



Madison Area Volkssport Association Newsletter

July-August 2014

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July-August Events +

+ June 28 Lake Kegonsa State Park Walk

July 9 Board Meeting –
Lakeview Branch Library
– 6:00 pm

July 19 Sparta Walk
July 20 Black River State Forest Walk - Millston

August 13 Membership Meeting 6:00 pm –
Lakeview Park, Middleton

August 23 Donald County Park Walk – Mt. Horeb

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Lake Kegonsa Walk - Reminder! (This Saturday!) TOMORROW! By Jerry Wilson

Remember this Saturday, June 28, the Dairyland Walkers are holding a traditional AVA walk at Lake Kegonsa State Park, 2405 Door Creek Rd., Stoughton. The start point is at the Upper Picnic Area Shelter. The walk start is from 8:00 am – 12:00 noon, finish walking by 3:00 pm. Both 10 k and 5 k distances are offered, rated 1 C. (See Attachment E, page 14.)

Park admission is required either by annual sticker or daily entry fee (\$7.00 in-state and \$10.00 out-of-state vehicles).

Nominate a Dairyland Walker Volunteer for an Award By Tricia Gundlach

The Awards Committee consisting of Tom Doyle, Tricia Gundlach, Kathleen Larson and Heide Peickert are accepting nominations for AVA Regional Level Awards. Any club member may submit a nomination for a volunteer who significantly served our club for at least a 3 year period. To submit a nomination for a deserving volunteer please send a short e-mail message to Tricia Gundlach at tnt84@chorus.net by **July 15th** with the name of the nominee and a short description of their volunteer accomplishments. For those who do not have access to e-mail please contact Tricia Gundlach at [608-222-4200](tel:608-222-4200) or cell [608-358-6961](tel:608-358-6961) by the deadline.

It Is No Longer Winter! (Getting to the Eau Claire Walk Start Point) By Don Suloff

Since it's no longer winter, we in Wisconsin know what season it must be – that's right, construction season! This summer Menominee Street, which passes in front of the Eau Claire Dairy Queen -- start point of our Eau Claire seasonal walk – will be under construction for much of the summer. We have been assured that, although the route may change from time to time, the Dairy Queen will be open as usual and there will be no problem getting there or completing the Eau Claire walk. This is a great walk, so don't let a little road construction discourage you!

Walking Trip to Great Britain – Autumn 2015 By Doug Wiest

Don't forget to mark your calendars for a hiking adventure with the Dairyland Walkers to Great Britain in Autumn 2015! Details will be forthcoming later this year.

Walking in the Heat of Summer

Don't forget water, a hat, and sunscreen when walking on these warm days. Stay Hydrated!

Dates of Interest?

Date

July Juvenile Arthritis Awareness Month;

- 1 Canada Day
- 4 Independence Day
- 12 Full Moon – 7:25 am
- 13 National French Fries Day
- 20 National Lollipop Day
- 29 Lasagna & Chicken Wing Day

August Immunization Awareness Month;

- 1 International Beer Day
- 6 National Root Beer Float Day
- 10 Paul Bunyan Day
- 10 Full Moon – 2:09 pm
- 13 International Left-handers Day
- 18 Cupcake Day
- 31 Pony Express Day

NEWSLETTER ARTICLE SUBMITTAL DEADLINE

for
September – October
2014

Due: August 20

Send to
DW Newsletter email address:

dairylandnews@gmail.com

Saturday Walk & Eat Group

By Mary Liebig

Eastside Walk – July 12, Monona – August 9

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

On Saturday, July 12, we'll meet just outside the start point of the Madison Eastside Walk, Monty's Blue Plate Diner located at 2089 Atwood Ave. shortly before 9AM to register for the walk. Both 10k and 6K walking routes will be offered. For those interested in lunch after the walk, we'll plan to eat at Monty's Blue Plate Diner afterward. Here is a link to their menu:

<http://www.montysblueplatediner.com/Menu.aspx>

Saturday morning, August 9 will find us walking in Monona. We'll meet in the parking lot of Monona City Hall, the start point, located at 5211 Schluter Road shortly before 9AM to register for the walk. We'll plan to eat at a nearby restaurant after the Monona walk, the Cranberry Creek Restaurant at 1501 Lake Point Drive (Corner of Broadway and Bridge Road in Madison). Here is a link to their menu: <http://www.cranberrycreek-cafe.com/Menu.htm>

These group walks offer an opportunity to socialize with other walkers, get some exercise, and support our start point businesses. It's also a great way to work on completing the 2014 Volkssport Incentive Program (VIP).

Walk Sparta and Black River State Forest – Reminder!

By Don Suloff (updated by J. Wilson)

Our second weekend of walks on the road is coming up July 19th and 20th in Sparta (on Saturday) and Black River State Forest (on Sunday). Both walks will have registration between 8 a.m. and noon with walkers requested to have completed their walks by 3 p.m. The Sparta start point is at shelter #1 in Evans Bosshard Park near 425 East Avenue, and the Black River start point is at the Smrekar shelter at 4048 Smrekar Road near Millston. Driving directions for both walks are available on line. (See Attachment E, pages 15 and 16 for walk flyers.)

Saturday evening after our walk we plan to meet at the Sparta Family Restaurant next to the Country Inn at 6 p.m. for dinner. There will not be a separate room for us, but they will seat us together in the restaurant. Billing arrangements still have to be made.

Walkers will be able to check off Monroe and Jackson Counties in their books.

Deadlines Alert – North Central Regional Rendezvous

By Jerry Wilson

See the article by Karen Reger on page 5, the flyer you received in the mail, and Attachment D – a copy of the registration form. Important dates for registering for the walks set for October 3 – 5, 2014 are: **August 15** and **September 12**.

Donald County Park Walk – August 23rd

By Dave and Kim Riyeff

"There is strength in the hills and peace in the valleys." - Delma Donald Woodburn

In the 1850's the Rev. James Donald and his family settled in a log cabin just north of what is now Hwy. 92, near Mt. Horeb. In 1859 they completed a two story farmhouse which still stands on the site of the Donald farm. The family continued to farm the land. James' great-grand daughter, Delma, married, lived in several states, and in Germany. All the while, she remained deeply attached to the farm. In 1993 her family donated 105 acres of Donald property to Dane County Parks. Over the years, Dane County has acquired an additional 475 acres of new lands for the park.

The Dairyland Walkers are sponsoring 10K and 6K walks in beautiful Donald County Park on August 23, 2014. The walk will begin at Delma's Shelter at the Pop's Knoll entrance to the park, just off Hwy. 92. Starting time: 8:00 AM to 12:00 noon. The walks will take us through woodlands, wetlands, and restored prairie. Part of the trail visits a historic cabin site. There are sections of the route that are on hiker only trail, but we also share some trail with folks on horseback. (See Attachment E, page 17.)

The walk is rated 2B...there are some climbs. We're looking forward to seeing you all in August. The extended weather forecast for that day is for sunny skies, temperatures in the low 70's with no humidity!! Guaranteed !! :)

What a Weekend!!

By Don Suloff

Where were you May 17 and 18? If you weren't in Platteville you need to talk to someone who was and find out what you missed! With nearly perfect walking weather, nearly 120 walkers enjoyed three great walks in Platteville, Dubuque, and Galena. This represented the largest turnout ever for a Dairyland Walker event. This participation was made even more impressive with the fact that walkers from 14 (that's right, 14!) different states were present. We had at least one walker from Alabama, Colorado, Georgia, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, South Dakota, Virginia, Wisconsin, and West Virginia! Highlighting the walking on Saturday was a wonderful pasta buffet and evening of socializing at the Platteville Benevento's which was enjoyed by 62 of the walkers.

A number of emails were received after the walk, excerpts of which follow:

"Thanks for the great Tri-State Weekend. The Dairyland Walkers always do an organized, first class job. We had a very enjoyable weekend."

"We want to thank you for a really great weekend. As we were driving up from Chicago we were trying to figure out how all this was going to work out – pretty complicated. But it came off without a hitch. You guys were really organized and made everything so much fun. The dinner Saturday was great – saw lots of friends of old. And the food was not too shabby. We know all this just does not happen and we thank you all for all the hard work you did to make the weekend so very enjoyable."

"Thank you for the wonderful 3-state event last weekend! Weekends like that remind me so much of the reason I started Volkssporting! The trails showed off the best parts of each city. The dinner was casual, fun, and just the right price for all to enjoy! Thank you."

"I really enjoyed being part of the event. Thanks for all you did to bring this great event to our community!"

With such a success to build on, you will want to be sure to attend the next weekend of walks in Monroe and Jackson Counties on July 19 and 20. This would be a great opportunity to stop by the La Crosse seasonal walk as well!



Tri-State Walking Weekend:

Registration in Platteville, May 17 (upper Left)

Dubuque Funicular Railway (Upper Right)

Dinner at the Platteville Benvenuto's (Lower Left)

Thank You for Tri-State Walking Weekend By Debbie Kreup, Illinois Trekkers President

Hi Dairyland Walkers,

Thank you for the wonderful 3 day event last weekend! Weekends like that remind me so much of the reason I started volkssporting!

The trails showed off the best parts of each city and except for the approach to the bridge in Dubuque were fabulous. (I understand why you wanted to include the bridge as a special program, I would have too) The dinner was casual, fun, and just the right price for all to enjoy! Thank you.

I would like to extend an invitation for your club to join us in Chicago over Labor Day Weekend. This will be a very relaxed weekend of three walks. The Lakefront YRE will be done on your own. The Oak Park you can walk on your own or as a group on Sunday with a tour of the Frank Lloyd Wright House following the walk. On Monday the Windy City Walkers have sanctioned the Goldcoast walk for us for the day. The start time is from 8-10am.

We have a block of rooms at the Essex Hotel starting at \$99.00 which is a great price for Chicago. Be aware that the parking fee is \$50 per day. Many people from southern Illinois, Missouri, Kansas and Iowa will be traveling by Amtrak, Mega Bus or car pooling. I have also been informed that some people are driving to O'Hare, parking in the long term lot and taking the shuttle to the hotel. Long term parking is only \$10-\$12 per day. We volkssporters know how to stretch a dollar :)

Again, thank you for the wonderful weekend and we hope that some of you may like to join us in Chicago. I have attached the brochure and we also left some for you to display at your events.

http://www.illinois-trekkers.org/pdfs/chicago_2014.pdf

Regional Rendezvous

By Karen Reger

Registrations are being received for the North Central Regional Rendezvous being held in Madison on October 3-5, 2014. Keep in mind that the Early Bird Rate of \$45.00 is in effect until August 15. The Pre-Registration Rate of \$50.00 must be received by September 12. (See Attachment D for cop of registration form.)

All three walks being held on this weekend can be done on either Friday, Saturday, or Sunday. All will start from the Tenney Park shelter between East Johnson Street and Sherman Avenue. For those coming from other areas, there are eight walks in the immediate Madison area and 20 throughout the rest of the state, plus four walks in Upper Michigan sponsored by the Menominee River Volkssport Club.

There will be a Meet and Greet at the shelter on Friday from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., with finger food being provided. On Saturday afternoon beginning at 3:30, Phyllis Olson, our Regional Director, will conduct a regional meeting wherein you may ask questions or make suggestions regarding the AVA, our region, or walks. A potluck supper will be served at 6:00 p.m., with entertainment soon after.

Volunteers will be needed to help make things run smoothly, and to supply the food for the Meet and Greet and the Saturday night get-together. Our Volunteer Coordinator, Tricia Gundlach, will be coordinating this. You may contact her at tnt84@chorus.net or 608-222-4200 or cell 608-358-6961. If you have any questions, contact either Russ Crane at rwcraane1926@charter.net or Karen Reger at ksreger1926@charter.net.

DeForest – Upper Yahara River Trail Walk – August 26, 2014

By Karen Reger



Three pictures from the Start/Finish of the DeForest – Upper Yahara River Trail Walk

County Make Up Program

By Don Suloff

The following is a reprint of an article in last October's newsletter for any who may have missed it.

It was inevitable that some club members would miss county walks conducted since we initiated the program in 2007. Other walkers are participating in the program, but have joined the club subsequent to 2007. It is not realistic to repeat these walks while our efforts are focused on completing the program, nor is it cost effective to sanction walks anticipating only a few walkers to participate in a walk. Recognizing the benefit to the club of maintaining a high level of interest in the county walking program and the benefit to interested members of establishing a mechanism whereby county walks conducted in past years can be completed and credited in the county walking booklet, the Dairyland Walkers have determined to grant credit for such walks providing the participants understand potential problems and follow the special rules described below.

Although maps and directions for past walks are (for the most part) available, some of these walks may be difficult without guiding arrows. Furthermore, it will also be difficult or impossible to verify that no route changes have occurred subsequent to our first conducting the walk. Walkers wishing to participate in a "make-up" walk must be aware of such potential problems and be "flexible" when necessary. It is strongly recommended that at least two individuals walk together on all walks. In some cases it will be desirable to reach the walk in more than one vehicle since the original walk was a lineal walk rather than starting and finishing at the same location.

Stamps will not be necessary since the county walk program is applicable only to our club. Of course, this would mean that AVA credit will not be available to those doing these "make-up" walks. The club will develop a "stick-on" strip which will be made available on completion of each "make-up" walk and will be placed on the appropriate line(s) of the "Walking the Counties of Wisconsin" booklet. As with many AVA walking programs, there will be the assumption of individual integrity in actually completing the "make-up" walks.

The club trailmaster will be the point of contact for these walks and will provide maps and directions to individuals wishing to participate in a "make-up" walk, secure signatures on a liability waiver form, and issue the "stick-on" strip once the walk has been completed. Completed walk claims should be presented to the trailmaster at a Dairyland Walker special event. Since "make-up" walks are not sanctioned, there will be no fee for completion of such a walk, but individuals will be encouraged to make a \$2.00 donation to the club to help off-set costs of making the program available.

Membership Update

By Tom Doyle, Membership Chair

Welcome to the following NEW MEMBERS who all joined the Dairyland Walkers at the Deforest walk on April 26th making this the largest single membership day in our history.

Esther & Tom Herold	Madison
Debbie & Steve Wise	Madison
Betty Jean Grafton	Madison
Lucy Catino	Madison
Ellen Twing	Waunakee

A new member joins us in June:

Gail Piotrowski	Wausau
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Club Milestones By Tom Doyle

Congratulations to the following walkers for their MILESTONES accomplishments:

EVENTS		DISTANCE K's	
125	Tom Hlaban	1500	Joanne Reuter
150	Joanne Reuter	5500	Lee Moisant
525	Vernon Hessey	7500	Janice Jerabek
750	Janice Jerabek	16000	Margery Oehlke
1450	Ed Reid		

2014 Dairyland Walkers Calendar

Saturday, January 11	East Towne Walk	Participants = 35 (32 Adults, 3 Non-Credit)
Saturday, February 8	West Towne Walk	Participants = 38 (34 Adults, 1 Youth, 3 N C)
Saturday, March 15	Middleton Pie Walk	Participants = 55 (55 Adults, 0 Youth, 0 N C)
Saturday, April 26	DeForest Walk	Partic. = 109 (62 Adults, 1 Youth, 46 N C)
Saturday - Sunday, May 17 and 18	Tri-State Walks: Platteville, WI Galena, IL and Dubuque, IA	Platteville Participants = 117 (108 Adults, 2 Youth, 7 N C)
Saturday, June 28 Tomorrow!!!!!!	Lake Kegonsa State Park Walk	Start Time: 9:00 – 12:00 Noon; Upper Park Picnic Shelter; Finish by 3:00 pm
Wednesday, July 9	D W Board Meeting	Site: Lakeview Library Branch – 6:00 pm
Wednesday, August 13	D W Membership Meeting	Site: Lakeview Park, Middleton – 6:30 pm
Saturday, July 19	Sparta Walk – Monroe County Walk	
Sunday, July 20	Black River State Forest Walk – Jackson Co. Walk	
Saturday, August 23	Donald County Park Walk – Near Mt. Horeb	
Saturday, September 13	Lake Waubesa Walk	
Friday - Sunday, October 3 - 5	North Central AVA Region Rendezvous – Three walks originating at the Tenney Park Shelter in Madison.	See Pamphlet, Copy of Registration form: Attachment D

Attachment A

**Dairyland Walkers Board Meeting
Lakeview Branch Library
May 14, 2014**

Minutes Pending Approval

Board Members Present

Doug Wiest (President)
Terry Wendt (Vice President)
Mary Liebig (Secretary)
Diane Thornbery (Treasurer)
Tom Doyle (Membership Chair)
Bruce Dewey (Sanctioned Walk Coordinator)
Don Suloff (Trailmaster)
Karen Reger (Publicity Chair)
Tricia Gundlach (Volunteer Coordinator)
Tom Gundlach (AVA Electronic Sanctioning Volunteer)

Welcome (Doug)

The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by President Doug Wiest and the agenda was adopted. Also in attendance at the meeting was Russ Crane.

Vice President Report (Terry)

Terry reported that the next Membership Meeting will be held on June 11, 2014 at Hody's Bar and Grill in Middleton. We will have a speaker from Donald County Park, site of our August 23 walk in Mt. Horeb. The August 13 Membership Meeting will be held at Lakeview Park in Middleton.

Terry is still waiting to hear back from Immanuel Lutheran Church on Madison's east side to see if we can use their facilities for our December Membership Meeting/Holiday Party on Sunday, December 7.

Secretary Report (Mary)

The minutes of the last Board meeting held on March 12th 2014 had been previously emailed to the Board. There were no corrections or additions to the minutes, and they were approved as distributed.

Mary told the Board that she would be unable to take minutes at the June 11 Membership Meeting because of the Alaska trip. Karen Reger volunteered to take minutes at that meeting at Hody's Bar & Grill.

Mary asked for clarification on walking fees for young children who are accompanied by a fee-paying adult on our sanctioned walks. We have a \$2.00 fee for youth who walk for AVA credit, but what about those youth that are not interested in stamping books and walking for credit? The Board recommended that the adults not register and fill out start cards for these young children who are not walking for credit. Then, no AVA fees will be assessed, and the children can walk for free.

Treasurer's Report (Diane)

Diane had emailed the Treasurer's Report to the Board. The balance on April 9, 2014 was \$1,146.98. Since that time, income totaled \$1,449.00 and expenditures were \$836.49. It should be noted that of the \$1,449.00 in income reported, \$232.00 is related to prepaid fees collected for another club's walks in Alaska. So, the \$232.00 should be recorded as an expense on the July Treasurer's report. The current checking account balance on May 14, 2014 is \$1,759.49. Of that balance, \$1,000 is restricted for trips. The report also noted that pre-paid expenses of \$3,000 had been made for five years of website hosting by the Stevens Company. It was decided to modify some details on the May Treasurer's Report and the final report will be discussed at the July Board Meeting.

Russ Crane suggested that Diane record all Rendezvous checks in one category called "Rendezvous". Russ will take care of the detailed accounting of the Rendezvous event and provide that to Diane at a later date.

Membership Report (Tom Doyle)

Tom reported that eight new members joined at the DeForest Walk.

Walk Box Coordinator (Bruce)

Bruce said there is not much to report at mid-year for his position.

Trailmaster Report (Don)

First, Don reported that the DeForest Walk had 109 participants, our highest participation for a traditional event since we had a Tator Tours group visit us for a Wisconsin Walking event in 2007.

Second, Don said he is expecting that walkers from around eight other states will participate in our Tri-State event on May 17 and 18. He thinks that the busiest time for walker registration at the Platteville Chamber of Commerce will be from 8AM to 10:30AM. Our club will be well-prepared with six different stations manned by volunteers to collect cash, register walkers, stamp books, and handle the Saturday evening meal sign up for Benvenuto's in Platteville.

Don discussed participating in the AVA nationwide walking effort planned for 10:11AM on December 13, 2014. It was thought that a modified version of the Capitol Walk that starts at the Inn on the Park might be doable that Saturday in December.

Then we discussed the draft of the 2015 walk schedule that Don had prepared. The tentative schedule notes West Towne on January 19, East Towne on February 21, a Middleton Pie Walk on March 14, Whitewater on April 18, and Evansville on May 16. Our club agreed to participate in Walk Wisconsin again in Stevens Point on June 5.

Gilbert Engels, President of the Menominee River Volkssport Club has agreed to help plan walks in Oconto County and Green Bay (Brown County). It was decided to plan the Oconto County walk for Saturday, July 18 with a noon start time. Then, arrangements could be made to stay overnight in Oconto and walk in Green Bay on Sunday morning, July 19. A Verona walk is scheduled for August 15.

Another walking weekend that includes Menominee, Dunn, and Chippewa counties is planned for September 19 and 20. Our club's 20th anniversary in October may be celebrated with a walk covering Madison's west side parks on October 10. Finally, Don is planning a Governor Nelson State Park Moonlight walk on October 23 or 24.

Publicity (Karen)

Karen had nothing to report.

Volunteer Coordinator (Tricia)

Tricia has formed a Volunteer Recognition Committee consisting of Ronni Guski, Kathleen Larson, Tom Doyle, Heidi Pierckert, and herself. They plan to solicit nominations for volunteer recognition awards that can be granted by North Central Regional Director Phyllis Olson at the Regional Rendezvous in early October. The volunteer recognition awards will be existing AVA volunteer awards. Tricia said the committee plans to use the weekly club emails and July/August Newsletter to ask club members for nominations. The committee will vote on the nominations and submit them to Phyllis by September 1.

Tricia also said that the Volunteer Recognition Committee may ask for a budget in future years to award those volunteers recognized with items like gift certificates or coupons.

AVA Electronic Sanctioning Volunteer (Tom Gundlach)

Tom had nothing to report.

Unfinished Business

Dairyland Walkers North Central Regional Rendezvous 2014 (Russ)

Russ said that the next big upcoming task is recruiting volunteers to help run the Regional Rendezvous. He and Karen plan to meet with Tricia later this month to use sign up genius as an aid in recruiting volunteers.

2014 Alaska Cruise Update (Tom Gundlach)

Tom reported that the Alaska trip is all set for those departing next month.

Walking Vacation to Great Britain 2015 (Doug)

Doug will not have anything further to report until October, when he can get more details from Elke. Right now, Elke has tentatively planned the trip from September 24 to October 6, 2015, with an October 9 return date for those choosing the Paris extension.

Newsletter Articles for July/August Edition

The Board suggested the following Newsletter articles for the July/August edition. The submission deadline is Friday, June 20:

1. Tri-State Wrap Up – Don to write
2. July and August Saturday Group Walk and Eats – Mary
3. Donald County Park Walk – Don to contact Kim and Dave Rieff to write
4. North Central Regional Rendezvous - Volunteers Needed – Russ and Karen to write
5. County Make-Up Walks Program – Don to write
6. Request Volunteer Recognition Nominations – Tricia to write
7. Eau Claire Start Point Construction – Don to write
8. Membership and Milestones – Tom Doyle to write

New Business

Proposed Criteria for Continuation of Year Round/Seasonal Events

Don had sent the Board some proposed criteria to consider when deciding to renew year round and seasonal events. It is hard to quantify the “breakeven point” for individual walks. Each year round walk currently has a fixed yearly cost of \$40.00 consisting of sanction fees paid to the AVA. The seasonal (or three quarter) walks require \$35.00 a year to the AVA for sanctioning fees. Our club collects three different amounts from participants: \$3.00 for cash credit walkers, \$2.50 for frequent coupon/credit walkers, and \$2.00 from non-credit walkers. Then, we must pay AVA \$1.25 for each walker who registers for our events. The Board agreed with Don’s simplified “breakeven” number of participants of 30 for year round events and 25 for seasonal events. As Don stated, though, actual costs to the club exceed these sanction and participation fees. It is hard to quantify the postage, copying, and walk box supply expenses.

Russ followed up Don’s report with a couple of graphs depicting the 2013 participant numbers for each year round and seasonal event. However, after review of the numbers, Russ observed that perhaps the most important criteria to use in approving year round and seasonal events is the volunteer effort required to maintain each walk and walk box. Many on the Board agreed with that observation.

At the end of discussion, the Board did not reach any definitive criteria to use before discontinuing a year round or seasonal walk. But, the Board will keep this discussion in mind when approving the sanctioning of 2015 year round and seasonal events at the next Board Meeting on July 9.

The next Board Meeting will be on July 9, 2014 at the Lakeview Branch Library. The Next General Membership Meeting will be on June 11, 2014 at Hody’s Bar & Grill. The next special walking events are the Tri-State Walks on Saturday and Sunday, May 17 & 18, and the Lake Kegonsa State Park Walk in Stoughton on Saturday, June 28.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40PM

Submitted by: Mary B. Liebig, Secretary

Attachment B

Minutes Pending Approval

**Dairyland Walkers Bimonthly Meeting
Hody Bar and Grill
June 11, 2014**

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

Board Members Present: Barb Lund (Director at Large), Don Suloff (Trailmaster), Karen Reger (Publicity), Tom McGrill (Website Administrator)

In attendance: 17

Meeting

President Wiest called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. 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 9, 2014, they stand approved as previously emailed to the Board.

Reports

Vice President (Terry)

Terry reported that the August 13 membership meeting is set for Lakeview Park in Middleton. The October 8 membership meeting still has to be worked on. He has received an application from Immanuel Lutheran Church to be filled out for a club holiday party in December. This will be brought before the Board at the next Board meeting.

Trailmaster (Don)

The last four walks have been successful, with over 100 people attending each walk. Emails have been received from people regarding the Tri-State event saying how much they enjoyed the weekend. Walkers came from 14 different states for that event.

Lake Kegonsa State Park will be the next club walk, on June 28. On July 19-20 will be Sparta and the Black River State Forest walks. The Donald County Park walk will be held on August 23. Don has almost all of the walks set for 2015.

Although there is no quorum present at this meeting due to Board members being on the Alaska cruise, Don would like Board members to think about giving a \$100.00 donation to the Welcome Center in Platteville in appreciation of the royal treatment they gave the club over the Tri-State weekend. But first he would have to contact them to see if they would be able to accept a donation.

Volunteer Coordinator (Tricia)

President Wiest read an email previously sent to Board members by Tricia:

Nominate a Dairyland Walker Volunteer for an Award

The Awards Committee consisting of Tom Doyle, Tricia Gundlach, Kathleen Larson and Heide Peickert are accepting nominations for AVA Regional Level Awards. Any club member may submit a nomination for a volunteer who significantly served our club for at least a 3 year period. To submit a nomination for a deserving volunteer please send a short e-mail message to Tricia Gundlach at tnt84@chorus.net by **July 15th** with the name of the nominee and a short description of their volunteer accomplishments. For those who do not have access to e-mail please contact Tricia Gundlach at 608-222-4200 or cell 608-358-6961 by the deadline.

Old Business

DLW North Central Regional Rendezvous 2014 – Brief Update (Karen Reger/Russ Crane)

Russ and Karen have scouted out a route for the Maple Bluff walk. At the present time, some streets are torn up for utility work.

Russ has received 26 registrations for this event, from four states including Wisconsin. More volunteers than normal are going to be needed for this weekend for registration, setting up the tables, bringing food, etc. The Meet and Greet will have finger-type food brought by club members, and the Saturday meal will be a potluck with food being brought in by volunteers. People bringing in food will be reimbursed to some extent for their cost. Tricia Gundlach will be coordinating the volunteers.

Walking Vacation to Britain (Doug)

It is still too early for definite dates and costs, but it is tentatively being planned for September 25 to October 7 with a three-day extension to Paris.

New Business

Speaker: Bob Dettwiler – Friends of Donald Park

Karen Reger introduced the speaker for the evening, Bob Dettwiler, assisted by Vickie Peterson, members of the Friends of Donald Park. They gave a presentation about this 800-acre park, talking about the history of the park, the topography, and sites of interest. Activities in the park include hiking, horseback riding, fishing, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing.

The next Board meeting is July 9 at Lakeview Library.

The next membership meeting is August 13 at Lakeview Park in Middleton.

The next Saturday Walk & Eat will be the Eastside walk on July 12.

The next weekend walk will be at Lake Kegonsa State Park on June 28.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Karen Reger, Secretary Pro Tem

Attachment C



**MADISON AREA VOLKSSPORT ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail address: _____

Phone: () _____

Please list names of others in household who wish to be members:

<input type="checkbox"/>	One-Year Membership		\$12.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extra New Walker Packets	_____ x \$5.00	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Donation *		_____
	Total Enclosed:		_____

* The Madison Area Volkssport Association (Dairyland Walkers), is a non-profit organization with 501(c)(3) status. All donations are greatly appreciated and are fully tax deductible.

Send completed Membership Application and payment to the Membership Chair:

Tom Doyle
5824 Lochinvars Trail
Marshall, WI 53559-9720

Attachment D

North Central Regional Rendezvous Registration Form

Registration – Please, only one person per form.
(Make copies as needed.)

Venue Fee: The cost to reserve the John Wall Family Pavilion was substantial. In order to recover some of that cost, there will be a one-time \$10.00 fee for each participant. Exception, in order to encourage family participation, this fee is waived for youths under 18 years of age. Note: this exception does not apply to the package rates. Youths should register for individual events to receive least cost.

Rendezvous Package: Package includes the Venue Fee, all three walks, award, Meet & Greet, and Saturday meal.

Early Bird Rate – Must be received by Aug. 15 ☐ \$45.00

Pre-registration Rate – Must be received by Sep. 12 ☐ \$50.00

Individual Events: If you do not wish to purchase a total Rendezvous package, you can pay for just the individual events you want to participate in. You must pre-register by September 12 to attend the Meet & Greet and/or Saturday meal.

Venue Fee (Required) Youth ☐ \$0.00 Adult ☐ \$10.00 _____

Friday Meet & Greet \$10.00 _____

Saturday Meal \$20.00 _____

Award *Must pre-register by Sep 12.* \$8.00 _____

Walk Fees: Youth IVV Credit \$2.00/walk, Adult IVV Credit \$3.00/walk,
Adult Non-Credit \$2.00/walk

Capital Walk \$2 or \$3 _____

Maple Bluff Walk \$2 or \$3 _____

Olbrich Gardens Walk \$2 or \$3 _____

Total (Package or Sum Above) _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **E-Mail:** _____

Make checks payable to Madison Area Volkssport Assn. Mail to Madison Area Volkssport Assn., c/o Russell Crane, 1926 Shelley Ln, Madison, WI 53704

Attachment E

 July and August Events (Plus remaining June event)

Reprint: Walk is Saturday - Tomorrow!

Dates:	6/28/2014 - 6/28/2014
City / State:	Stoughton, WI
Event Name:	Lake Kegonsa Walk
Event Type:	Walk
Event ID:	98202
Distance - Trail Ratings:	10K & 5K - 1C
Description:	Walkers will loop through the park on numerous trails of various lengths, through native prairies, oak woodlands, and wetlands. Part of the walk is along Lake Kegonsa.
Amenities:	Strollers: NO Wheelchairs: NO Pets: No Restrooms: Yes
Special Programs:	Lakes and Reservoirs
Start Times:	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, finish by 3:00 p.m.
Location:	Upper Picnic Area Shelter, Lake Kegonsa State Park
Start Point / Driving Directions:	<p>2405 Door Creek Rd., Stoughton, WI 53589.</p> <p>From Madison: take US-12/18 east past I-90. Turn right on Co Hwy AB. At "T" intersection with Co Hwy MN, turn left. Turn right on Door Creek Rd. Park is at other end of Door Creek Rd on right.</p> <p>From Southeast: From I-90 westbound, take exit 147 (Hwy N - Stoughton & Cottage Grove). Turn left on Co Hwy N toward Stoughton. Turn right on Koshkonong Rd. At "T" intersection, turn left on Door Creek Rd. Park is at the end of Door Creek Rd on right.</p> <p>From Northwest: From I-90 eastbound, take exit 147 (Co Hwy N - Stoughton & Cottage Grove). Turn right on Co Hwy N toward Stoughton. Turn right on Koshkonong Rd. At "T" intersection, turn left on Door Creek Rd. Park is at end of Door Creek Rd on right.</p> <p>From I-94: Take exit 244 (Co Hwy N) and go south on N toward Stoughton, passing through Cottage Grove and passing over I-90. About 0.6 miles south of I-90, turn right on Koshkonong Rd. At "T" intersection, turn left on Door Creek Rd. Park is at end of Door Creek Rd on right.</p> <p>Ample parking available. A PARK ADMISSION STICKER OR DAILY ENTRY FEE IS REQUIRED. DAILY FEE IS \$7 FOR WI LICENSED VEHICLES AND \$10 FOR OUT-OF-STATE VEHICLES.</p>
Awards & Fees:	IVV Credit Only
Comments:	GPS: N42.97849 W89.22975 SPECIAL PROGRAMS INFO: 1. Lakes & Reservoirs - Lake Kegonsa 2. Walking the USA A-Z - letter S for Stoughton 3. Wisconsin Counties - Dane
Host Club:	Madison Area Volkssport Assn.
Contact:	Paula Romeo (608) 835-9626
Website:	www.dairylandwalkers.com/walks/event-walks/lake-kegonsa-walk-stoughton-wisconsin/
E-Mail Contact:	paula2159@charter.net

Dates:	7/19/2014 - 7/19/2014
City / State:	Sparta, WI
Event Name:	Sparta Wisconsin Walk
Event Type:	Walk
Event ID:	98203
Distance - Trail Ratings:	10K & 6K - 1A
Description:	Sparta is a charming small town with historic buildings, beautiful parks, and is a main waypoint on Wisconsin bicycling trails.
Amenities:	Strollers: hard Wheelchairs: NO Pets: Yes Restrooms: Yes
Special Programs:	Alternative Capitals, Fraternal Organization, Honoring Our Flag, Lakes and Reservoirs, Main Street, National Register of Historic Places, Trekking With the Trees
Start Times:	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, finish by 3:00 p.m.
Location:	Fisherman's Park Shelter
Start Point / Driving Directions:	425 East Avenue, Sparta, WI 54656. From I-90, take exit 28 and go west on WI-16/71 (Wisconsin St.). After passing railroad tracks, turn right on East Avenue for 1 block to start point. Ample parking available.
Awards & Fees:	IVV Credit Only
Comments:	GPS: N43.94171 W90.80227 SPECIAL PROGRAMS INFO: 1. Alternative Capitals 2. Fraternal Organizations 3. Honoring Our Flag 4. Lakes & Reservoirs - Perch Lake 5. National Registry of Historic Places 6. Struttin' Down Main Street 7. Trekking With the Trees 8. Walking the USA A-Z - letter S 9. Wisconsin Counties - Monroe
Host Club:	Madison Area Volkssport Assn.
Contact:	Don Suloff (608) 821-0263
Website:	www.dairylandwalkers.com/walks/event-walks/sparta-wisconsin-walk/
E-Mail Contact:	suloff@tds.net

Dates:	7/20/2014 - 7/20/2014
City / State:	Millston, WI
Event Name:	Black River State Forest Walk
Event Type:	Walk
Event ID:	98204
Distance - Trail Ratings:	10K & 5K - 3C
Description:	The walk will follow wide cross-country ski trails in this managed forested area. You are encouraged to carry your own water. RESTROOMS AT START POINT ONLY.
Amenities:	Strollers: NO Wheelchairs: NO Pets: No Restrooms: Yes
Special Programs:	This event doesn't have any special Programs assigned.
Start Times:	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, finish by 3:00 p.m.
Location:	Smrekar Shelter
Start Point / Driving Directions:	Black River State Forest, 4048 Smrekar Rd., Millston, WI 54615. From I-94 take exit 128 (Millston exit) & proceed east on Co Hwy O for 4 miles. Turn left at Smrekar Rd and take this gravel road 0.8 miles to a "T". Turn right to the start point. Ample parking available.
Awards & Fees:	IVV Credit Only
Comments:	GPS: N44.19302 W90.64764 SPECIAL PROGRAMS INFO: 1. Walk Wisconsin Counties - Jackson
Host Club:	Madison Area Volkssport Assn.
Contact:	Don Suloff (608) 821-0263
Website:	www.dairylandwalkers.com/walks/event-walks/black-river-state-forest-millston-wisconsin-walk/
E-Mail Contact:	suloff@tds.net

Dates:	8/23/2014 - 8/23/2014
City / State:	Mt. Horeb, WI
Event Name:	Donald County Park Walk
Event Type:	Walk
Event ID:	98205
Distance - Trail Ratings:	10K & 5K - 2B
Description:	The walk follows trails (many shared with horses) through two former farm sites which were acquired by the County, Trails are all natural surface. Restrooms at the start point only.
Amenities:	Strollers: NO Wheelchairs: NO Pets: Yes Restrooms: Yes
Special Programs:	This event doesn't have any special Programs assigned.
Start Times:	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, finish by 3:00 p.m.
Location:	Delma's Shelter, Pop's Knoll entrance, Donald County Park
Start Point / Driving Directions:	1945 Hwy 92, Mt. Horeb, WI 53572. Take US-18/151 west from Madison to exit 75 for Co Hwy G. Turn left on G for 5 miles to WI-92. Turn right on WI-92 for approx 1.3 miles. Park entrance and start point is on left just past Town Hall Rd. Ample parking available.
Awards & Fees:	IVV Credit Only
Comments:	GPS: N42.96221 W89.67325 SPECIAL PROGRAMS INFO: 1. Walk Wisconsin Counties - Dane
Host Club:	Madison Area Volkssport Assn.
Contact:	Dave & Kim Rieff (608) 756-1599
Website:	www.dairylandwalkers.com/walks/event-walks/donald-county-park-mt-horeb-wisconsin-walk/
E-Mail Contact:	krieff@hotmail.com