

**DAIRYLAND WALKERS BIMONTHLY MEETING  
ORCHID HEIGHTS PARK  
JUNE 23, 2004**

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

**In Attendance:** 20

**Pre-Meeting**

Shortly after 6:00 p.m., Tom McCrill led a group into the Pheasant Branch Conservancy to view the springs. After that, most of the group walked up Belfontaine Hill to an overlook. After returning to the park shelter, everyone had a picnic supper of brats grilled by Tom Doyle and food brought by other attendees. The weather cooperated – sunny and cool with almost no mosquitoes.

**Meeting**

Call to Order

Tom McCrill called the meeting to order at 7:45.

Secretary's Report (Karen Reger)

Karen had paper copies of the minutes of the last membership meeting on April 14. These were accepted with no discussion.

Treasurer's Report (Russ Crane)

At the last Board meeting on May 6, the club's balance was \$1,601.77. Since that time, income totaled \$1,294.37 and expenses totaled \$928.70, leaving a new balance of \$1,967.44. This is an increase of \$365.67 since May 6.

The report was accepted with no discussion.

Walk-a-Week (Bruce Dewey)

The Civil War walk will be the next Tuesday night walk, as this will be on the fifth Tuesday of the month. This will be the first "official" time back to it since the kick-off walk in early spring. The starting point will be at the Hoyt Park parking lot, not the normal starting point of the Inn Towner.

Bike Events – Ed Reid

Ed would like to see more people doing these events.

Sun Prairie Walk

It was believed that 77 people did this event.

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### St. Benedict Center Walk

This will be held on July 17. Bruce Dewey indicated that Don Suloff was looking for volunteers for this event and Bruce handed around a sign-up sheet for those willing to work for an hour or an hour and a half.

Tom Doyle asked if there would be a workers walk before the 17th. Bruce said he would ask Don about that.

### Information Emails (Bruce Dewey)

Bruce commended Bonnie Hamer on the informational emails she sends out once a week regarding upcoming events. He indicated that if people are not getting this information, they should give Bonnie their email address. Bonnie received a round of applause for all her work.

### Walk and Eat Gang (Bruce Dewey)

The walk for tomorrow is the La Crosse walk. People will meet around 10:15 a.m. and start walking at 10:30. The starting point is the normal one, and after the walk they will find a place to eat. He said that he had been advised that the walk really needs to be revised. Tom Doyle indicated that Bonnie Johnson (our Regional Director) had walked it and had mentioned that it needed to be changed.

Bruce mentioned that if there are any questions about the Tuesday night walks or the Walk and Eat Gang, they are both mentioned in the yearly club booklet. He also indicated that Russ Crane and Karen Reger are usually available on Tuesday nights for those people who wish to walk with someone at a slower pace. Russ pointed out that both the Tuesday night and the Walk and Eat Gang information was on the website. Russ got a round of applause for all the work he does managing the website.

### European Trip (Barb Borde)

If people are interested in the trip, they can still call Ed-Ventures. There are 24 presently signed up. Elke, from the travel company, will be coming to the August membership meeting to meet with those in the Madison area who are going on the trip. This will start at 6:00 p.m., with the regular meeting starting at 7:00 at the Middleton public library. Elke will bring the airline tickets and any other papers. The question was brought up about flying from Madison to Chicago. Barb indicated the cost for this, and said that it might be possible to take a bus to O'Hare, which would be cheaper.

### Newsletter (Bonnie Hamer)

Bonnie indicated that normally a newsletter comes out after a Board meeting, but she thought she'd send one out after this meeting and before the St. Benedict walk. She would like any submissions by July 1.

### Cooks

Tom and June Doyle got a round of applause for their grilling at the picnic.

Fond du Lac Club (Tom Doyle)

Tom introduced Renee and Russ Soles who have submitted a request to charter an AVA club in Fond du Lac. Last night, Tom, Barb Borde, Russ Crane, and Karen Reger went to an informational meeting in Fond du Lac and gave a short presentation. The Soles are presently working on a walk for this fall.

Introductions (Tom McCrill)

There were two first-time visitors. Introductions were made all around.

Tom and LaVonne McCrill received a round of applause for arranging the meeting and picnic.

The meeting ended at 8:05 p.m.

*(Shortly after things were picked up and people were starting to leave, the tornado sirens went off.)*

Submitted by Karen Reger, Secretary.