segment in Taylor County. Andy told us about the upcoming June 6<sup>th</sup> Trails Day Hike on National Trails Day. It is a free pass day. Hike 5, 10, or 20 miles from Rice Lake to Highway Z. The hike starts at 8 a.m. Dress for the weather. There will be watermelon at Olson Cabin courtesy of Sandy Whitney. There will be possibly 3 shuttles-Andy will talk to the hikers. The June 19<sup>th</sup> kayak event will be cancelled unless another leader steps forward. Peter cannot do this as he had rotator cuff surgery. Peter will ask Don H. and Gary J.

**Ongoing business:** Nancy Lazzaroni updated the Facebook page. Bonnie N. reported that 2 adopters are needed. The signage crew (Bonnie and Ruth) signed up to Horseriders Camp on Monday May 18. Bonnie said posters work well for getting adopters so Peter, Jack, and Barb will post them in Williams Bay, Elkhorn, and Whitewater. Gary K. has some signs referring to No Horses, No Bikes, etc. that can be used on the trail. Gary K. led a discussion on wording for Ingrid's bench. He would like a picture of Ingrid for the project. Carol P. met up with young hikers on the trail and spoke with them. They were hiking from shelter to shelter. Carol left 3 gallons of water with a note to the hikers. The next day Carol picked up the container. The hikers had spelled out with twigs on a bench in the shelter "thank you".

**Past Events:** Andy had pictures of the hike and meeting from the April 23-26<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference & Membership Meeting. April 30-May 3 was the MSC event stonework workshop at the Gibraltar Rock Segment. They hiked Quincy Bluff and saw a whooping crane. Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup> was the ULine hike. We met at DNR Headquarters. It went well, and no one got lost. They showed pictures of the signage used. The Spirit Stick should go on hikes and be at events. Pictures were shown of the May 9<sup>th</sup> flower hike where we went in search of flowers at Prince's Point. We had 7-8 people in attendance and Judy led them to 2 locations. Optional lunch afterward. May 15<sup>th</sup> our chapter had a boot at Lincoln Elementary School in Whitewater for their Spring Fling Carnival. Barb and Lynn had an area set up at the carnival with the bean bag toss. Pictures were shown. They raised \$7,000 with the carnival. May 16<sup>th</sup> was the 1 ½ hour hike along Geneva Lake led by Nancy B. with a pot luck following at Peter and Nancy's in Williams Bay. Andy has been posting the minutes on the website.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm. The next meeting is June 16<sup>th</sup> with Hospitality by Dale and Eileen.

## 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, 5 miles east of Whitewater. Contact person: Andy Whitney 262-949-0286

Work Day. Meet at Hwy 12 IAT parking lot to help with trail maintenance. Contact person: Gary Klatt, 262-473-4973

Monthly chapter meeting at US Bank Community Room in Elkhorn. Contact person: Andy Whitney 262-949-0286