

**DAIRYLAND WALKERS BIMONTHLY MEETING  
ORCHARD RIDGE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
FRIENDSHIP HALL  
FEBRUARY 13, 2003**

**Officers Present:** Jerry Wilson (Co-President); Jo and Bob Sparks (Co-Vice Presidents); Russ Crane (Treasurer); Karen Reger (Secretary); Bonnie Hamer (Newsletter Editor)

**In Attendance:** 15

**Meeting**

Welcome (Jerry Wilson)

Jerry called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. He mentioned that several regular attendees were not present because they were doing some walks in the South in association with President's Day. He introduced the officers that were present, as well as Miles and Wendi Sommerfeldt, who obtained the use of the Friendship Hall for the evening.

Secretary's Report (Karen Reger)

Several paper copies of the December general meeting minutes had been put out on a table for perusal. There were no changes or additions and the minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report (Russ Crane)

The balance as of the last Board meeting on January 9 was \$3,142.64. Total income since that time amounted to \$878.00. Expenses were \$331.10, bringing the new balance to \$3,689.54, making the net change \$546.90. He is expecting a bill from the AVA for over \$900.00 (for event and distance books, new member packets, Starting Points). The report was approved, with no discussion.

New Balance Shoe Winner (Russ Crane)

The winner of the drawing for a pair of New Balance shoes at Morgan's Shoes at Hilldale from the special event walk at East Towne was Ron Moore, who was present at the meeting, and he received his certificate.

Refreshments (Jerry Wilson)

Jerry thanked Miles and Wendi for bringing treats and beverages, as well as thanking Karen and Russ for bringing treats as this was Karen's birthday. The group then sang Happy Birthday to Karen.

Walks

A sign-up sheet was passed around asking for volunteers at the Historic Nakoma Walk, which will be held on April 12. The question was asked if there would be a 5K in connection with this event, and the answer was yes.

Bonnie Hamer mentioned that she had asked for volunteers in the last newsletter for the East Towne Mall walk, and she received several phone calls from people willing to help out.

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## **Program**

Wendi introduced the speaker, Chris Rumbelow. He had been a speaker at one of our previous meetings, but did not have enough time to completely cover his subject. Over the space of several years, he completed walking the Appalachian Trail. He showed slides and described the planning that went into the effort, some of the people that he met on the trail, the shelters that are present, the weather along the way, and gave much more information.

## Conclusion (Bob Sparks)

Jerry had to leave early, so Bob closed the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Chris stayed around for awhile longer and answered questions that people had.

Submitted by Karen Reger.