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July – August Events

- July 8 Sat. Walk & Eat –
Monona; 8:45 & 9:30am
July 12 Board Meet. 6:00pm
– Alicia Ashman Lib. Br.
July 22 Oconomowoc Walk
8:00am-Noon, Fin. By 3:00
- Aug. 5 Sat. Walk & Eat –
Middleton; 8:45 & 9:55 KM
Aug. 9 Members Meeting
Lakeview Park, Middleton
5:00pm Walk; 6:30pm
Dinner and Meeting
Aug. 26 Delevan Walk.
8:00am-Noon, Fin. By 3:00

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Oconomowoc Walk - Often Called "Westport of the West" - We'll Show You Why – Saturday, July 22 By Bonnie Hamer

From the 1870s to 1930s Oconomowoc was a resort community and became known as the "Westport of the West" when the wealthy of Chicago, St. Louis and Milwaukee built their lavish summer homes around Lake Fowler. Most of these homes still remain and you will view them as you do the Oconomowoc Walk Saturday, July 22.

Our start/finish table will be inside the old Oconomowoc Train Depot (now Maxim's Restaurant) built in 1896 after people in the community complained about using the old wooden depot adjacent to the smelly stock yards. It is said to be the only fieldstone Depot left in the U.S. While at the Depot be sure to check out the model railroad set up and operated by volunteers.

If you are into trains, be sure to visit the Oconomowoc Historical Museum (free) a checkpoint along the route where there is a whole room of these model trains laid out to depict the area. Or if you like to geocache, the museum is where you can register for a special geocaching event being held that day.

The easy 5 and 10K walk routes will include numerous city parks but a stop at Veterans Memorial Park overlooking Lac La Belle will leave you with an impression of the true meaning of honor and respect for the men and women who served our country to protect our freedoms.

Also included in the walk will be strolling down small-town Main Street with its quaint, unique shops and eateries and the ongoing Saturday Farmers' Market.

This is a walk you won't want to miss.

August Membership Meeting By Terry Wendt

The next general membership meeting will be the picnic on Wednesday August 9, 2017. The location is Lake View Park in Middleton off of Allen Blvd. There will be a guided 5K walk starting at 5:00 PM with the dinner & meeting at 6:30PM. This is a potluck dinner so we all need to bring a dish to pass. I have been told that cake will be provided, but salads, casseroles, sandwich material and chips will be needed.

Hope to see you there.

Bike Path Along Lake Monona Closed, June 26 By Jerry Wilson

The bike path along the shore of Lake Monona at Law Park is closed beginning June 26th. Look for a detour on the Capital Walk. Walkers and bike riders will share a dedicated lane under the Convention Center underpass. Be careful when walking.

Dates of Interest?

Date

July National Grilling Month
Cell Phone Courtesy Month.

- 1 Canada Day
- 2 Made in the USA Day
- 4 USA Independence Day
- 9 Full Moon – 11:07 am CDT
- 14 Nat. Macaroni & Cheese Day
- 24 National Tequila Day

August Am. Indian Heritage Mo.
Get Ready for Kindergarten Mo.

- 3 IPA Beer Day
- 4 Homemade Pie Day
- 7 Full Moon – 1:11 pm CDT
- 7 Assistance Dog Day
- 21 Cupcake Day
- 26 National Tongue Twister Day

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September – October
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Saturday Walk & Eat Group By Mary Liebig

Saturday Walk & Eat Group Monona Walk – July 8, Middleton – August 5

More Saturday Group Walk and Eat opportunities are coming up in July and August:

Saturday morning, July 8 will find us walking in Monona.

We'll meet in the parking lot near a stone picnic table at Monona City Hall, the start point, located at 5211 Schluter Road to register for the walk. Both 11K and 6K group walks will be offered. The 11K walkers should meet at 8:45AM to register for the walk; plan to start walking at 9AM. Ellen Twing has volunteered to lead the 6K walk. Those wishing to walk the 6K with Ellen should meet at 9:30AM and plan to start walking at 9:45AM. Please let Ellen know at emtwing@gmail.com or 608-220-3822 (Cell) if you plan to walk the 6K route. This year we'll eat at a new restaurant after the Monona walk, Tully's II at 6401 Monona Dr. (near the intersection with W Broadway) Here is a link to their menu: <http://tullys2.com/menus.html>

On Saturday, August 5:

We'll meet inside the start point of the Middleton Walk, the Hubbard Avenue Diner located at 7445 Hubbard Ave. at 8:45AM to register for the walk. If anyone is willing to lead the 5K route, let me know and I will include that information in an email in late July. This walk is being held in conjunction with National Mustard Day at the Mustard Museum in Middleton. This is a fun-filled day for the whole family and has traditionally included music, games and other entertainment with hot dogs, brats, FREE mustard sampling, and more. We'll plan to eat at the Mustard Day food booths after the walk.

Delevan Walk – Saturday, August 26 By Dave Rieff

Winding nature trails through an arboretum, lakeside views, and scenic city parks await you as you join us for a stroll through Delevan, WI on Saturday, August 26, 2017. The picturesque downtown area offers many shops and eateries to enjoy. The downtown also has one of the oldest and best examples of brick-paved roadway, which dates back to 1913. Several murals depicting the towns' history grace various buildings on our route, and some historic homes, as well.

As you may know, Delevan is rich in circus history. The idea for the PT Barnum circus originated here. And, between 1847 and 1894, as many as 26 different circuses wintered here, drawing talent to this area from all over the country. Our start point for the walk is located at Veteran's Memorial Park, on N. Terrace St.

Walkers can begin between 8:00 AM and Noon. There is a 5K and a 10K option, and both are relatively flat. We look forward to seeing you then!

Reminder of North Central Regional Convention Dates By Jerry Wilson

Don't forget to save the dates of September 7 – 9, 2018 for the next regional convention to be hosted in Minnesota.

Monona Walk Construction By Tricia Gundlach

The Monona Walk was changed slightly due to construction in the area. It will be changed again as construction in the area changes. Please bear with me as I attempt to keep the directions up to date. The construction and road closed signs are changing on almost a daily basis! I will do my best to keep the walk away from the construction areas.

Checkout Oconomowoc By Don Suloff

On July 22nd the Dairyland Walkers head out on I-94 towards Milwaukee stopping instead in Oconomowoc. Our start point in this lovely town will be at Maxim's at the Oconomowoc Depot located at 115 E. Collins Street. This old train depot built in 1896 has been restored as a restaurant, yet still has a scale model railroad display. We will start walking between 8 a.m. and noon, with all walkers expected to be complete by 3 p.m. Oconomowoc was known at one time as the "Newport of the West" and this walk will illustrate how it received that title. We will pass the palatial summer homes around Fowler Lake built by the wealthy during the period 1870 to 1930. On Main Street the many historic buildings are now home to unique boutiques and restaurants. Four parks are featured on the walk with the most interesting being the Veterans Memorial Park honoring soldiers from the War of 1812 to the present day.

To reach the start point depart I-94 at Exit 282 and take Hwy 67 towards Oconomowoc. Follow Summit Avenue to Main Street and turn right on Main Street. Continue one block to Collins Street and turn right on Collins. Just across the railroad tracks you will see Maxim's.

You will not want to miss this walk.

Talk'n Trash By Joanne Reuter

A big thanks to the club members who showed up on Saturday May 6th to pick up trash along Hwy 12 & 18. We completed one mile of our assigned two mile distance.

Pictured from left to right: Jan Kaminski, Mary Shapiro, Irene Erwin, Joanne Reuter and Terry Wendt.

Mark your calendars now! The fall highway trash pickup will be on Sunday October 29th at 1pm.



AVA Privacy Policy By Don Suloff

Although it may not be high on your interest level, the AVA has instituted a new privacy policy. The only information that will be released will be name, address, telephone number and email address. If an individual does not want any of this information shared she/he can opt out at any time by contacting Karen at the AVA National Office or by sending an email notice that you do not want you information shared to optout@ava.org.

What A Weekend By Don Suloff

Nearly 40 Dairyland Walkers headed north for walks in Rhinelander, Merrill, and Medford over Memorial Day weekend and were rewarded with nearly perfect weather for our walks. Starting off in Rhinelander we learned more than we ever wanted to know about the mythical Hodag. Our walk start point was in Pioneer Park and after completing the walk many of us enjoyed the wonderful museum complex in the park. As an added bonus, the Rhinelander farmers market was open for the first Saturday of the year and was just across the park entrance road from our start point. We were joined on our walk by seven local Rhinelanders. After heading down the road to Merrill, the group was treated to another fantastic wine and cheese party hosted by Diane and Joanne, followed by dinner at a nearby Mexican restaurant. It is good that we had such good exercise earlier in the day, because after the party and meal, we had definitely consumed many a calorie!

Although Sunday morning started with rain, it conveniently stopped just prior to our 8 a.m. start and the sun came out for the rest of the day. The walk offered some impressive old buildings and the historic three-arch stone bridge which is still traveled over. Many of the walkers were not yet exhausted and headed over to Medford to complete yet one more new Wisconsin county.

Next year's walking weekend will permit walkers to complete our 72nd county with walks being available in Shawano, Menomonee, Crandon, and Antigo.

2017 AVA Convention in Billings, MT – A Success! By Jerry Wilson

Our Board asked for a Convention article... I'm probably not the best choice to write about the Convention; being a regional director, committee chair and workshop presenter I had lots of assignments that took me out of the mainstream of the conference. I was even sent out to check a portion of a walk trail for high water, the Yellowstone River was running high daily due to snow melt in the mountains. I thought it was great conference, between the walks, great meet and greets, workshops, a very moving speaker, and informative Billings history presentation.

I would encourage anyone to attend future conferences; while there is a fee to attend, it is worthwhile not only because of the conference offerings, but the interaction with walkers from around the country and a few from around the world. A gathering like this is what you make of it. At a convention picnic-style dinner I sat next to a fellow walker with a strong New York City accent, it was hard for me to remember he is now a local club president from Texas.

Albany NY was selected as the location for the next AVA Convention, June 1 – 8, 2019. Some comments if you are considering attending:

- When final conventions dates are announced remember there will be pre and post-convention walks. Plan your time away and travel accordingly. For instance the 2019 Convention will most likely run Tuesday – Friday, June 4 – 7, 2019, however there will be associated walks starting on June 1 and lasting through June 8 or 9. (I'm personally looking forward to a walk planned for Cooperstown NY.)
- There are normally options of what participants can pay for: the entire conference, pay for one convention day, pay to attend meet and greet functions, pay for meals, etc. Lifetime members and associate national members normally get a discount if paying for the entire convention.
- Plan your time in Albany, considering volunteering to help put on the conference. In Billings, volunteers could sign-up on-line in advance. Hopefully this will be available in 2019. Volunteers are always needed for these huge events to do anything from staffing registration tables, overseeing the silent auction, staffing walk start and finish tables, etc.

Consider attending the 2019 AVA National Convention. You won't regret it.

I would also like to publicly thank Mary Liebig for serving as the North Central Region Teller during general meeting sessions when votes were taken.

Membership Update

By Mary Liebig, Membership Coordinator

Please welcome the following members who have joined since our last newsletter:

- Scott and Jennifer Reinke, Waukesha, WI

Club Milestones

By Doug Wiest

The following are the milestones of club members as reported by the June / July 2017 issue of The American Wanderer:

Events		Kilometers	
375	June Quesnell	500	Susan Wester
400	June Quesnell	4,000	June Quesnell
425	June Quesnell	4,500	June Quesnell
450	June Quesnell	5,000	June Quesnell
475	June Quesnell	5,500	Thomas McCrill
500	June Quesnell	5,500	June Quesnell
525	June Quesnell	5,500	Phillip Ringhand
550	June Quesnell	6,000	June Quesnell
575	June Quesnell	6,500	June Quesnell
600	June Quesnell	7,000	June Quesnell
800	Lee Moisant	15,000	Carol Hollar
1,450	Carol Hollar		
3,500	Bonita Johnson		

Congratulations to all on your accomplishments!

If I, or The American Wanderer, overlooked your accomplishments, send me an e-mail at douglaswiest@yahoo.com and they will be listed in the next Dairyland Walkers newsletter.

2017 Dairyland Walkers Calendar at a Glance

Saturday, January 21	West Towne Walk, Madison, WI	Results: Total 40; Adults: 37; Non-Credit: 3
Saturday, February 18	East Towne Walk, Madison, WI	Results: Total 30; Adults: 28; Non-Credit: 2
Saturday, April 22	MATC / Starkweather Creek Walk, Madison, WI	Results: Total 44; Adults: 34; Non-Credit: 10
Sunday, June 24	Plain, WI Walk – Kraemer Library & Community C.	Results: Total 42; Adults: 37; Non-Credit: 5

Saturday, July 8	Saturday Walk and Eat – Monona Walk	8:45am Register 10Km, 9:30am Register 6Km
Wednesday, July 12	Board Meeting – Alicia Ashman Library Branch 733 N. High Point Rd., Madison	6:00pm Meeting
Saturday, July 22	Oconomowoc, WI Walk	Start 8:00am – Noon, Finish By 3:00pm
Saturday, August 5	Saturday Walk and Eat – Middleton Walk	8:45am Register 10Km, 5Km: see page 2 article
Wednesday, August 9	Membership Meeting, Walk and Picnic – Lakeview Park, Middleton WI	5:00pm 5Km Walk, 6:30pm Dinner & Meeting
Saturday, August 26	Delavan, WI Walk	Start 8:00am – Noon, Finish By 3:00pm

Saturday, September 23	Firefighters Memorial Park, Middleton (Airport Rd)	
Friday, October 6	Pheasant Branch Moonlight Walk, Middleton, WI	
Sunday, October 29	Hwy 12/18 Cleanup	1:00pm, Meet at Nora's II, 1843 Hwy 12
Saturday, November 4	Veterans Week Walk, Downtown Madison, WI	
Sunday, December 3	Christmas Party Walk	

Attachment A

Minutes Pending Approval

Dairyland Walkers Board Meeting
Alicia Ashman Branch Library, 733 N. High Point Road
May 10, 2017

Members present: Doug Wiest, Mary Liebig, Cindy Haagensen, Russ Crane, Tricia Gundlach, Diane Thornberry, Tom Gundlach, Karen Reger, Joanne Reuter, Don Suloff, Susan Wester, Terry Wendt

The meeting was called to order at 1800 hours by President Doug Wiest. The meeting's agenda was approved with the addition of an item regarding the AVA convention per Russ Crane.

The minutes of the previous (8 March 2017) Board meeting were approved as published.

Officer Reports

President: There was no report.

Vice President: Terry Wendt said the next general membership meeting will be at Hody's at 6:30 p.m. on 14 June. The annual picnic is 9 August.

Secretary: Susan Wester said she will be away and unable to take minutes for the June general membership meeting.

Treasurer: Kristi Kenyon was unable to attend the meeting, but emailed her report to Board members prior to the meeting. Doug reported for her that income was \$487.00, with \$213 from events, \$120 from coupon sales, \$60 from dues, \$59 from book and packet sales and \$35 in donations. Expenses were \$452.16, the majority of which was administrative in nature, amounting to \$372.16. The remainder of expenses consisted of \$50.00 for events and \$30.00 for sanction fees. The 10 May balance is \$5,031.30, up by \$34.84 from the previous month. The report was accepted and filed for audit.

Director at Large: Cindy Haagensen said 6-7 people showed up for the Capitol walk. She is concerned that perhaps by emphasizing 5K walks, walkers who would like to walk 10K are not showing up. There was then general discussion as to the route design of the walks. One suggestion was that perhaps 5K and 10K walkers could walk the first 5K together, with the 10K people continuing on an additional loop. Don Suloff expressed concern about getting the best points of interest in the first 5K.

Other Reports

Membership Chair: Mary Liebig recently emailed the most recent membership list to the Board. There are 201 members, including 28 who haven't yet paid 2017 dues. Don remarked that 28 is the lowest it has been in years. Nine new members have been added so far this year.

Sanctioned Event Coordinator: Joanne Reuter said all walk boxes have been updated. The first person to do the Fond du Lac walk this year mentioned to her that two areas of construction disrupt the walk. After driving there and investigating the matter, she felt the small detours needed were obvious and did not require rewriting the map.

Trailmaster: Don said he had received a comment about the Middleton walk map. Apparently Century and University Avenues are mixed up in one spot. He will fix this in the future.

When he drives to Rhinelander for the walking weekend in May, he will go via Shawano in order to prepare for the 2018 weekend of walks. On his way to Merrill, he will also check out Crandon and Menomonie for the same purpose.

Publicity Chair: Karen Reger has not yet developed a formal budget for advertising, but indicated she thought the Isthmus and Cap Times would be the best venues.

Mary brought along an insert from the DeForest newspaper entitled "Active Living for Savvy Seniors" and gave it to Karen as a possible idea for the future. This particular insert is included in a number of regional small town newspapers.

Tom and Tricia Gundlach said they had heard an upcoming Dairyland Walker event mentioned on Channel 3.

Volunteer Coordinator: With regard to the web administrator position, Tricia said that Tom McCrill had received email inquiry regarding it from member Kevin Moore. Tricia will follow up and call Kevin. She is also planning a meeting of the Awards Committee.

Newsletter Editor: There was no report.

Website Administrator: There was no report.

AVA Electronic Sanctioning Volunteer: Tom said first quarter results have been posted, as required.

Special Projects: Diane Thornberry said she will review the website before every Board meeting, as a means of regular monitoring. In checking before the current meeting, she noticed the latest newsletter had not been posted. She took care of this, and said otherwise the website is very up to date.

With regard to cloud storage of documents, she has registered the club with Tech Soup. Google Suite uses Tech Soup to verify that the organization is a non-profit. Once verified, Board members will receive a validation code and have access to Google Suite.

Diane also sent an email to Twin City Walkers, inquiring about the possibility of a reciprocal link on their website. She will be looking into the possibility of a bus trip to 2018 Rendezvous. However, she cannot take any action until the site for the Rendezvous has been established.

Unfinished Business

Newsletter Articles: For the July/August newsletter, Joanne has already written up a report on the May highway trash pick-up. (As only 5 people showed up, only one of the two miles could be covered.) Doug will write about accomplishments; Don will address walks in the near future; Terry will highlight the August picnic; Mary will write up membership updates and Saturday walk and eats.

There followed some discussion on food and refreshment at the picnic. Joanne thought drinks on ice should be available, in addition to the plates and plastic ware already provided. Since June Doyle will have completed walking in all 50 states by picnic time, there could also be cake honoring her. Joanne will check on June's availability.

New Business:

Review of YRE's and Seasonal Events to continue into 2018: Don suggested that as long as people are willing to be a point of contact for a walk, we should continue the walks, even if not heavily used. He said several only have 25 or less walkers. Cindy asked if these in particular could become remote starts, instead of requiring maintenance of a walk box. Joanne agreed we should be transitioning to remote starts with online registration, payment and stamping. However, the AVA is not ready quite yet.

Russ pointed out that there is a limit of 24 walks (12 per book) for the VIP program. Don said that the Rhinelander, Medford and Merrill walks will drop out after 2017, but more will be added in 2018, maintaining the number at 24. Mary is developing a new walk in DeForest. This will become a YRE/seasonal event in 2019, after the WI Counties special program has ended.

VIP books for traditional events: "Traditional" is an adjective used by the AVA for non-seasonal/YRE events. Dairyland Walkers currently has no incentive program for these walks. Russ is willing to design a book, including about 12 of these events, and get it published. The reward for completion could be something such as 2 Frequent Walker coupons for the following year. Terry then made a motion to create a new traditional event incentive program for 2018. This was seconded and approved unanimously. Discussion will continue at the next meeting, including finding a name for the program.

Donation to AVA's "Big Give" action: Tricia made a motion we contribute \$100 to the annual Big Give as a club. This was seconded and approved unanimously.

Location of future board meetings: Diane volunteered to request the room at the Lakeview Library 3 months in advance of a Board meeting, to the day. The location and room size have been most convenient for all. Unfortunately, the room has not been available recently, having been reserved by another party. The other room the Board has used, at the Alicia Ashford Library, is extremely small and the west side location is not universally convenient. Otherwise, Tricia mentioned that the Monona library has a board room available for \$5/hour, and Angela's Pizza on Monona Drive offers a fully furnished basement room.

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Convention: Russ asked for comments on items to be voted on at the AVA convention. There were then many comments by Board members on the fact that none of the mascot designs were appealing. Russ said the NEC is recommending a “no” vote for most or all by-law changes: Tricia said there is no current candidate to submit for an award this year, without nominating the same person(s) year after year. As for the silent auction at the convention, Don made a motion to spend up to \$100 to donate a basket of Wisconsin themed items. Russ and Karen will make up the basket and take along to the convention.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1932 hours by President Wiest.

Next Board meeting – Wednesday, 12 July 2017, Alicia Ashman Library

Next Membership Meeting – Wednesday, 14 June 2017, Hody's Bar & Grill

Next Special Event Walks:

--Walking weekend:

--Rhinelander, WI walk, Saturday, 27 May 2017

--Merrill, WI walk, Sunday, 28 May 2017

--Plain walk, Saturday, 24 June 2017

Next Saturday "Walk & Eat" group walk:

--Arboretum YRE, Saturday, 13 May 2017.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Wester, Secretary

Attachment B

Minutes Pending Approval

**Dairyland Walkers Bimonthly General Membership Meeting
Hody's Bar & Grill, 1914 Aurora St., Middleton, WI
June 14, 2017**

Officers Present: Doug Wiest (President), Terry Wendt (Vice President), Kristi Kenyon (Treasurer)

Board Members Present: Cindy Haagensen (Board Member at Large), Don Suloff (Trailmaster), Kevin Moore (Website Administrator), Mary Liebig (Membership Coordinator), AVA Electronic Sanctioning Volunteer (Tom Gundlach), Publicity (Karen Reger)

In Attendance: 16

Meeting

President Wiest called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. There being no additions or corrections to the agenda previously emailed to the Board, the agenda was adopted.

Meeting Minutes

There being no additions or corrections to the minutes of the membership meeting held on April 12th 2017, they stand approved as previously emailed to the Board.

Officer Reports

Vice President (Terry)

The next Membership Meeting is a potluck picnic on Wednesday, August 9 at Lakeview Park in Middleton. There is an optional 5K walk that will start at 5PM. The meeting and potluck will follow the walk at around 6PM. Cake will be provided, so additional desserts may not be necessary for the potluck picnic.

Terry plans to contact Jim and Karen Laatsch, the retired couple who are walking a marathon in every state, to see if they could speak at the October Membership Meeting.

Secretary (Susan)

Susan was not in attendance.

Treasurer's Report (Kristi)

The report was previously emailed to the Board. The report noted income of \$393.00 and expenses of \$100.00 since the previous report. Current balance is \$5,324.30, and \$1,000.00 of this balance is restricted for pre-payment of large, up-front charges for club events. The report was accepted and filed for audit.

Director at Large (Cindy)

Cindy told us that she is still looking for volunteers to lead any of our year round or seasonal walks as a group walk. Volunteers can pick the date and time, along with the walk they would like to lead. Just let Cindy know, and she will help coordinate the plans.

Membership Coordinator (Mary)

Mary reported that two new members, Scott and Jennifer Reinke, from Waukesha, WI joined in the last month. In addition, Mary mentioned that the next Saturday Walk and Eat is the Picnic Point Walk this Saturday, June 17, and asked if anyone at the meeting planned to attend. We are offering a 5K option; let Ellen Twing know if you plan to do that route starting at 9:30AM.

Sanctioned Event Coordinator (Joanne)

Joanne was not in attendance.

Trailmaster (Don)

Don had a number of items to tell us:

1. He received a letter containing payment and the start card for our Milwaukee walk. It had been addressed to the POC of the Milwaukee walk, but was undeliverable. He will relay this information to Joanne, Sanctioned Event Coordinator, for follow-up.
2. Don has completed directions and maps for the four remaining county walks in 2018. They will be sanctioned as seasonal walks with remote starts. He will plan a walking weekend next year for the third weekend in May to do these walks.
3. Traditional Walks in the planning stages for 2018 include: Mazomanie, Beaver Dam, DeForest, and Cottage Grove.

Publicity (Karen)

Karen had nothing to report.

Volunteer Coordinator (Tricia)

Tricia was not in attendance.

Newsletter Editor (Jerry)

Jerry was not in attendance.

Website Administrator (Kevin)

Kevin had nothing to report.

AVA Electronic Sanctioning Volunteer (Tom)

Per Tom, everything is up-to-date.

Program – News from 20th AVA Biennial Convention held June 7-9 in Billings, MT

Mary Liebig, Russ Crane, and Karen Reger had recently returned from the AVA convention in Billings, MT. Mary talked a little bit about the history of the convention, that it is usually held in a different location in one of the ten regions of the AVA, every other year. There were three convention walks in Billings, as well as two “pre-convention” walks and two “post-convention” walks. The next convention site was selected, and that will be in Albany, NY from June 1-8, 2019, with a theme “Walking through History”.

There were three general membership meetings held at the convention on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday afternoons. Russ Crane served as our club’s voting delegate, and Mary served as a teller, or vote counter. New AVA officers elected were [David Bonewitz](#), President; Nancy Wittenberg, Vice President; Sam Korff, Secretary; and Bob Morrison, Treasurer. Their terms will be from July 1 2017 thru June 30, 2019. The mascot vote winner was “none of the above” so it is unclear if there will be a new mascot contest, or if the idea of a mascot will be scrapped.

The Online Start Box was explained in a nearly continuously running laptop presentation in the “Tech Bar”. Mary was surprised to learn that there are already 16 different clubs sponsoring 48 AVA events with the online start box. There were numerous workshops offered on Thursday morning in three different time slots. Mary attended one presented by Jerry Wilson, North Central Regional Director, on the national program to walk segments of the Ice Age Trail in Wisconsin. Jerry explained that there are 105 segments of the Ice Age Trail, and that he has selected 16 segments to walk as part of this program. All but one of the 16 will use the online start box.

Finally, Russ and Karen had been authorized by the Board to assemble a basket to be donated to the silent auction held at the convention. It was a beautiful basket containing all Wisconsin made items, and was auctioned off with a \$105 winning bid.

The next Board Meeting will be July 12, 2017 at the Alicia Ashman Library. The next General Membership Meeting and Picnic will be on August 9, 2017 at Lakeview Park in Middleton. The next walking events are the Plain Walk on Saturday, June 24 and the Oconomowoc Walk on Saturday, July 22. The next Saturday “Walk & Eat” is the Picnic Point Walk on Saturday, June 17.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm
Mary Liebig, Secretary Pro Tem

Attachment C July Event – Oconomowoc Walk:

Dates:	7/22/2017 - 7/22/2017
City / State:	Oconomowoc, WI
Event Name:	Oconomowoc Walk
Event Type:	Walk
Event ID:	107893
Distance - Trail Ratings:	10K and 5K - 1A
Description:	GPS: N 43.10951 W 089.49843. Starting point is the old Oconomowoc train depot built in 1896. As well as now being a restaurant, it is the home of a scale model railroad display operated by volunteers. The walk will give a glimpse into Oconomowoc's past when it was known as the "Newport of the West." You will pass palatial summer homes around Fowler Lake built by the wealthy in the period of 1870 to the 1930's. On Main St, the many historic buildings are now home to unique boutiques and restaurants. Four parks are featured on the walk, with the most interesting being the Veterans Memorial Park honoring soldiers from the War of 1812 to the present.
Amenities:	Strollers: easy Wheelchairs: easy Pets: Yes Restrooms: Yes
Special Programs:	Ice Cream Parlors, Make a Wish at a Water Fountain, State Street Sashay, Take a Walk In a City Park, United States Post Offices, Walk the USA - Street by Street, Walking the Path of Inventions, Walking the USA A - Z
Start Times:	8:00 am to noon. Finish by 3:00 pm.
Location:	Maxim's at the Oconomowoc Depot
Start Point / Driving Directions:	115 E. Collins St., Oconomowoc, WI 53066. From I-94 take Hwy 67 (exit 82) towards Oconomowoc. You will be driving north on Summit Ave. Follow Summit to Main St. Turn Right (east) on Main for one block to Collins St. Turn Right on Collins and Maxim's is just across the railroad tracks. Free parking in the city public lot across the street from Maxim's.
Awards & Fees:	IVV Credit Only
Comments:	SPECIAL PROGRAMS: 1. Ice Cream Parlors. 2. Make a Wish-Water Fountains. 3.State Street Sashay. 4. Take a Walk in a City Park. 5. U.S. Post Offices. 6. Walk the USA-Street by Street : Jefferson, Juneau, St. Paul. 7. Walking the Paths of Inventions. 8. Walking the USA-A to Z: letter O. 9. Walking Wisconsin Counties: Waukesha
Host Club:	Madison Area Volkssport Assn.
Contact:	Bonnie Hamer (920) 563-3481
Website:	www.dairylandwalkers.com/walks/event-walks/oconomowoc-walk/
E-Mail Contact:	bonnie4walk@yahoo.com

Attachment C August Event – Delevan Walk:

Dates:	8/26/2017 - 8/26/2017
City / State:	Delavan, WI
Event Name:	Delavan Walk
Event Type:	Walk
Event ID:	107603
Distance - Trail Ratings:	10K & 5K - 1B
Description:	GPS: N 42.63544 W 88.65038. The walk begins at Veteran's Park and makes its way to the Paul Lange Arboretum. We stroll the trails through the arboretum and along Comus Lake. The route continues on to Mill Pond and a walking trail takes us to Springs Park. We walk through neighborhoods as we head into downtown Delavan. We'll pass historic homes and buildings, beautiful murals, and learn about the city where the PT Barnum Circus originated. Shops and eating establishments line the main thoroughfare as we head back to the start point at Veteran's Park.
Amenities:	Strollers: medium Wheelchairs: NO Pets: Yes Restrooms: Yes
Special Programs:	Animal Safari, Bridges - Spanning the USA, Honoring Our Flag, Lakes and Reservoirs, National Register of Historic Places, United States Post Offices, Walking the USA A - Z
Start Times:	8:00 am to 12 noon, finish by 3:00 pm
Location:	Veteran's Memorial Park Shelter
Start Point / Driving Directions:	N. Terrace St, Delavan, WI. Take WI Hwy 11 east into Delavan (WI 11 becomes W. Walworth Ave in town). Turn left on N. Terrace St. Go one block to the Veteran's Memorial Park shelter, just past the intersection of N. Terrace St and McDowell St. The shelter is on the immediate left.
Awards & Fees:	IVV Credit Only
Comments:	SPECIAL PROGRAMS: Animal Safari, Bridges Spanning the USA, Honoring our Flag, Lakes and Reservoirs, National Register of Historic Places, United States Post Offices, Walking the USA – D, and Walk Wisconsin Counties – Walworth
Host Club:	Madison Area Volkssport Assn.
Contact:	Dave Riyeff (608) 756-1599
Website:	www.dairylandwalkers.com/walks/event-walks/delavan-walk/
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