

**DAIRYLAND WALKERS BIMONTHLY MEETING
MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY
APRIL 18, 2005**

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

In Attendance: 19

Presentation

Tom McCrill started the meeting at 7:02 p.m., and then Barb Borde introduced Elke Austin-Foote from Ed-Ventures, Inc., who was the tour director on the club's European trip last September. Elke gave a slide program, highlighting some of the places she would suggest for the club to go for a possible trip in April of 2006. This would include northern Germany, some World War II museums, the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxemburg, and then flying home from Zurich. One of the purposes of going at this time would be to see the tulips in bloom in the Netherlands, although nothing is guaranteed due to the weather. The weather may be better later in the month. A possible way to reduce the cost of the trip would be to not include prearranged dinners for every day. She would like to try to get 25 people for this trip.

When would this trip take place? Next year, Easter falls on April 17, and she would suggest leaving on a Thursday and arriving on a Friday, for a 14 day trip.

For those people like teachers who might have spring break during that time, there might be a possibility of them being on the trip for ten days instead of 14.

Any questions or suggestions may be addressed to Barb Borde, who will be the point of contact.

The presentation ended at 7:50 p.m.

Meeting

The meeting began at 8:00, with Tom McCrill indicating that Karen Reger had paper copies available of the last membership meeting minutes of December 5, 2004, and everyone was welcome to look at them.

Treasurer's Report (Russ Crane)

The balance as of the last Board meeting (March 15) was \$1,411.30. Since that time, income has totaled \$14,388.00, the vast majority of which was due to money coming in for the Eau Claire and Crazy Horse bus trips. Expenses have totaled \$1,258.92, most of which have also been related to the above-mentioned bus trips. The current balance is \$14,540.38, of which \$12,740.00 is committed to the Crazy Horse trip, leaving an uncommitted balance of \$1,800.38.

This report was accepted.

Syttende Mai Training Group Walks (Tom Doyle)

Tom indicated that six people did the training walk on April 17. They combined the Civil War and the Capitol walks, doing a figure eight. He would like to do another training walk, walking the bike route around Lake Monona. He mentioned May 7 or 8, and it was pointed out that the 8th was Mother's Day, so it would probably be on Saturday, the 7th.

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Highway Clean-up Report (Tom Doyle)

Fourteen people showed up this past Saturday to do the highway clean-up.

Crazy Horse Bus Trip (June Doyle)

Forty-two people are planning on taking the trip. June had passed around a notebook containing highlights of the upcoming trip. In May she will send out instructions and a final itinerary. If any questions arise, please contact her.

Tuesday Evening Walk-a-Week (Tom McCrill)

This program will begin for the year next Tuesday at 5:30 p.m., meeting at the Vilas Park Beach House to do the Arboretum walk.

Janesville Kick-off Walk (Bonnie Hamer)

The kick-off event for the new seasonal walk in Janesville will take place next Sunday, starting from the Rotary Gardens at 1:00. Six people have already done the walk. We have permission to go through the gardens and it is not required that we pay the suggested \$5.00 donation. The regular starting point for this walk will be the Stop 'n Go. Walking will be done in groups, depending on how many people there are and the different speeds to be accommodated.

The Ft. Atkinson walk will be held on May 28 and Bonnie passed around a volunteer sign-up sheet for this event.

Club T-shirts, etc. (Tom Doyle / LaVonne McCrill)

They are in the process of looking into possibly ordering hats, T-shirts, sweatshirts, polo shirts, etc. They are looking at both silk screening and embroidery.

Club Trifold Display

Russ Crane had brought along the display that he and Don Stoffels had worked on for Canoeopia. Bruce Dewey suggested that perhaps it could be displayed at other places. Health fairs were mentioned as a possible venue. Tom Doyle mentioned that he has another similar empty display board that could also be used.

Program Committee (Ron Moore)

Ron indicated that Chris Borleske had agreed to help. Volunteers are certainly welcome. Tom Doyle indicated that member Sharon Bloodgood could perhaps give a presentation but she would not be available in June but maybe in August or October.

Board Meeting

The next Board meeting will be on May 5 at the Dean Clinic on Stoughton Road.

The meeting then ended at 8:17 p.m. Thanks to the McCrills for bringing cookies and beverages.

Submitted by Karen Reger, Secretary