

**DAIRYLAND WALKERS BIMONTHLY MEETING
MIDDLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY
OCTOBER 14, 2004**

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

In Attendance: 19

Pre-Meeting

People who had gone on the Germany/Austria trip had pictures on display. The club awards from the trip were also on exhibit.

Refreshments were provided, including some lard sandwiches which the McCrills brought.

June Doyle passed around a sign-up sheet to get an idea of how many would be interested in taking a bus trip out to the Crazy Horse walk in June of next year. This was just to gauge what the interest level might be.

Meeting

The meeting started at 7:15 p.m., with Tom McCrill presiding. He mentioned that Ted and Virginia Newell had recently become members, and Terry Wendt joined that night.

Secretary's Report (Karen Reger)

Karen had several paper copies of the minutes of the August 5 membership meeting available. These minutes were accepted with no discussion.

Treasurer's Report (Russ Crane)

Income & Expense Summary

The balance at the last Board meeting on September 23 was \$2,664.67. Since then, income has totaled \$778.25 and expenses have totaled \$866.62. The balance at the present time is \$2,576.30.

For income, \$139.00 came from dues, \$363.00 came from year-round and seasonal events, and \$186.25 came from special events. The entry for Fond du Lac (\$51.25) is the amount that our club took out of the total walkers fees amount which we will eventually have to pay the AVA as this walk was sanctioned by our club.

For expenses, there were two large expenses out of the total of \$866.62. One was for an order of pewter club logo pins which cost \$388.50, and the other was \$244.00 for the purchase of inventory items (new walker packets, distance and event books, etc.).

It was asked how many walkers did the Fond du Lac walk, and it was believed that the total was 77.

Walk-a-Week (Tom McCrill)

This is now done for this year. There were about 5-10 walkers every week during the season.

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Walk and Eat Gang (Barb Borde)

The last walk of this year will be next Thursday at Devil's Lake. Meeting time is 10:15 a.m., with the walk to begin at 10:30. If anyone would like to car pool, please call her. This will be a guided walk by a naturalist, and it should be peak color.

Highway Cleanup (Tom Doyle)

This will take place on October 24, again starting from Nora's II at 1:00 p.m. This is a two-mile stretch, and the more people there are, the quicker it goes.

Newsletter (Bonnie Hamer)

The newest one was just recently sent out.

Membership (Tom Doyle)

Tom indicated that he received a note from Roland Klein indicating that he has now walked all 50 states. He is the person from the St. Louis area who did a lot of interpreting on the Germany/Austria trip.

As an estimate, there are about 250 members of the Dairyland Walkers.

Walk Reports (Russ Crane)

There were 66 walkers at the St. Anne's Hill walk in Plain.

The East Madison Parks walk had 48 walkers.

Election of Officers (Tom Doyle)

Tom was the chairman of the nominating committee and he presented the following slate of officers for 2005:

Co-Presidents – LaVonne and Tom McCrill

Vice President – Ron Moore

Secretary – Karen Reger

Treasurer – Russ Crane

Member at Large – Barb Borde

There were no other volunteers from the floor. The above slate was accepted as presented. The officers will take their positions effective January 1, 2005.

Update on the Sparks (Tom Doyle)

As far as Tom knew, the Sparks are now in the state of Mississippi. They have been playing a lot of bridge and have done some AVA walks.

The business meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Program

The following people gave short talks on the different walks that we did in Germany and Austria:

- Walk #1 – Hattersheim, Germany - Tom/June Doyle
- Walk #2 – Dettelbach, Germany - Ted/Virginia Newell
- Walk #3 – Regensburg, Germany - Bonnie Hamer
- Walk #4 – Markt Schwaben, Germany - Karen Reger
- Walk #5 – Steyr, Austria - Barb Borde
- Walk #6 – Morbisch, Austria - June Quesnell
- Walk #7 – Modling, Austria - LaVonne McCrill

Future Trip? (Barb Borde)

In looking through a travel catalog, Barb thought that perhaps if we did another trip, Holland and Belgium might be nice places to go to. She got a round of applause for all the work she put into the Germany/Austria trip.

Membership Meeting (Tom McCrill)

The next membership meeting will be held on December 5 at the Hilldale Mall. People may want to arrive before 5:00 so they can look at the decorated trees and listen to any musical entertainment there may happen to be.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by Karen Reger, Secretary