

**DAIRYLAND WALKERS BIMONTHLY MEETING
MAIN LIBRARY – DOWNTOWN MADISON
JUNE 11, 2003**

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

In Attendance: 21

Meeting

The business meeting was brought to order at 7:10 p.m. by Pam Wilson.

Treasurer's Report – Russ Crane

The balance at the Board meeting held last month was \$2,593.75. Since that time, income has totaled \$821.00. Part of that amount includes \$109.00 from dues, \$246.00 from the year round and seasonal events, \$151.00 from the two special events (Cancer Memorial and Syttende Mai), and \$200.00 from the sale of frequent walker coupons.

Expenses have totaled \$1,095.79, which included a state filing fee. Also included was \$185.68 for the printing of bookmarks to promote our club which will be taken to the convention for distribution. The Middleton Good Neighbor Fest walk was sanctioned. The quarterly Internet fee was included, in the amount of \$60.14. The total balance as of today is \$2,318.96.

A question was brought up as to how often the expenses are greater than the income, which is what happened during this past month. Russ didn't know offhand, but the amounts vary from month to month.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Program

Jill Ruef introduced the speaker for the evening, Andrew Hanson, who has worked for the Ice Age Park and Trail Foundation for about the last seven years. This organization was founded in 1958 to develop a trail system following the edge of the last glacier in Wisconsin. When complete, the trail will be 1,000 miles long. They are still in the process of land acquisition and getting permission from landowners to have the trail go through their property. It was declared a National Scenic Trail in 1980. There are eight people on the staff, but the trail is being worked on almost entirely by volunteer workers. At this time of year, work is being done on the trail somewhere in the state every weekend. For more information, their website is www.iceagetrail.org. There is a guidebook coming out in July which will describe the various sections of the present trail and listing services along the trail.

Interstate State Park is at the western end of the trail, with it then going down to Devils Lake State Park, on to Janesville, up through the Kettle Moraine State Forest and it ends at Potawatomi State Park in Door County.

There is a collection of B&B's either located on the trail or close to it, who are part of a program wherein they will provide hikers with a shuttle to and from the trail, for a fee.

Andrew also mentioned that part of the trail goes through the city of Lodi, and if we would be interested in having a walk there, he could help with finding a starting point where the walk box could be located.

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Conclusion of Meeting

Tuesday Night Walk-a-Week – Bruce Dewey

This program has started again for this year. They have had as few as eight participants during a walk, and as many as 16.

The Walk-and-Eat Gang – Bruce Dewey

This program has also begun again for this year. They did the walk in Cedarburg last week, and the next walk will be in LaCrosse.

Second Half Year-Round Kickoff - Bruce Dewey

This is a new program to start July 6 wherein there will be a series of group walks to include the five Madison year-rounds. The first walk will be on Sunday, July 6, and will be the Arboretum walk. The walks on Saturdays will start at 9:00 a.m. and those on Sundays will start at 1:00 p.m. Russ pointed out that detailed information could be found on the club's website.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by Karen Reger.