

ILLINOIS TREKKERS FOOTNOTES

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August 2009

President: Dee Wojtysiak
Vice President: Robin Latdrick
Secretary: Debbie Kruep
Treasurer: Jack McKeon
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Mark Kruep
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Betty Boyd Memorial Walk

The Betty Boyd team was easy to find with the BIG Green tent decorated with the AVA trail marking tape. Club members wearing the red heart t-shirts look outstanding and easy to recognize. Tommy, Brenda, Joyce, and Lee Boyd stayed all night and at least 2 of them were on the track all night. There was a club member walking on the track all night, thanks to Dot Naumann, Deb and Mark Kruep, Muriel Narve and Chris Waldron, Dee and Leonard Wojtysiak. The group winner for walking the most laps was the Steelville Group, relative of Betty and Tom Boyd. They received a \$30.00 gift card. 72 people attended the walk.

Dee's Trail Notes

The end of July is almost here. Where is the year going? Starting in the month of February, the club has had a YR walk or Regular walk every month through July. How many of these walks have you attended? In August we are having 3 walks (2 YREs and the Picnic walk). Every month to the end of the year, there is a least 1 walk sponsored by the club. Start planning your walks and bring a friend, family or co-workers. When our club is not having a walk, check <http://www.ava.org> for other area walks. Don't forget to check Ride Sharing on our website <http://www.illinois-trekkers.org>. This can be an alternate fun way to travel to a walk.



AVA Pilot Project for Online Year Round Registration

If you attended the recent AVA Convention, you heard about AVA's pilot project for online registration via the Internet for AVA year-round events. This summer, AVA leadership will evaluate the current project (located in southern California). If it proves to be effective and popular, AVA will proceed to the next phase by establishing

standards and requirements to expand the project to additional clubs.

If your club is interested in participating in the next phase of this project, please notify AVA of your interest by emailing AVA HQ (jackie@ava.org) or the AVA President (president@ava.org).

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Change in Rules for Event Stamps

Effective immediately, there is a change in IVV rules regarding the use of the Event Stamp. ***This change pertains to traditional events only, not year-round or seasonal events.*** From now on, participants at events which are held on more than one day may pay a fee, complete the event and receive an event stamp ON EACH DAY OF THE EVENT.

An example: Your club has a three-day event in which one sanctioned walk route is offered on each of the three days. A participant may pay for and complete the route each of the three days and receive an event stamp in their IVV books for each day. Of course, the appropriate distance is stamped in the Distance book as well.

This slight loosening of the rules was approved at the 2009 IVV Congress of Delegates. Your outgoing AVA officers agreed to adopt the change.

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Florissant Valley YRE Changed

Florissant Valley Walkers has change Kirkwood, MO. YR start point to 200 South Kirkwood (Lindbergh) Blvd - one block west and 2 blocks south - next to railroad tracks. Any questions contact Andrew Lucas (314) 831-8175 or redcaravan@swbell.net.

Michigan List of YRES Closed

Great Lakes Amblers, Michigan are regretfully closed the following YREs for the remainder of 2009. The last day these YREs are sanctioned was June 30, 2009. The Michigan YR closings are Birmingham, Haslett, Holly SRA, Howell (Note that the Historic

Pathwalkers still have a YRE there), and Stockbridge. This email was received from Chelane Priller, President of the Great Lakes Amblers club.

Piggy Bank and jar donations collected at various walks were \$690.14. Thanks to everyone.

Monthly Club Meeting

The regular monthly meeting is held at Faith Lutheran Church building starting at 7:00 PM. Our meeting is being held in the Fellowship Hall. The entrance to this area is at the back door with parking in the back of the building. There are other groups meeting in the Church on the same evening. Please plan to arrive after 6:30 PM and enter in the back door so we do not disturb other meetings.

AVA Special Project - New Members for the Future

AVA President, Curt Myron

Many of you have frequently told me that AVA needs younger people. I agree. There is no reason why AVA should have only one club whose membership is the student body of a school, guided by faculty like any other extra curricular activity. That school, Ar-We-Va School of Westside, Iowa is the solution.

At a time when educations and extracurricular activities are being cut on a massive scale, AVA has the solution that costs a school nothing, emphasizes physical fitness for all, teaches young people how to interact and organize community events and creates a new generation of volkssporters.

There is no reason why we cannot grow our younger participants. All it takes is presenting the Iowa success story to school business managers or administrators to show them what AVA can do for the school and its community. I ask those of you who are active or former teachers to consider approaching only one school, the one you know. AVA will provide the materials and information needed.

We also need a few volunteers to assist local points of contact by tracking and reporting local progress. Remember, we have no problems that new members can't solve.

Contact me at president@ava.org to help AVA succeed.

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"The Silverman" (Mark Kruep wrapped in duct tape) participating in Musical Chairs at the Relay for Life.

The Relay for Life Team

The Betty Boyd Memorial had 2 teams for the Relay for Life event totaling 19 people. All night the DJ Chris Ritter provided music and was the announcer of the activities. At the Duct Tape Fashion Show, The Silverman (Mark Kruep) tied for first place. 2 walkers from Steelville won first and second place for the Frozen T-Shirt contest. Mark Kruep won second place in the Musical Chair contest. 6 club members wore crazy hats, such as a hot dog hat, jester hat, wind blown hair hat and some of Betty Boyd's hat: red polka dot clown hat, straw hat decorated with flowers, net and rabbits too small for anyone's head, and a Tennessee hat. Anyone leaving before this event missed a lot of laughter. Lee Boyd won the poker relay. Many of us participated in the silent auction. The evening went fast and was fun with all the activities and people to talk to.

Donations collected totaled \$1,668.20 plus the 2 items in the silent auction. American Cancer Society has not published any final figures. Team members on the Fund Raising Honor Roll (raising \$100.00 or more) are Dee Wojtysiak, Deb Kruep, Mona Youmans, Phyllis Herring, and Leonard Wojtysiak. The sale of the t-shirts raised \$122.

FOOTNOTES SUBMISSIONS

Send articles and/or comments to "Footnotes" via email to wilburclark@att.net

WEBSITES

HQ AVA – <http://ava.org/>

Illinois Trekkers –

<http://www.illinois-trekkers.org/>

Illinois Trekkers Volkssport Club Meeting Minutes July 2, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: 7:12pm by Dee Wojtysiak

VISITORS: Joyce Bradford

NEW MEMBERS: none

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Debbie Kruep- Attached to the Footnotes.

CORRECTIONS: All the YRE's walker counts were incorrect. They since have been corrected. Gary Staley was the second on the Treasurer's report Motion: Carol Clark Second: Phyllis Herring

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jack McKeon- Balance as of June 30, 2009 \$3291.14

Motion: Gary Staley Second: Shirley Martin

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Time to start thinking about 2010 regular walks. Next year is the club's 30th anniversary. Suggestions are needed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community Committee: - none

Awards and Achievements: Wil Clark- none

Services and Properties: Wil Clark - Ordering start cards and trail markers.

Publicity: Debbie Kruep - none

Special Activities: Shirley Martin - none

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Refreshments: July: Shirley McKeon and Phyllis Herring. Still need someone for Aug and Sept. Sign up w/Darlene Kraemer.

Footnotes: Wil and Carol Clark- no report

Club Points Manager: Dee Wojtysiak - no report

Website News: none

Data Base Admin: Gary Staley- 3 new members Ralph & Sally Taylor/ Jeanie Brown. No news on sanctioning.

REPORT ON YEAR ROUND EVENTS (YREs):

Our Lady of the Snows: Jack & Shirley McKeon -35 walkers for the year.

Richland Creek: Packy & Sue Botula - 32 walkers for year.

Maryville: Gary Staley - 39 walkers - 20 bikers for the year.

Belleville YMCA Walk/Bike: Packy & Sue Botula -48 walkers - 11 bikers for the year.

REPORT ON UPCOMING WALKS:

(1) July 10- Betty Boyd Memorial Walk- T-shirts are available now. The challenge is on to keep someone on the track all night. We are in booth 33 & 34.

(2) Aug 8- Maryville Reg.3: 30-4:00 Stop at Bobby's Frozen Custard and go back afterward and enjoy the music.

(3) Aug 15-Picnic Walk- Shiloh Tamarack Golf Course Pavilion. Sign up sheet is available. Cost is \$6.00 for food and credit.

(4) Aug 22-Shrine year round 8:30-9:00 am registration

(5) Sept 5 Richland Creek Year Round.

OLD BUSINESS:

(1) Mascoutah Walk had 121 walkers. The merchant association would like us to do more walks.

(2) Shirley Martin made a motion to take the extra money collected for Tom Boyd and use it to purchase or rent a tent with sides for the memorial walk. No one seconded, so motion was dropped.

(3) Billy Herring has volunteered to be director for the remainder of the year. President

appointed Billy Herring as director.

(4) Office Max has discontinued the nametags in store but we can still order online with a \$50 purchase.

(5) David Bradley was elected our Regional Director at the convention in Texas.

NEW BUSINESS:

(1) The Cookie Walk will have pre-registration at the Eckert's, Waterloo, and Shrine walks. Registrations will also be available at other venues to be named after approval.

(2) Mona & Mark Youmans will be looking into T-shirts and jackets. Next month they will bring all the information to make a decision on designs and where to purchase.

ATTENDANCE DRAWING: Mark Youmans

NEXT MEETING: Thursday August 6, 2009 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: **Motion:** Len Wojtysiak; **Second:** Robin Latdrick
Meeting adjourned 8:17 p.m.

Submitted by Debbie Kruep
Secretary Illinois Trekkers

August - September 2009 Events

- August 6, Thursday, Regular Meeting
- **August 8**, Maryville YMCA YRE at 1 Town Center Dr, Maryville, IL. Gary Staley
- **August 15**, Picnic Walk at Tamarack Golf Course Pavilion, Shiloh
- **August 22**, Lady of Snows Shrine YRE at Belleville IL. Shirley McKeon
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- September 3, Thursday, Regular Meeting
- **September 5**, Richland Creek YR at Belleville IL Packy Botula
- **September 19** Eckert Walk, Belleville, IL Shirley Martin

2009 YREs

**Belleville "Richland Creek" Greenway
618-236-9521**

**Belleville-YMCA (Walk and Bike)
618-236-9521**

**CMT YMCA, 1 Town Center Dr,
Maryville, IL (Walk and Bike)
618-344-0225**

**National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows
618-210-0679**

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