



## Walworth/Jefferson County Chapter

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

## July 2015 Newsletter

### Minutes for the June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Monthly Meeting

**Members and Guests in Attendance:** Nancy Bucuk, Barb Converse, Jerome Converse, Eileen Harris, Karen Helwig, Sara Hermdal (sp?), Dale Jefchak, Gary Klatt, Bill Knickrehm, Lynn Larson, Vince Lazzaroni, Ron Nacker, Bob Nold, Peter Packer, 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 Eileen and Dale for a nice assortment of goodies and beverages for the meeting.

**Newsletter:** The June 2015 Newsletter was accepted as minutes of the May 19, 2015 chapter meeting. Andy read the additional email from Ruth adding and correcting some information. That email will be forwarded to the state office by Andy. Minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Judy presented the treasurer's report for the past month. Income was \$13.65 from interest, \$12 Kettle Trekker registration, \$50 donation in Russ Helwig's memory, \$1,000 from Badgerland Striders for the IAT 50 Mile Run, \$20 from a hiker donation, and \$100.33 from the Friends of Sentry Program. Judy read a nice letter from a Kettle Trekker who included a check for \$50 for himself and his son. Expenses were \$ 50.00 for a gas card for mower gas and \$43.00 for paint and nails for trail signage. Total funds were at \$ 16,276.71. The report was approved with a "Here Here" per Gary K.

**Announcements:** Give your Sentry receipts to Gary K. and empty ink cartridges and old cell phones to Barb C. for fundraising. Ron Nacker has been with us for 20 years. Andy will be sending you your pin and certificate. Don't forget to send in your volunteer hours to Ron. Andy showed a short presentation of Russ receiving the Spirit Stick Award. There was good news about the State Budget next year for the Ice Age Trail--- 90% of Stewardship money was restored, but the Governor can still take it away.

**Upcoming Events:** Gary K. reported that on Friday June 19 at 9:30 a.m. the kayak outing on the Bark River from Burnt Village to Fort Atkinson will commence. On Saturday June 20 there will be a workday led by Jerome Converse, primarily sign repair and mowing. Gary K. informed us about the MCS Project in Rock County by Storrs Lake that will be June 24-June 28. This will be a reroute of trail from a gravel road and cornfield to woods. Andy encouraged all to attend the June Wheeler Hike and Potluck and Calendar Planning Meeting afterward on Sunday July 5 at the Oleson Cabin. Eileen updated us on the current status of the Cam, Hike, Bike and Boating at Governor Dodge State Park July 10-12. Bob Nold would like the camping event to be moved back to June in 2016 so more folks can attend. Jerome told us about the upcoming hike on Saturday July 18 at Newel and Ann Meyer Preserve. Meet at the Nature Conservancy parking lot off Hwy 67 south of Eagle between NN and Little Prairie Rd on the east side. Lunch will be at Coyote Canyon.

**Ongoing business:** Vince had nothing new to report on Publicity or Networking. Nancy reports we are gaining in popularity. The Alliance sent out an email collecting information on seining Wisconsin on Foot. Andy and Jerome turned their comments in to the Alliance. Bonnie and Lynn worked on signage from Tamarack to Young Rd. Perhaps they should be called the Blazing Babes. Gary Klatt filled us in on Ingrid's Bench. Gary K. and Andy pulled the back off the bench and motivation began. There will be a picture honoring Ingrid Larson on the left side of the bench back, with a lovely poem Gary K. created on the right side. "Come Sit Awhile, open your senses to the joy of this place and this moment....your hike can be more than a rush to the end. What do you see? What do you hear? Smell? Feel?" Ingrid Larson would have felt that way on her explorations. A date and time will be announced for the bench dedication. Andy updated us on the memorial hike to Russ's bench and eat at Casual Joe's on 7/22/15. The hike is at 10:30 am about 3 miles from the kiosk around the lake. The dining will be at Casual Joe's at 2 p.m. in Whitewater. RSVP to Andy as we must have 40 people to get the room at Casual Joe's for free. Jerome is giving up most mowing next year so we need mowers to step forward. It is necessary for the trail. He will keep mowing Clover Valley and he is willing to train anyone. Usually you go out and come back to a crossing and we have a trailer with a ball hitch and a loading ramp. He uses a snapper, DR walk behind, hand held string trimmers, and a trilobe. Ruth is using a rider around the lake area. Some remote areas are reached via the horse trails. We will be asking the adopters as well. A new snapper is about \$3200 and a new Trilobe is about \$6-700. We may want to keep this in mind when CDs come due.

**Past Events:** Andy and Jerome took a tree out on the trail on the Saturday May 23<sup>rd</sup> workday. They cleared honeysuckle bushes, pulling them out. On Sunday May 24 workday Jerome mowed Oleson Cabin to the emergency road (good snapper job) while Gary K. worked on some other things. Jerome told us of his adventures at the May 27-31 MSC Project. Wednesday was a rainy day so he took an 8 hour scenic drive getting there. The work involved rock retaining walls, corridor clearing, and saw work. It was good work, good food, and good fun. Andy filled us in on the National Trail Days Hike held on June 6<sup>th</sup> from Rice Lake to Hwy Z. He showed photos of attendees at the start and the spirit stick being carried along by many on the hike. The tip of the spirit stick needs to be protected. Forty two started and eleven went on from Oleson Cabin with Seth ending at Tamarack and 10 folks finishing. Thank you and much appreciation for Karen and Ellen who shuttled folks back. Norwin also assisted as well as Barb Senft, a tremendous woman behind the scenes helping with signage, trash, and anything else that may need to be done. We need to put on the agenda for next month a new boardwalk by Clover Valley. The current one met an unfortunate end with assistance from 2 poplars with human help.

**Next Meeting:** July 21 at 7 p.m. with hospitality by Dale and Eileen. The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesdays at 4:00 pm &  
Wednesdays at 10:30 am

Weekly Walks: Join Andy 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

Saturday July 25 9 a.m.

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

Saturday August 1 9:15 a.m.

Hike/picnic at Dorothy Carnes Park NW of Fort Atkinson. Carpool from Judy's at 9:15 or west parking lot at 10 a.m. Bring picnic lunch makings for a potluck. [WWW.jeffersoncountywi.gov/departments/departments\\_f-r/dorothy\\_carnes\\_part.php](http://WWW.jeffersoncountywi.gov/departments/departments_f-r/dorothy_carnes_part.php). Contact: Judy Wildermuth 262-473-2415

Saturday August 16 9 a.m.

Work Day. Meet at Hwy 12 IAT parking lot to help with trail maintenance. Contact Person: Jerome Converse, 262-473-7304

Tuesday August 18 7 p.m.

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

Friday-Sunday Sept 11-13

Camping, hiking, bicycling, kayaking at Point Beach State Forest/Park Contact: Eileen Harris 262-723-3716 or 262-374-0646

