

**DAIRYLAND WALKERS BIMONTHLY MEETING
HOME OF TOM AND LA VONNE MC CRILL
JULY 13, 2005**

Officers Present: Tom and LaVonne McCrill (Co-Presidents); Russ Crane (Treasurer);
Karen Reger (Secretary); Barb Borde (Member at Large)

Convention Report (Gwen Kraemer)

Gwen gave a presentation on the recent AVA convention, where she was the club delegate. She briefly described the various walks that she did with the Doyles and Bruce Dewey. During some of the walks, they met up with Jill Ruef, Karen Reger, and Russ Crane. She displayed her convention name tag as well as the convention patch. She indicated that the convention itself was great and that she took as many workshops as she could and enjoyed them very much. The next convention will be in Sacramento in 2007, and in Texas in 2009.

Walks and Supper

Tom McCrill then led a group of people on a short walk, and LaVonne McCrill led another group on a flower walk. There then ensued a potluck supper.

Club Meeting

Attendance: Approximately 40

Tom McCrill started the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Secretary's Report (Karen Reger)

There were paper copies of the minutes of the last membership meeting of April 18 on a table. These minutes were accepted with no discussion. There were also copies available of the minutes of the last Board meeting of May 5.

Treasurer's Report (Russ Crane)

The balance at the last Board meeting on May 5 was \$7,003.65. Since that time, income has totaled \$6,000.00. Expenses have totaled \$10,857.29. The vast majority of both figures are related to the Crazy Horse bus trip. The balance at present is \$2,146.36.

This report was accepted.

T-shirt Fundraiser (Tom Doyle)

A supply of club shirts had been brought along and were available for sale.

Crazy Horse Trip Report/Niagara Falls Proposal (June Doyle)

Forty-two people went on this trip. The Hearty Sole Walkers newsletter had a very nice article about this event, which perhaps could be put in our next newsletter. She thanked all the people that made the trip a success, and was given a round of applause for all her hard work.

A bus trip is being planned for Niagara Falls for 2006, in the latter part of June. It will be about six days in length, over a weekend. She pointed out a display of pictures from the Crazy Horse trip, as well as an article from the Capital Times featuring Bruce Dewey.

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Upcoming Events (Don Suloff)

Don indicated that walks don't happen without a lot of help, and he passed around sign-up sheets for the Stoughton and Sugar River walks. The Coffee Break Festival walk in Stoughton will be on August 20, not the 13th. He set out flyers for this walk since it will not be inserted in a newsletter.

The award for the Sugar River Trail walk will be a patch. Metal brads will be inserted for each of the three years (2005, 2006, and 2007) that the walk will be held.

2006 European Trip Update (Barb Borde)

Brochures for this trip were included in the last newsletter. There are tentatively 15-16 interested in the trip, with a lot of them being repeaters from the trip last year.

Walk and Eat Gang

Changes in the schedule were indicated in the last newsletter. The Waupun and Lake Geneva walks had to be switched around. Russ indicated that these changes are on the website, which he tries to keep as up to date as possible. He encouraged people to check it out.

Convention Awards (Tom Doyle)

Tom indicated that our club got recognition in two areas at the recent convention. The year-round and seasonal event brochure (compiled by Bruce Dewey) received an honorary mention, and the website (maintained by Russ Crane) received a gold medal award.

Introductions

Since there were some new faces, everyone introduced themselves.

Coffee Break Walk in Stoughton (Paula Romeo)

She and Victor Emanuel have been planning this walk. Stoughton has some excellent brochures giving information about various historic districts. The coffee break supposedly started in Stoughton, so the walk will be held during their annual Coffee Break Festival. It will start and finish inside the Senior Center.

Closing Item

Chief Chef Tom Doyle was given a round of applause for cooking the brats and hamburgers.

The meeting was then adjourned at 8:30 p.m.