

## Lakeshore Chapter Annual Meeting

### Woodland Dunes

January 19, 2019

#### Attendees:

Jim Powers, Cheryl Gorsuch, Mary Beardmore, Jim Boehlke, Fred Stadler, Brad Crary, Don DeBruyn, Chris Roentz, Dave Gramling, Myron Hafele, Nathan Peterson, Mack Whitmore, Becky Whitmore, Dolly McNulty, Bruce Berres, Kathy Claude, Ken Schoenike, Dan Mitchell, Marty Gregory, Jim Knickelbine

#### Meeting Called to Order 9:10 AM

#### Introductions:

Workday Coordinator: Ken Schoenike

Equipment Manager: Bruce Berres

Facebook Page Administrator: Cheryl Knupel

Brad Crary: IATA Special Projects Coordinator

#### Recognitions:

Dolly McNulty: Board of Directors IATA, Board of Directors Woodland Dunes, Colde Cache Founder and Coordinator, Recipient of the Spirit Stick

Thank you to the following for providing food and snacks at chapter workdays: Marilyn Hafele, Becky Whitmore and Kevin Quinn.

Cheryl Gorsuch and Dolly McNulty for continued work with Trail Communities

"In the Mud" awards to Myron Hefele and Kathy Claude

#### Minutes of 2018 Annual Meeting approved

#### Treasurer's Report approved:

Checking           \$1952.67

Savings            \$2547.73

#### Chapter Officer Elections:

Co-Coordinators:       Cheryl Gorsuch and Dan Mitchell

Treasurer:           Jim Powers

Secretary:           Kathy Claude

### **Report by IATA Special Projects Coordinator Brad Crary:**

1. Work on Brownsrigg-Heier property just north of Walla-Hi County Park has been contracted out, including pine thinning, Invasive clearing, tree planting
2. Acquisition of easement property to connect Brownsrigg-Heier to Walla-Hi has stalled.
3. Renovation to Headquarters complete – Open house on January 25
4. Two new positions to assist Tim Mahlzan in Trail Operations and Kevin Thusius in Land Acquisitions are being filled.
5. Pilot Trail Maintenance Crew of 5 will work May-August to help with mowing, chain sawing and other maintenance tasks on areas of the trail where there aren't enough volunteers to do the work. Funded by government grant money.
6. E-News Year End Giving Campaign netted \$124,000 total.
7. The Annual Meeting will be held at Ho-Chunk Convention Center, Baraboo April 10-14.
8. Saunters program has expanded from a summer to year-round program. Currently there are 19 programs statewide with 2,400 participants. Cheryl Gorsuch will attend the leader's program and possible start a program within the Lakeshore Chapter.
9. Trail Communities report:
  - a. There are 12 to date.
  - b. Report by Cheryl Gorsuch and Dolly McNulty:
    - i. Manitowoc/Two Rivers established two years ago.
    - ii. Helps the IATA maintain good relationships with the communities and results with better communication and relationships with community leaders.
    - iii. Meet and Greet lead by Amy Lord took place on January 10 at Courthouse Pub in Manitowoc.
    - iv. Proposal to add Mammoth footprints on the trail in Manitowoc to be investigated.
    - v. Proposal to improve signage behind Aurora Medical Center toward Woodland Dunes to be investigated.

### **Old Business:**

1. Discussion of VIP (Volunteers in Parks) program. Federal government shutdown means there is no Worker's Compensation Insurance available in case of injury. Use discretion on any IATA related activity.
2. Ken Schoenike reviewed 2018 accomplishments:
  - a. Ongoing and regular maintenance including mowing.
  - b. Many weather-related repairs including 8 miles of tornado damage in Northern Kettle Moraine. Jim Powers recognized for his work on this project and reported on opportunity to re-route pending land acquisition.
  - c. Built 50 ft board walk North Kettle Moraine
  - d. Built 4 benches – 2 placed along the trail, 2 donated
  - e. Schuette Park re-route. Cheryl Gorsuch reported positive feedback, the trail is a better experience and is getting more use.
  - f. Completed Walla Hi MSC project (Slab Hill)

- g. Crafted and placed “Mini Ice Age” signs at road crossings. Slated to be completed this year.
- h. Discussion for need of boardwalk extension at East Twin River. Muddy areas are intermittent and seem to change location.
- i. Discussion of East Twin River parking lot on Hillview Road. Less of a problem now, no plans to change at this time.
- j. Woodland Dunes Forget-Me-Not Creek Project was completed, no IATA involvement needed.
- k. Hall of Kamers updates by Jim Powers.

**New Business:**

1. New e-mail has been established for the Lakeshore Chapter: **LakeshoreChapter@iceagetrail.org**. Dan and Cheryl will have access initially.
2. Review of upcoming 2019 minor chapter projects
3. Mammoth Tracks app available
4. Donation of \$100 and another bench to Woodland approved in appreciation of meeting space and equipment storage.
5. Keeping \$730 IATA allotment approved.
6. Report by Bruce Berres on need of new self-propelled string mower with blade attachments. IATA was able to donate a string trimmer. Will determine if the donated mower will work with the identified attachments. If not will invest in another mower. Approved up \$2,000 to spend on this equipment.
7. Approved \$200 to purchase new and spare wheels for equipment trailer.
8. Dolly McNulty distributed maps to Trail Stewards to replenish map boxes. Approved \$292.50 to cover printing costs.
9. Discussion of plantings on Walla Hi Slab Hill to prevent erosion tabled until further research. Approved \$200 for grass seed on the easement and Slab Hill in the meantime.

**Highlights of IATA and Chapter Events for 2019:**

1. Dash at the Dunes April 27. Volunteers needed to man IATA booth from 10-12. Contact Dolly McNulty.
2. Force of Nature Trailitessa June 1 at Woodland Dunes. Very popular program register early! To register call Woodland Dunes Nature Center 920-793-4007 or email Jess Johnsrud at [jessicaj@woodlanddunes.org](mailto:jessicaj@woodlanddunes.org).
3. Subfest Booth at Maritime Museum, Manitowoc July 13. Volunteers needed, contact Cheryl Gorsuch.
4. IAT-U is July 17-21 at Merrimac and Devils Lake Segments, Sauk County
5. Two Rivers Community Care Day Booth August 2 from 9-3. Volunteers needed, contact Dolly McNulty.
6. Farm Tech Days July 22-25 in Jefferson County. Volunteers needed to work in IATA Food Tent. Contact Brad Crary.
7. Trail Segment Stewards meeting to be held May 4.

**Updates:**

1. Through hikers may now camp at Old Post Pub, Maplewood, WI between Algoma and Sturgeon Bay.
2. Property Monitoring needed for land owned by IATA but not currently in trail use. Contact Dolly McNulty if interested.
3. Trail Angels/Shuttle sign-up
4. Volunteer Interest sign-up, contact Cheryl Gorsuch.
5. Reminder to log volunteer hours

**Future New Trails:**

1. Northern Kettle Moraine next to Hwy 23, four miles west of Plymouth. DNR has acquired 44 acres.
2. Hillview Rd. to Tapawingo Rd
3. East Twin River South of Rockledge Road
4. Strodthoff property, Manitowoc Rapids owned by Woodland Dunes. Currently not accessible.
5. Mishicot Public School Nature Trail. May need to restart conversation with new school superintendent.

**Meeting adjourned 11:35 AM**