

ICE AGE TRAIL COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MINUTES

TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2021

6:00 PM

ZOOM MEETING

Present: Dave Van De Ven, Jeff Romagna, Jean Georgson, Kelli Yogerst, Ashley Widowski and Jake Zuehl.

Absent: Christina Callies, Jim Muenzenberger.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Kelli Yogerst.

Yogerst introduced Ashely Widowski who is interested in joining the committee.

- 1. Consideration of a motion to approve the Minutes for the meeting of February 2, 2021.** Motion (Georgson/Romagna) to approve the minutes of the IATC meeting of February 2, 2021. Carried (4-0).

- 2. Discussion on the change to quarterly meetings.**

Van de Ven said he felt maybe the meetings would more effective if they had quarterly meetings and it was a decision, he, and Yogerst made together but they didn't really involve committee input on it so he would like input from the others. He said Muenzenberger had questions and he answered most of his questions. He said Muenzenberger had asked they would get volunteers. He asked Georgson and Romagna if they had any input on it and if it worked ok for them. Romagna said it worked ok for him and if there were any big events coming up, they could always throw in a meeting if they needed to. Yogerst commented that they just needed 24 hours' notice to post an agenda.

Georgson said she felt the same way, we are still recovering from Covid and slowly working in events. She said the Waukesha Chapter had their first meeting in May and that is the first one since Covid began. She said hopefully they will get back to having events and maybe then they might meet more but she is good with the quarterly meetings right now. Van de Ven said he wanted to make sure everyone was good with quarterly meetings so then the next question is when the next meeting should be. He said September had been suggested, but he wondered if they shouldn't meet in August to discuss things for the fall season. Everyone commented they felt August was better than September so they can talk about the fall hikes. It was decided that August would be the next meeting month.

- 3. Discussion and consideration of:**

- a. Any events for 2021 -**

Van de Ven said he listed some the events they had talked about. National trails day was one of them and he said Georgson knew more about that. Georgson said that their chapter is not doing anything for national trails day. Yogerst commented that her program is not doing the fishing clinic this year either.

Van de Ven said the next event they had talked about was a movie in the Park at the Beer Garden in October. Yogerst they will still have a movie in the park and if anyone wants to volunteer just email her and let her know. She said she has teamed up with the library to have several starting in August. She said send out an email to everyone

asking if anyone wants to volunteer. Georgson asked what the date in October is and Yogerst said Oct 16 at 7pm and it is the movie Goosebumps.

Van de Ven said next event they had previously talked about was a scavenger hunt, but they had put it on hold. Yogerst said it could be a nature one along the trail, like take a picture of a sign or landmark etc.

Romagna said he had put together a story walk. Yogerst said in August meeting they could put it together. Van de Ven asked everyone to bring 1 thing to add to the trivia questions for the next meeting. Georgson asked if some of their funds could be used to purchase something for that for those that complete it. Yogerst said an idea for a prize for next year could possibly be a county park pass. Trivia and scavenger hunts will be discussed in August and will be planned for later this year. The next item that Van de Ven said that was talked about was a canoe and kayak launch along the trail. He said Muenzenberger had talked about that but didn't know if they wanted to advertise that now. Georgson said she was there recently for the Bark River Bash there were about 60 people that went down. Brief discussion on boat launch material and clearing the area for launch areas. Van de Ven said he thinks they should define where people should go in and take the kayak or canoe out. Georgson brought up that there are some nettles in the Bark River near the launch at Centennial. Yogerst said they have to be careful of what they do, due to possible requirements of a permit however just clearing an area would work better. Moonlight Night hikes in October were another topic they had discussed, and Van de Ven said he would still like to do that because they were popular in the past. Georgson said she will be gone at different times in October, so she won't be able to help at that time. There was discussion on doing a hike on the same night as the movie night. Yogerst said she had talked to DPW about getting barrels for smores etc.

b. Plans for trail or river clearing in 2021-

Van de Ven said this is Muezenberger's area and he did not get back to him before the meeting. Yogerst said regarding the Penbrook trail, Ecos had brought the 2 proposed trails for Penbrook to Park board in April. She said they are going to figure out which trail they wanted to do but she thinks it is still in process. Romagna and Georgson said the trails are already there and a trail brush cutter came thru and made a wide trail. Discussion on if it could be added to the Ice Age trail and Georgson said it would have to be approved by the Alliance.

c. Research support on boat ramps along Ice Age Trail-

See section for update on this item.

d. Potential for Penbrook loop addition to IAT-

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e. Library backpack for trail use-

Van de Ven said he had suggested advertising it and Yogerst had done that in her program guide. Georgson said she had it at the Bark River Bash in case someone wanted to check it out and someone had. She said she also put a notice in the kiosks. Georgson suggested having a table at a movie night to give people information about the IAT. Yogerst said they could put a table at National Night out. Yogerst said she will have one for the Village and can have information about the Ice Age Trail.

4. Applications for vacancy or additions to IATC-

Van de Ven said Ashley is one person that is interested. Yogerst said she had mentioned to President Pfannerstill that she is interested, and she will email the form to her. Jake Zuehl is another person interested in being on the committee.

5. Future meeting topics or announcements –

Yogerst said Zuehl, some residents and the Woman's Club are working together to plant wildflowers at the park.

6. Adjourn – Motion (Van De Ven, Romagna) to adjourn. Carried (4-0).

Adjourned at 6:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Recording secretary
Deidre Bushey

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