

DAIRYLAND WALKERS MONTHLY MEETING
THE ASSOCIATED BANK
(on Londonderry Drive)
OCTOBER 8, 2002

Officers Present: Pam Wilson (Co-President); Bob Sparks (Co-Vice President); Russ Crane (Treasurer); Karen Reger (Secretary); Barbara Borde (Board Member at Large)

In Attendance: 15

Meeting

Bob Sparks presided over the meeting as Pam did not arrive until after it was underway.

Introductions

As attendees usually do, everyone introduced themselves.

Secretary's Reports

Paper copies of the last Board meeting and the last general club meeting minutes were passed around. They were both approved.

Treasurer's Report

The balance at the last Board meeting was \$3,038.96. Total income since that time totaled \$1,069.00. Total expenses were \$774.49. The current balance as of today is \$3,333.47.

Bob made the observation that that is a lot of money to have on hand. The club should be thinking of what to do with it - what could be its potential use. Since the sanction fees for the year-rounds have already been paid, club brochures would be our main expense from now on.

Fees

Tom brought up the point that the AVA has voted to change the maximum fee a club can charge for walk credit from \$2.00 to \$3.00. This will become effective January 1, 2003. The AVA would then receive \$1.25 out of this \$3.00. They currently get \$.50 out of the present \$2.00 fee.

Russ gave his opinion that we should continue to charge the maximum, thereby increasing our fee to \$3.00 as he feels other clubs will raise their rates. That brings up the question of what we should then charge for our frequent walker coupons.

This will be a subject for the next Board meeting.

Free Walkers

Tom mentioned that we offer people the option of walking for free. This seems to be pretty rare – most clubs charge a \$1.00 minimum fee. Russ said he was opposed to the \$1.00 minimum, asking what expenses were really associated with free walkers. Tom reported that for the Lake Geneva walk, for July, August, and September, four people did it for an award and credit, four walked for free, and 43 did it for credit only.

Don Suloff indicated that at the Portage walk, 12 out of 61 were free walkers, and at the Elver Park walk, 23 out of 100 were free walkers.

Walk Tallies

Bruce Dewey compared year-end figures for last year versus third quarter figures for this year:

	<u>End of Third Quarter 2002</u>	<u>End of Year 2001</u>
Arboretum	152	216
Capitol	283	242
East Side	156	203
Middleton	141	185
Cedarburg	66	36
Devils Lake	37	43
LaCrosse	125	74
Lake Geneva	76	53
Picnic Point	88	130
Port Washington	37	43
	1,161	1,225

Bike Events

Next year, the three bike routes will have the same stamp number.

New Events

The Middleton Hills walk will be a new year-round walk for next year. Also, there will be a new walk in Milwaukee. Bruce wasn't sure if it was sanctioned as a seasonal or a year-round.

Governor Nelson Walk

Don indicated that a group of slower 10K walkers would leave at 6:30, the faster 10K walkers would leave at 6:45, and the 5K group would leave at 7:00. Tom Doyle will lead one faster 10K group, but Don needs another volunteer to lead a second faster 10K group.

Highway Cleanup

This will take place on the 20th, starting from Nora's II.

Program

Barb Borde introduced the speaker for the evening, Wayne Pauly, who is a Restoration Ecologist for the Dane County Parks Department. He restores prairies, woodlands, and wet-lands. He talked about his work, inserting a bit of plant folklore, which he used to teach, as well as hints to ward off chiggers and mosquitoes. He mentioned that Walking Iron County Park is a good place to see pasque flowers and prairie smoke, and Festge Park is a good place to see bloodroot. He is also involved in prairie seed collecting, coordinating many children in this activity.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Submitted by Karen S. Reger