

**Ice Age Trail Alliance
Washington/Ozaukee Chapter
West Bend Public Library
Minutes, October 7, 2014**

Tom Alberg, Joe Aldstadt, Leah Bradley, Lisa Delaney, Mike Fischer, Paula Klima, Peter Klima, Shirley Miller, & Rich Propp were in attendance. Joe (Interim Chair) began the business meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Secretary's report: Joe distributed the draft minutes from September. There were no corrections; Lisa moved to approve the minutes, Tom seconded, motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Bob provided by e-mail the following report: The only charge was \$104.54 to repair the DR mower (welding the frame). The balance as of October 1st was \$1942. Note: for future welding work, Mike knows a good shop that may be less expensive. Lisa moved to accept the report, Paula seconded, motion carried.

Trail Work Project Updates:

- A. Re-route at South West Bend — Lisa described the corridor clearing work on September 24th for the Washington County United Way. Rich and Lance had sawed along the corridor earlier in the month. A total of 32 sections were staked and numbered (beginning ~100 feet from the north IAT intersection). For the work this Saturday, we will continue corridor clearing and, if time permits, begin the removal of invasive plants (buckthorn, barberry) along the two “out-wash” sections. Joe will bring tools for 12-15 workers which should be more than enough. Joe will discuss with the Alliance whether completion of the re-route could be included for the 2015 Mobile Skills Crew (MSC) schedule (e.g., a short-term “wildcard” project).
- B. Interpretive sign at Kewaskum — Leah described several options: purchasing a new sign (estimated at \$2,000-4,000); removing the top portion, or removing the entire structure. Discussion ensued regarding these options. One intriguing option that was proposed: have a local high school art class annually create a display (e.g., Kewaskum High School). Leah will contact the Alliance to discuss.
- C. Loew Lake — Rob Wessberg reported by e-mail that construction of the parking lot/trailhead at Golner Field has to be re-solicited. Lisa will contact Rob with a recommendation for a contractor.
- D. Milwaukee River — Rich noted that clearing of mud in the Hwy 45 underpass continues to be an issue.

Hikes:

A. Past Hikes:

- North West Bend (YMCA) hike 9/13 — Paula, Shirley, & Leah ~20 hikers.
- South West Bend (YMCA) hike 10/5 — Lisa, Paula, & Leah ~75 hikers.

B. Upcoming Hikes:

- Fall Colors Hike at New Fane 10/18 — Paula, Rich, & Leah will lead.

State/Regional News:**A. MSC Project Reports (see www.iceagetrail.org for details):**

- Harwood Lakes (Sept) — Rich & Leah attended.
- Dane County (Oct) — work at Springfield Hill.

B. Regional Rally on Nov 8th at Hausmann Nature Center, Delafield.**C. Statewide DNR and IATA Land Acquisitions —**

- No news to report.

D. IATA Board of Directors Update —

- No news to report.

Miscellaneous Topics:**A. Discussion of position descriptions will be moved to the November meeting.****B. Hiking Program Update — Leah stated that there were three completions recently and two new applications. The brochure should be changed to require an e-mail address (it presently says “optional”). Improving the design of the completion certificate was discussed. Mike will ask his wife Jen, who is a graphic designer, to help us in creating a new design.****C. Social Media Update (IAT.org & FaceBook) — Joe noted that we have 86 “likes” and that the “views” for the Oct 11th workday and Fall Hiking schedule are up to 50+ and 150+, respectively.****D. Other:**

- Dan Rambo informed Joe that he will have to step down as Vice Coordinator.
- Send Volunteers in Parks (VIP) hours to Rod for the Alliance’s annual NPS report.
- Brat Sales — Doug reported by e-mail that he hasn’t been able to organize any events this year because of conflicting schedules with his co-workers.

E. Upcoming activities of neighboring IATA chapters & organizations —

- Lakeshore Chapter: event at Long Lake on Oct 17-18th.
- Wauk-Milw Chapter: workday on Oct 18th; Halloween bonfire on the 25th.
- Lac Lawrann: Luminary Walk on Oct 11th.

Lisa moved to adjourn, Tom seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.