

DAIRYLAND WALKERS MONTHLY MEETING
MONONA TERRACE
MARCH 7, 2001

Officers Present: Tom Doyle (President); Bonnie Hamer (Vice President); Karen Reger (Secretary);
Russ Crane (Assistant Treasurer)

In Attendance: 25

The meeting began with an introduction of the featured speaker by Judy Fritz. Betsy Haynes of Haynes Photography, Spring Green, talked about types of cameras, lenses, and film, and also showed some examples of photos she has taken. Because she has participated in Dairyland Walkers events and as a thank you for her program, she was given a one-year membership in the club.

This program was a good introduction to the Dairyland Walkers first annual volksmarching photo contest being coordinated by Judy Fritz. Flyers were passed around to the attendees. The contest will run from March 1 to October 25 and must involve AVA events/gatherings. The photos will be shown at the December meeting, with the top winners being submitted to the Wanderer. The judges are not known at this time.

Russ Crane gave the Treasurer's Report, a copy of which is attached.

The next meeting will be held on April 10 at the Willy Street Co-op on Williamson Street. Bob and Jo Sparks will talk about walks they did in England and Scotland. The May meeting will be held on the 9th at the Aldo Leopold Center in Monona. There will be a short hike at 6:30, before the meeting. New Balance "goodie" bags may have to be stuffed at this meeting for the Syttende Mai walk later in the month.

Upcoming events include a walk at Elver Park on May 12, and the Syttende Mai walk on May 19. Sign-up sheets were passed around for volunteers.

Ruth Pederson is taking orders for T-shirts, polo shirts, and sweatshirts. The deadline is April 10. The logo is the same as we had on previous shirts.

People who don't currently have name tags put their names on a list that was passed around. It will be given to Paula Romeo so she can make tags for those people.

The initial order of *Starting Points* has all been sold. Those wanting a copy should call Bob Sparks who may place another order.

Tom Doyle mentioned that while participating in the Gulf Shores, Alabama, walks, he was talking to a club president who said her club held weekly walks of the walk and eat type. Tom wondered if it would be feasible for our club to do a weekly walk. The walks would be our normal year-round or seasonal walks, but they would not necessarily start at the starting point due to the parking situation. But the route would go by the starting point so books could be stamped. The walks would start at a certain time and be led by someone who knows the route and could introduce new members to the concept of the walk box. This may be an opportunity for newer members to become involved in the club, and for "older" members to share the walking experience with others.

Several Dairyland Walkers are planning on going to the AVA convention later this year. Tom is still thinking about a basket of Wisconsin products to send to the convention.

Bruce Dewey reported that he did the Andersonville, Georgia, AVA walk. This was a prisoner of war camp during the Civil War where the largest number of prisoners died. He also did the capital walk in Tallahassee, Florida, as well as the Gulf Shores walks. Bruce joined the club as an aid to his weight-reduction program, and he's lost 65 pounds since last March. He has also done 43 AVA walks since the first of the year.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Submitted by Karen Reger