

**DAIRYLAND WALKERS MONTHLY MEETING
THE MAIN MADISON LIBRARY
APRIL 9, 2002**

Officers Present: Bob and Jo Sparks (Co-Vice Presidents); Russ Crane (Treasurer); Karen Reger (Secretary); Barbara Borde (Member at Large)

In Attendance: 26

Meeting

- The Wilsons were not able to attend the meeting, so Bob Sparks presided.
- Everyone introduced themselves and, if appropriate, said what capacity they served in the club.
- Russ gave the Treasurer's Report. A donation of \$50.00 was given to the AVA office for their computer fund. The current balance as of today is \$2,969.04, but a lot of that is earmarked for the two upcoming bus trips. The uncommitted balance is \$1,077.57.
- Bruce Dewey indicated that all the walk boxes are ready, including the boxes for the seasonal walks and bike rides, which started on April 1. He also said that several walk box coordinators would like to step away from their duties in 2003, so if anyone is interested in becoming a coordinator, please contact him. It's a routine kind of thing – checking on the boxes approximately every two weeks, making sure there are enough supplies, etc. He has to know if anyone is interested by August, as that is when the event descriptions have to be sent to the AVA for inclusion in the *Starting Point*. The bicycle box is still at Williamson Bicycle Works at this point. If anything changes, due to the reported closing of the store, it will be announced in the newsletter.
- There were six people who helped with the highway cleanup on April 7. There was an auction next door to Nora's – from all the vehicles parked along the roads, we thought we had a lot of help!
- This was the second night in the Walk-a-Week series, again coordinated by Richard Fritz, with some people first doing the Capitol walk and then coming to the meeting. The walks start at 5:30, and the query was made as to whether people could start earlier than that. Richard will usually be ready with the box at 5:00, and someone will stay at the start until 5:30.
- We need five more people for the La Crosse bus trip. Twelve seats are left on the Mackinac bus trip.
- Volunteers are still needed at the starting point of the Syttende Mai.
- Don Suloff has the flyer ready (which needs to be proofed) for the Middleton Hills walk to be held on June 1. It will incorporate part of the present Middleton walk, plus a new section. A sheet was sent around for volunteers.
- The next Board meeting will be held at the Middleton Library, from 6:00 to 8:00.
- The next general meeting will be held at the Monona Library, starting at 7:00 p.m.
- Gwen Kraemer brought cookies and juice, which was a welcome treat.

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Program

The speaker was Chris Rumbelow, an elementary physical education teacher in Madison. He spoke about his adventure of walking the Appalachian Trail, the longest continuous walking path in the world, starting on March 15, 1992. He took an unpaid leave of absence and kept in touch with his students back in Madison, keeping them up to date as to where he was. The walk starts from Springer Mountain in Georgia and ends at Mount Katahdin in Maine, approximately 2,200 miles. He talked about his preparation for the trip, what he took along, and events that happened along the way. He showed two videos of people giving their thoughts on the walk, but did not have time to show his own slides before the library closed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50.

Submitted by Karen Reger.