

Madison Area Volkssport Association Newsletter

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May – June Events

May 1 – Registration Savings Deadline – Walk Wisconsin May 13 Board Meeting – Sequoia Branch Library – 6:00 pm May 16 Evansville Walk June 6 Walk Wisconsin – Stevens Point June 10 Membership Meeting – Hody Bar & Grill, Middleton – 6:30pm June 13-21 AVA National Convention – Salem, OR Includes Daily Walks

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A Walk in Historic Evansville – Saturday, May 16 By Diane Thornburg

On Saturday, May 16, 2015, the Dairyland Walkers will sponsor a 5/10K walk in Evansville. Located just thirty minutes from Madison or twenty-five minutes from Janesville, Evansville is a town of 5000 residents with incredible charm. The **Wisconsin Historical Society** has identified Evansville as home to "*the finest collection of 1840s to 1915 architecture of any small town in Wisconsin.*" Recent re-installation of the original brick paved Main Street is a signature revitalization project. We will walk along that street and see much of this architecture as our walk is concentrated in the Evansville Historic District, which was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1978.

But, I get ahead of myself. Before the Historic District, our walks begin in the beautiful Lake Leota Park. In the heart of Leonard Leota Park is **Lake Leota**, a 40-acre, stream-fed body of water for canoeing, (limited) motorized boating (electric motors only) and fishing. Originally a Mill Pond, the city of Evansville has worked hard to preserve this jewel for its residents and visitors alike.

And if the above isn't enough to pique your interest, our walk will also point out barn quilt blocks that can be seen from our route. Barn Quilts are quilt block patterns painted on a wooden square. The quilt block is then displayed on the side of a barn, or in some cases a residence or business building. The patterns vary from historical quilt blocks to custom designed squares. Rock County has more barn quilts than any other county in the United States; many are in the Evansville area.

From the Beltline, take exit 261 east on Hwy 14 towards Oregon for 19.5 miles. Entering Evansville turn right on WI 213/59 and follow it for 0.1 miles to Leonard Park on the right at Antes Drive. Registration is from eight until noon. Please finish by three. After the walk, be sure and stay in town for a meal at one of Evansville's many restaurant and café offerings. There will be menus for you to peruse at the start table.

This walk qualifies for Alternative Capitals, Fraternal Organizations, Honoring Our Flag, Lakes and Reservoirs, National Register of Historic Places, Trekking with the Trees, Water Towers, Walking the USA A-Z, Wisconsin Counties, and You'll Never Walk Alone. Thanks to the City of Evansville for much of the above information.

Walk Wisconsin – Saturday, June 6 By Tom Doyle

National Trails Day Walk co-sponsored by Dairyland Walkers

Register online @ <u>www.activeportagecounty.com</u> \$25 registration fee through May 1st, \$35 thereafter. Distances: full marathon 26.2 miles, ³/₄, ¹/₂ and ¹/₄ marathon walks. Transportation provided to various start points. Lots of nourishment and drinks provided along the walk route as well as all you can eat at walk end. Tee shirt and "goodie" bag also provided. Any questions ask Tom @ 608-576-7414 or tjdoyle98@msn.com

Dates of Interest?

Date

May National Bike Month

- 3 Full Moon 10:42 pm
- 5 Cinco de Mayo
- 10 Mother's Day
- 16 Armed Forces Day
- 25 Memorial Day
- 22 World No Tabacco Day

June Dairy Month

- $2 \ \ Full \ Moon-11:19 \ pm$
- 6 Belmont Stakes
- 7 Nat. Cancer Survivors Day
- 14 Flag Day
- 14 World Blood Donor Day
- 21 Father's Day
- 27 PTSD Awareness Day

NEWSLETTER ARTICLE SUBMITTAL DEADLINE

for July – August 2015

Due: June 20

Send articles to the DW Newsletter email address:

dairylandnews@gmail.com

Pie Walk Continues Popularity By Don Suloff

The Dairyland Walker's annual pie walk continues to be one of our more popular events – could it possibly be the delicious Hubbard Avenue Diner pies that are served following the walk?!

March 14th followed a rather amazing run of good weather for our pie walks and 65 energetic walkers showed up for this guided walk which includes the older section of Middleton and the upscale shopping center of Greenway Station, with some bike trails connecting the two areas. The new start/finish point at St Luke's Lutheran Church proved popular with ample room to mingle both before and after the walk.

This is one of those events that you don't want to miss – plan to join us next year!

Saturday Walk & Eat Group By Mary Liebig

Saturday Walk & Eat Group Arboretum Walk – May 12, Picnic Point Walk – June 20

Saturday Group Walk and Eat opportunities are coming up in May and June:

On Saturday, May 9, we'll meet at the start point of the Arboretum Walk, Bluephies Restaurant located at 2701 Monroe St. at around 8:45AM to register for the walk. Both 10k and 5K walking routes will be offered. For those interested in lunch after the walk, we'll plan to eat at Bluephies afterward. Here is a link to their menu: <u>http://www.bluephies.com/Portals/10/menu/BXBrunch.pdf</u>

Saturday morning, June 20 will find us walking to Picnic Point in Madison. Again we'll meet at the start point of the Picnic Point walk the Best Western Inn Towner, located at 2424 University Ave. at around 8:45AM to register for the walk. We'll plan to eat at a nearby restaurant after the Picnic Point walk, the Blue Moon Bar & Grill on University Avenue. Here is a link to their menu: http://www.bluemoonbar.com/menu.php

Sixteen Dairyland Walkers' Seasonal Walks Began April 1st!

Now that the weather is improving, let's get out there and walk!

Checkout the website or the "blue book" and plan to do all the Club's walks.

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Veteran's Day Weekend Walk – November 14 – Add This Walk to Your Calendar By Jerry Wilson

In 2015 your club is adding a Veteran's Day Weekend Walk. This walk was not on the Club's original schedule. If things work out this may become an annual walk allowing the Dairyland Walkers to have a traditional walk each month of the calendar year. In 2015 the walk will be held Saturday, November 14. The start time will be between 9:30 and 11:00 AM from the lobby of Inn on the Park walking a route reminiscent of the route we followed last December for the Time to Walk. This is <u>not</u> a guided walk. An AVA stamp, different than the everyday Capital Walk, will be employed. The walk will go to some of the armed forces Veteran's sites in Madison, such as the upper level of the state capital building and the Veterans Museum on the capital square.

In case we have less than desirable cold weather in November the walk will take advantage of some warming areas such as circling inside the state capital on multiple levels, an option of stopping into the Chazen Art Museum, and passing through the UW Memorial Union. Who knows, it may be ice cream weather and walkers with stop for some Babcock Ice Cream before leaving the Memorial Union. (The capital bldg. has an elevator to change levels if desired.) We will end the walk with our Finish table in the backroom at Plaza Tavern where several food and drink items are available at cost to help you warmup. (The Plaza Burger was number 12 on the "Madison in 100 Objects" list in 2014!) Walkers could also eat at the Inn on the Park either before starting the walk or returning to the start point after the walk.)

Whitewater Walk Pictures By Jerry Wilson



(left - right) The Whitewater train depot located at Cravath Lakefront Park, our April 18th walk start point. A one-room school house rescued and moved from Milwaukee to the UW-Whitewater Campus. A log cabin listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

19th Biennial AVA Convention in Salem, Oregon, June 13 – 21 2015 (Repeat) By Doug Wiest

The 19th Biennial AVA Convention will take place in Salem, Oregon from 13 to 21 June, 2015. Walks will be offered in Bend, Clear Lake, Silver Falls State Park (20 mi. east of Salem), Vancouver Washington, Eugene, Lincoln City, Salem, Mt. Saint Helens, and Portland. In addition, three YREs will be available starting and finishing at the Hotel/Convention Center, with three other YREs within 15 miles of Salem. There will also be a seasonal bike event available throughout the convention. A seasonal swim event will also be offered at the hotel each day during the convention.

Additional details are provided under the "Conventions" link at the top of the AVA homepage (www.AVA.org).

Volunteer Changes By Tricia Gundlach

Sudden changes in Tom Doyle's physical health, related to a diagnosis of ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease), made it most difficult for Tom to keep abreast and manage the duties of Dairyland Walkers Membership Chair. As a club founder in 1995, Tom kept track of our membership and mailing lists, dues, and oriented new members to our club for the past twenty years. In addition to serving as our Membership Chair, Tom also managed multiple walk boxes, managed sales of our spirit wear and maintained records of our event start cards and log sheets for all of our Year-Round and Seasonal Events. He reviewed AVA records listed in "The Wanderer" for accomplishments of our club members and made sure they were recognized in our Dairyland Walker Newsletter. Tom performed so many duties and was always the first to say "I will cook some brats" for many club events. He and June also organized many club trips with Tom driving the bus. Please remember to wish Tom and June Doyle all the best as he struggles with the symptoms of ALS. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Once again our wonderful volunteers in the Dairyland Walkers stepped up to help. Thanks to all of those listed below who will take over many of Tom's duties:

Joanne Reuter- Club Spirit Wear sales and Cedarburg and Port Washington Walk boxes

Diane Thornbery- Cedarburg and Port Washington Walk boxes (with Joanne), Membership - dues updates and offered to take on the Membership Roster along with duties as Treasurer

Jerry Wilson- agreed to temporarily help with the Membership Roster

June Quesnell- agreed to mail newsletters to those without email access

Don Suloff- will maintain event cards and log sheets and become the new AVA point of contact for our club

Doug Wiest- will take care of publishing club member Milestones in the newsletter

McCrill's Complete 50th State Walk – In Their Own Words… By Tom and LaVonne McCrill

We began our state walks in 2002 shortly after joining the Dairyland Walkers with a walk in Oak Park, Illinois and finished our 50th on April 9^{th,} 2015 in Boulder City Nevada. A short journey of 13 years full of interesting walks and fun times. We did one of our more interesting walks during a DLW road trip when we hiked to the top of the Crazy Horse Monument in South Dakota. Walking the River Walk in San Antonio while staying at the Historic Crocket Hotel just outside the Alamo was also high on our list of memorable walks. 2013 was one our more productive years when we checked off Delaware, Idaho, Maryland, Montana, New Jersey, North Dakota, Oregon, Washington and Virginia.

We completed our last walks with our son and daughter-in-law (parents of DLW member Thomas E. McCrill) with the Boulder City Historic Walk, Lake Mead National Recreation Area walk, and walks in Bryce Canyon National Park and Zion National Park

Our next project is to complete walks in the 72 counties of Wisconsin.

Tom and LaVonne McCrill are pictured in the lobby of the Historic Boulder City Hotel in Boulder City NV having just completed their 50th state walk.



Great Britain – Autumn 2015 By Doug Wiest

Great Britain Volkssporting Adventure Sign up by 15 May to Ensure Your Reservation!

The first deadline to sign up for the volkssporting adventure to Great Britain from 22 September to 4 October is rapidly approaching. If you are planning on going on this exciting adventure please submit your deposit to Ms. Elke Austin-Foote by 15 May.

Highlights of this trip will include exploring Scotland's capital, Edinburgh, before spending a couple days in England's Lake District, then on to Cheshire and Stratford-upon-Avon (Shakespeare's birthplace). Our next destination will be Cardiff, Wales, before heading on to Plymouth, Devon County, Stonehenge, Winchester, and two days in London. At least six IVV sanctioned walks will be available during our travels through Great Britain.

There will be an option available to extend for 3 days (to 7 October) in Paris, taking the Eurostar high-speed train from London to Paris through the Chunnel. Paris also provides the opportunity to do a sanctioned walk.

Price for the Great Britain tour is \$4,295.00 (double occupancy) based upon a minimum of 15 participants, \$3,925.00 (double occupancy) based upon a minimum of 20 participants, or \$3,710.00 (double occupancy) based upon a minimum 25 participants. Price includes round-trip airfare from (and return to) Madison's Dane County Regional Airport, deluxe motor coach, accommodations in 3 and 4 star hotels, breakfast & dinner each day, tour director (Elke Austin-Foote), all taxes, tips, at hotels, restaurants & guides, and admission to all sites indicated in itinerary. Space will be limited to 29 or 30 persons.

Cost of the Paris extension is \$785.00 (double occupancy), based upon 10 participants, and includes lodging, breakfast each day, two dinners, Eurostar train ticket, and Paris metro passes and transfers.

A soft copy of the brochure and application is available on the Dairyland Walkers website under the "Travel" link. Paper copies will be available at upcoming walks. To make your reservation, complete an application (one for each person) and mail it along with a \$500 deposit per person to Foote Loose Travel, 320 43rd Ave. NW, Rochester, MN 55901. Indicate on the application whether you also choose the Paris option. PLEASE ENSURE that your passport is valid at least six months after date of return to the U.S. (through April, 2016).

County Walking Program Update By Don Suloff

The Dairyland Walkers began the somewhat ambitious effort of conducting 10K walks in each of Wisconsin's 72 counties in 2007 with many doubters and only a few who actually believed that this goal could be accomplished. In this the 9th year of the program we have completed walks in 53 counties with 5 more scheduled for 2015. In 2016 we plan to cross off an additional 7 counties which will put the end in sight! As of this writing we hope to complete all 72 counties in 2018. You will definitely want to be there for the last walk!

But what if you weren't walking with us in 2007 or missed a few counties in the interim? Not to worry, your board has developed a program just for you! We have a library of all past walks available for those wishing to make-up a county already walked. Although the directions might be a little dated and some will be more difficult without directional arrows, with a little understanding and flexibility, all should be fine. We do recommend to walk with at least one other person if at all possible.

Make-up walks will <u>not</u> be sanctioned, so AVA books cannot be stamped; however, we have special stick-on strips to be placed in the county walking booklets for recording your walk. To help offset the costs incurred by the club to manage these make-up walks, we request a \$2 donation to the club for each such walk completed.

To arrange making up a missed county, contact our trailmaster, Don Suloff at <u>suloff@tds.net</u> and he will get you on your way to completing the Wisconsin county walking program.

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Nominate a Dairyland Walker Volunteer for a Regional Award By Tricia Gundlach

The Awards Committee consisting of Tom Doyle, Tricia Gundlach, Kathleen Larson and Heide Peickert are accepting nomination for AVA Regional Level Awards. Any club member may nominate a volunteer who significantly served our club for at least a 3 year period. Please consider volunteers who have not already recieved this award. To find the names of those who received recognition last year please check the November-December newsletter from 2014 (on our website: http://dairylandwalkers.com)

To submit a volunteer nomination please send a short e-mail message to Tricia Gundlach at <u>tnt84@chorus.net</u> by **August 1**st. The nomination should include the name of the nominee and a short description of their volunteer contributions. For those who do not have email access please contact Tricia Gundlach at 608-222-4200 or 608-358-6961 by the deadline.



Membership Update By Tom Doyle, Membership Chair

No new members have joined since our last newsletter.

Membership and Club Costs:

- Annual dues are \$12, payable on honor system, no invoices
- Envelopes mailed to you inside of Blue Books
- Thank you to everyone who has paid for 2015
- National Annual Club dues.....\$50.00
- All walks cost \$30.00 annually plus \$1.25 per walker

<u>First time ever:</u> St Croix Falls (Polk County) and Sarona Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary (Washburn County) paid the registration fee of \$30 as they love having Dairyland Walkers visit. Special thanks to the Polk County Visitors Bureau and the Friends of Hunt Hill!

Club Milestones By Tom Doyle, Membership Person

Milestones:

Number of Events		Number of Kilometers	
50	Ben Levers	1500	Cindy Haagensen
75	Lori Hlaban	2500	Billy Levers
175	Cindy Haagensen	3500	Chris Flessert
300	Beth Levers		Beth Levers
350	Diane Thornbery		Diane Thornbery
375	Chris Flessert	5000	Sue McMahon
450	Tom McCrill	30,000	Bonnie Johnson
500	Sue McMahon		
525	K. Ann Misener		

Congratulations to all on your accomplishments. Keep walking. Walking is a very good family activity. Choose to do it in celebration of birthdays or Mother's/Father's Day.

Anyone who may have questions about info received in the New Walkers Packets or in the Newsletters don't hesitate to ask. Tom Doyle at: <u>tidoyle98@msn.com</u> or 608-576-7414. Be sure to check out our web site: <u>www.dairylandwalkers.com</u>

2015 Dairyland Walkers Calendar

Saturday, January 17	West Towne Walk – Register @ Firestone Store	Results: 37 Adult, 1 Youth, 1 Non-Credit =39
Saturday, February 21	East Towne Walk – Register @ Firestone Store	Results: 28 Adult, 0 Youth, 0 Non-Credit =28
Saturday, March 14	Middleton Pie Walk	Results: 65 Adult, 0 Youth, 0 Non-Credit =65
Saturday, April 18	Whitewater Walk – Walworth County	Results: 47 Adult, 0 Youth, 3 Non-Credit =50
Wednesday, May 13	Board Meeting – Sequoya Branch Library	6:00pm
Saturday, May 16	Evansville Walk	Start 8:00 am – 12 Noon; Finish by 3:00 pm
Saturday, June 6	Walk Wisconsin – Stevens Point	Start Depends on Walk Distance,
		8:00am – 12:30pm
Wednesday, June 10	Membership Meeting – Hody Bar & Grill	6:30pm
Saturday, July 18	Oconto Walk– Oconto County	
Sunday, July 19	Green Bay Walk – Brown County	
Saturday, August 15	Verona Walk	
Saturday, September 19	Lake Wisota State Park Walk –Chippewa County	
Sunday, September 20	Durand Walk – Pepin County	
Sunday, September 20	Menominee Walk – Dunn County	
Saturday, October 10	Madison Westside Parks Walk	
Saturday, October 24	Governor Nelson State Park – Moonlight Walk	

FYI: Some Non-Dairyland Walker events that may affect your driving, getting to a start point and walking in Dane and Sauk Counties, but also can add to your adventure:
May 2 Lake Monona 20K and 5K Run/Walk
May 23-24 1/2 Madison Marathon and Twilight Event
May 30 Verona Mud Fest
Wednesdays June 24-July 29 Concerts on The Square
July 11-12 Art Fair On The Square and La Fete de Marquette
July 17-19 Maxwell Street Days on State Street, July 18 Portage and Paddle across Isthmus at Capital Square
July 25-26 Atwood Summer Fest
August 22-23 Orton Park Fest Sept. 5-6 Taste of Madison Sept. 19-20 Willy St. Fair and Devil's Lake Triathlon



Dairyland Walkers Board Meeting Lakeview Branch Library March 11, 2015

Minutes Pending Approval

Board Members Present

Doug Wiest (President) Mary Liebig (Secretary) Diane Thornbery (Treasurer) Joanne Reuter (Board Member at Large) Don Suloff (Trailmaster) Bruce Dewey (Sanctioned Walk Coordinator) Tom Doyle (Membership Chair) Karen Reger (Publicity Chair) Tricia Gundlach (Volunteer Coordinator) Tom Gundlach (AVA Electronic Sanctioning Volunteer) Tom McCrill (Website Administrator)

Welcome (Doug)

The meeting was called to order at 6:10PM by President Doug Wiest and the agenda was adopted. Also in attendance at the meeting were Russ Crane, June Doyle, and Kathleen Larson.

Meeting Minutes (Mary)

The minutes of the last Board Meeting held on January 14th 2015 had been previously emailed to the Board. There were no corrections or additions to the minutes, and they were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report (Diane)

Diane had emailed the Treasurer's Report to the Board. The balance on February 11, 2015 was \$3,841.17. Since that time, income totaled \$442.00 and there were no expenses. The current balance on March 11, 2015 is \$4,283.17. Of that balance, \$1,000 is restricted for trips or other large expenses that need to be pre-paid. The Treasurer's report was accepted and filed for audit.

Diane also distributed a North Central Regional Rendezvous Financial Report that she had prepared. The report documented the income and expenses incurred for this event to aid the club in planning any future events of this magnitude. The club incurred a net gain of over \$1,500 for hosting the Rendezvous, mainly because of food and drink donations as well as a large donation made for the rental of the Tenney Park Shelter for three days.

Diane also suggested that we pay a \$25 honorarium to Kristi Kenyon and Gary Wensing for speaking about snowshoeing and the Ice Age Trail at the February Membership Meeting. The Board approved a \$25 donation to the Ice Age Trail in Kristi and Gary's name.

Finally, Diane said that the cost to reserve Badger Prairie Park in Verona for the August 15 walk is \$110.00. The Board noted that many park shelter rentals in Dane County are a \$100 or more. Don Suloff made a motion, seconded by Tom Doyle to cover the entire cost of the Badger Prairie Park Shelter. The motion carried.

Director at Large Report (Joanne)

Joanne had nothing to report.

Membership Report (Tom)

Tom had nothing to report, our newest member, Sue Rowe, was listed in the March/April newsletter.

Walk Box Coordinator (Bruce)

Bruce just has two or three walk boxes to "refresh" for the seasonal walks starting on April 1.

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Trailmaster Report (Don)

Don noted that the Pie Walk on Saturday March 14 will be a modified version of the 5K Middleton Walk to avoid muddy conditions. He asked if any board members could arrive early (shortly after 1PM) at St. Luke's Lutheran Church to help Barb Lund with set-up and walk registrations.

Don made a motion, seconded by Bruce, to add a Veteran's Day Walk on Saturday, November 14, 2015. The Board approved this motion. The walk will start at the Inn on the Park and be themed for Veteran's Day. It may even include a tour of the Wisconsin Veteran's Museum downtown. A lunch location will be available after the walk, either at the Plaza Tavern, where we ate after the "Time to Walk" in December 2014, or at Jerome's, at the Inn on the Park. Don will work with Jerry Wilson on the additional details for this walk.

Publicity Chair (Karen)

Karen said that she and Russ will bring brochure copies for the Great Britain trip when they visit the Des Moines Club's 30th anniversary celebration in April.

Volunteer Coordinator - Volunteer Awards Program (Tricia)

Tricia distributed copies of the Volunteer Awards Committee Plan for 2015. The committee plans to honor volunteers at three events in 2015:

- 1. August Membership Meeting/Picnic- It is suggested that this picnic be a celebration of volunteers and that a small gift be given to 5 volunteers.
- 2. 20th Anniversary Celebration Walk at Garner Park on October 10. The plan is to present a small gift to our 10 charter members.
- December 6 Membership Meeting/Holiday Party the awards committee would like to present a small gift to 5-10 volunteers.

The Awards Committee asked for a budget of \$375 to cover the cost of these small gifts. Bruce made a motion to cover the \$375 cost. Don seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

Discussion followed on some gift ideas. It was suggested that gift cards from some of our start point businesses would be a good idea. Also, frequent walker coupons might be appreciated and appropriate.

Website Administrator (Tom McCrill)

Tom had nothing to report. Diane expressed thanks that the Dairyland Walkers website search issue has been fixed.

Unfinished Business

Walking Vacation to Great Britain September-October 2015

Only two people have made an initial deposit for this trip and Elke is concerned that there is a lack of interest. However, it was discovered that some people are planning to make their deposit and reservations for this trip when Elke speaks at the April 8 Membership Meeting. Doug will let Elke know that she can expect more reservations at the April 8 meeting.

Newsletter Articles for May/June Edition

The Board suggested the following Newsletter articles for the May/June edition. The submission deadline is Monday, April 20.

- 1) Evansville Walk May 16 Diane to write
- 2) Walk Wisconsin in Stevens Point June 5 Tom Doyle to write
- 3) Saturday Group Walks May 9 and June 20 Mary to write
- 4) Veteran's Walk November 14 at Inn on Park Don to write after contacting Jerry
- 5) Volunteer Awards Committee Tricia to write
- 6) Great Britain Trip last chance to sign up Doug to write
- 7) Membership Milestones Tom Doyle to write
- 8) Post Pie Walk Don to write
- 9) Spirit Wear Tom Doyle to write. He will send the order form to Tom McCrill to put on the website and reference that in the newsletter article

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New Business

Tom Doyle's Duty List

As requested at the last Board Meeting, Tom prepared and distributed a list of all the different things he does for the Dairyland Walkers. After reviewing and discussing the list, the following was determined:

- 1) Club Point of Contact for AVA Don Suloff volunteered to become the club point of contact for the AVA.
- 2) Spirit Wear Joanne volunteered to take over the Spirit Wear promotion.
- Walk Boxes in St. Croix Falls and Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary Bruce volunteered to manage Walk Boxes in Cedarburg and Port Washington – Joanne volunteered to manage
- 4) Maintain Waiver Signatures from Walks for Seven Years- Don agreed to take this on
- 5) Milestones for Newsletters we still need a volunteer to take on this task
- 6) Maintain Membership Database and Mailing List Data This is one of the largest tasks that Tom completes as Membership Director. We did not reach a conclusion as to who could assume this role should Tom need to relinquish this duty. Someone who is very familiar with our club and enjoys meeting and talking with members and prospective members would be a good fit for this role. Tricia may advertise this position in the next Dairyland Walkers Newsletter.

Walk Wisconsin in Stevens Point

Tom brought registration forms for this event for anyone that is interested in participating, the forms are also available online. A few board members indicated that they were planning to travel to Stevens Point for this event.

Past Due YRE/Seasonal Quarterly Reports

Russ noted that our club forgot to send in the fourth quarter 2014 report to the AVA for our three Alaska walks (Seward, Haines, and Ketchikan) that ended on October 31, 2014. Even though no one completed these walks in the month of October, "zero" reports should have been filed with the AVA. Tom Doyle agreed to call the AVA on March 12 to file the 4th Quarter Alaska reports. We expect to be billed a \$15 late fee for each of these three walks.

AVA 2015 Convention Delegate

Bruce made a motion, seconded by Don, that Russ Crane be named our club's delegate at the AVA Convention in June. The motion carried.

IVV Americas

Russ reminded us that our club needs to make a decision about joining the IVV Americas by June 1. Many on the Board are not sure of the benefits of membership in the IVV Americas. The Board needs to conduct more research on this proposal and discuss it at the next Board Meeting on May 13.

The next Board Meeting will be May 13, 2015 at the Sequoia Branch Library. The Next General Membership Meeting will be on April 8, 2015 at Hody's Bar & Grill with Elke Austin-Foote speaking about the trip to Great Britain. The next walking events will be the Pie Walk on Saturday, March 14 and the Whitewater Walk on Saturday, April 18.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40PM Submitted by: Mary B. Liebig, Secretary



Minutes Pending Approval

Dairyland Walkers Bimonthly Meeting Middleton, WI April 8th 2015

<u>Officers Present:</u> Doug Wiest (President), Terry Wendt (Vice President), Mary Liebig (Secretary), Diane Thornbery (Treasurer) <u>Board Members Present:</u> Joanne Reuter (Board Member at Large), Don Suloff (Trailmaster), Karen Reger (Publicity), Bruce Dewey (Sanctioned Walk Coordinator), Tom Gundlach (AVA Electronic Sanctioning Volunteer)

In Attendance: 25

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 (Mary)

There being no additions or corrections to the minutes of the membership meeting held on February 11th 2015, they stand approved as previously emailed to the Board.

Treasurer's Report (Diane)

The report was previously emailed to the Board. The report noted income of \$408.48 and expenses of \$1,049.22 since the previous report. Current balance is \$3,642.43, 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.

Officer Reports

Vice President (Terry)

Terry told us that the June 10 Membership Meeting will either be at Hody's or the Sequoya Branch Library. He will let us know when the location is confirmed. In addition, Terry said he will contact the Walking Company at the West Towne Mall to see if they could speak at this meeting.

Secretary (Mary)

Mary had nothing to report.

Board Member at Large (Joanne)

Joanne had nothing to report.

Sanctioned Event Coordinator (Bruce)

Bruce reminded us that the start point of the Lake Geneva Walk is at the Mobil Gas Station at 350 North Edwards Blvd. It is correctly listed on the DairylandWalkers.com website as well as the AVA website. However, the Blue Book has the wrong location.

Trailmaster (Don)

Don brought brochures for the Oconto (Oconto County) and Green Bay (Brown County) walks to be held on July 18-19. He also said that he would present a draft of the 2016 walks at the May 13 Board Meeting

Publicity Chair (Karen)

Karen had nothing to report.

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AVA Electronic Sanctioning Volunteer (Tom Gundlach)

Tom contacted the AVA to change the Point of Contact for the Port Washington and Cedarburg walks to Joanne Reuter. In addition, the main AVA point of contact is now Don Suloff.

New Business

"Walk-a-Week" Issues

The Tuesday Arboretum walk-a-week does not start at the normal location at Bluephies Restaurant, but instead at the Vilas Park Beach House. Some members have been confused without a map and directions to start this walk. The Board will discuss this at the next Board Meeting in May.

Speaker: Elke Austin-Foote: Walking Vacation to Great Britain September-October

Elke has put a lot of effort into planning a trip for our club to Great Britain in September and October of this year. She told us many of the trip details and said it would be similar to the 2008 trip she planned for the Des Moines Walking Club. The trip leaves from the Madison airport and highlights include Chester and the Lake District.

An application with a \$500 deposit is needed by May 15. A minimum of 15 people is required to make this trip feasible.

The next Board Meeting will be May 13, 2015 at the Sequoya Branch Library. The next General Membership Meeting will be on June 10, 2015 at TBD. The next walking events are the Whitewater Walk on Saturday, April 18 and the Evansville Walk on Saturday, May 16. The next Saturday "Walk & Eat" is the Janesville Walk on Saturday, April 11.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm Mary Liebig, Secretary

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Attachment C

MADISON AREA VOLKSSPORT ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION				
Name:				
Address:				
City:	_ State: Zip: _			
E-mail address:				
Phone: ()				
Please list names of others in house	>hold who wish to be mem	bers:		
[] One-Year Membership		\$12.00		
[] Extra New Walker Packets[] Donation *	x \$5.00			
	Total Enclosed:			
* The Madison Area Volkssport As 501(c)(3) status. All donations are g		ers), is a non-profit organization with e fully tax deductible.		

Send completed Membership Application and payment to the Membership Chair:

Tom Doyle 5824 Lochinvars Trail Marshall, WI 53559-9720

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Attachment D May and June Events

Dates:	5/16/2015 - 5/16/2015
City / State:	Evansville, WI
Event Name:	Evansville, WI Walk
Event Type:	Walk
Event ID:	101451
Distance - Trail Ratings:	10K & 5K - 1B
Description:	The walk will explore the community of Evansville, focusing on the famed <u>Barn Quilts</u> of the community.
Amenities:	Strollers: medium Wheelchairs: NO Pets: No Restrooms: Yes
Special Programs:	Fraternal Organization, Honoring Our Flag, Lakes and Reservoirs, National <u>Register</u> of Historic Places, Walking the USA A - Z, Water Towers, You'll Never Walk Alone
Start Times:	8 am to 12 noon, finish by 3 pm
Location:	Leonard Park
Start Point / Driving <u>Directions</u> :	15 Antes Dr. From Madison Beltline (US12/14/18/151) take exit 261 onto US14 East and proceed on US14 for 19.5 miles to Evansville. Entering Evansville, turn right on Hwy 213/59 for 0.1 miles to Leonard Park on the right at Antes Dr. GPS: N42.78394 W89.30019
Awards & Fees:	IVV Credit Only
Comments:	SPECIAL PROGRAMS: Fraternal Organizations, Honoring Our Flag, Lakes & Reservoirs, Nat'l Register of Hist. Places, Water Towers, Walking the USA A-Z letter E, You'll Never Walk Alone, Wisconsin Counties - Rock
Host Club:	Madison Area Volkssport Assn.
Contact:	Diane Thornbery (608) 233-8408
Website:	dairylandwalkers.com/walks/event-walks/evansville-walk/
E-Mail Contact:	dthornbery@gmail.com

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Dates:	6/6/2015 - 6/6/2015
City / State:	Stevens Point, WI
Event Name:	Walk Wisconsin
Event Type:	Walk
Event ID:	101452
Distance - Trail Ratings:	10K, 21K, 32K & 42K - 1B
Description:	In addition to AVA <u>registration</u> , this walk REQUIRES registration with Walk Wisconsin on their website, activeportagecounty.com. Prior to Apr 30, cost is \$25. After Apr 30, cost is \$35. Registrants will receive sports sack, t-shirt, course map & post-walk <u>lunch</u> . The walk utilizes the beautiful Green Circle Trail to pass through a variety of ecosystems, including woodlands, wetlands and prairie. Change: Walk WI Website states \$25 cost is good through May 1 st !
Amenities:	Strollers: NO Wheelchairs: NO Pets: No Restrooms: Yes
Special Programs:	Boardwalks, Lakes and Reservoirs, Walking the USA A - Z
Start Times:	42K-8am, 32K-9:15am, 21K-11am, 10K-12:30pm
Location:	Pfiffner Pioneer Park
Start Point / Driving <u>Directions</u> :	1100 Crosby Ave. From I39, take exit 151 and proceed south on Hwy 10 (Division St) for just over 1.5 miles. Turn right on Franklin and proceed west for about 1 mile. Turn left on Crosby Ave and the start point. GPS: N44.52598 W 89.59059
Awards & Fees:	IVV Credit Only
Comments:	Buses transport walkers to start. 42K bus departs @ 8 am. 32K bus departs @ 9:15 am. 21K bus departs @ 11 am. 10K bus departs @ 12:30 pm
comments.	SPECIAL PROGRAMS: Boardwalks, Lakes & Reservoirs, Walking the USA A-Z, Wisconsin Counties - Marathon
Host Club:	Madison Area Volkssport Assn.
Contact:	Tom Doyle (608) 655-3141
Website:	dairylandwalkers.com/walks/event-walks/stevens-point-walk-wisconsin/
E-Mail Contact:	tjdoyle98@msn.com