

DAIRYLAND WALKERS MONTHLY MEETING
ALDO LEOPOLD NATURE CENTER
MAY 9, 2001

Officers Present: Tom Doyle (President); Karen Reger (Secretary); Bob Sparks (Treasurer);
Russ Crane (Assistant Treasurer)

In Attendance: 14

Information in the April meeting minutes was wrong – there **is** a May meeting, but not a scheduled June meeting.

Prior to the meeting, we were taken on a guided tour by Peggy Traver, a volunteer at the Center. A new addition is a scaled-down version of the cabin where the Leopolds studied nature. The walk went by the former location of the Morningside Sanitarium and by some Indian mounds. Garlic mustard was pointed out as one of the plants which the volunteers at the Center are trying to eradicate. Peggy was given a one-year membership in our club in thanks for showing us around the grounds. She said that work projects were held on the third Saturday of every month at 9:00, and that we would be more than welcome to come out and pitch in. The next work day would be May 19, and be sure to bring gardening gloves.

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

The volunteer sheet for the Owen Park walk was passed around.

The club shirts will probably arrive sometime in May, and will be brought to walks where people can pick them up.

The Sparks are going on vacation so June Doyle will assume the responsibility of doing the next newsletter.

The July meeting will be held on the 10th, after the regular Tuesday night walk, at the Inn on the Park. Judy Fritz will see about a meeting area of five or six tables.

On June 21, the club will have a Summer Solstice walk and picnic, hosted by Angie Sparks. First – do the Historic Eastside walk - then eat (bring a dish to pass).

The first Dairyland Walkers scheduled walk of the year will be May 12 at Elver Park, followed by the Syttende Mai walk on May 19. Walkers will be allowed to start at 6:00 for the annual Stoughton to Madison walk. The club award will be a tumbler made by Kim Stanfill-McMillan to go along with the other awards she has made for previous years.

The highway trash pickup was a great success. The work is easier and goes faster when there are more hands.

Ron Moore did two walks in Washington, D.C., plus walks in Amana, Pella, and Polk City, Iowa.

The walk box coordinators should police the boxes more often, checking for supplies and sending in the accumulated money.

Starting in June, Olbrich Park will have concerts on Tuesday nights. People could do the Eastside walk, and then relax and listen to music.

Ed Reid did walks in the 13 original states, all in one trip.

Judy Fritz did a walk in Washington, D.C., and ran into the Klosters.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Submitted by Karen Reger