



TIMBERLINES

W. J. Breckenridge Chapter
Izaak Walton League
June 2020



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COMING EVENTS

JUNE 2020

9 Board of Directors Meeting 7 pm

JULY 2020

14 Board of Directors Meeting 7 pm

AUGUST 2020

11 Board of Directors Meeting 7 pm

25 Possible TBA:

[Social/Educational meeting 7:30 pm]

Mississippi Bank Stabilization Project Announced

Jody Yungers (Brooklyn Park Director, Recreation and Parks Department) convened a virtual meeting including some Breckenridge Ike members to announce a proposed partnership between Hennepin County, the Watershed District and the City of Brooklyn Park to conduct a Shoreline Erosion Assessment and a future Bank Stabilization Project. This would support private homeowners, along the Mississippi River in Brooklyn Park including the Breckenridge Chapter. She thanked Jim Kujawa, former Hennepin County Senior Environmentalist, for the work he had done to see this project get off the ground before his recent retirement from his job with the Hennepin County.

Mississippi shoreline erosion has been accelerating in recent years with increasing year-round river volumes. Property owners have requested help with

addressing ways to deal with the problem. Anoka County has been ahead of us in moving forward with solutions along their side of the Mississippi and on the Rum River and their experience will be useful in planning for this project. Yungers is leading the preparation of a grant application to secure funds of up to \$500,000 for an initial assessment and actual armoring and shoreline restoration. Care would be taken to protect wildlife habitat while at the same time preventing the excessive sediment loss downstream.

Kris Guentzel from Hennepin County presented most of the detailed information and Yungers added that the plan is to ask shoreline property owners to sign a statement of support for the project before proceeding and for them to commit to shouldering a small percentage of the cost of restoration of their riverbanks.

All riverfront property owners are being invited to attend a meeting to hear details of the plan on June 30 at the Brooklyn Park CAC Gardenview Room (5600 85th Ave. N.) where accommodations for social distancing will be made. This will also be an opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback to the project team members.

The need to address this problem has been repeatedly brought to the attention of City Hall over the past few years by a handful of Ikes, including most notably Joe Klohs. Needless to say, we are all happy to see that progress is now being made on finding some solutions.

Reported by Tim Johnson



Evidence of bank erosion at the Chapter House



**A request from the editors of
*Timberlines***

We hope to have an actual gathering for a meeting at the Chapter House later this summer but in the meantime we'd love to hear how you're enjoying (and relating to) nature this summer. Please consider writing something, however brief or long, for inclusion in the July issue – visits to parks and trails, or even creative writing for the next couple of issues.

Just send them to:
bbfrankli@gmail.com.

Minutes - Breckenridge Chapter IWLA BOD meeting, June 10, 2020

Board of directors ZOOM meeting, called to order by President Steve Schaust at 7:20 pm.

A quorum of members was present on the Zoom meeting: Steve Schaust, Barb Franklin, Dick Brown (via phone), Jerry Steele, Wendy Steele, Jim Arnold, Karen Ostenso, Tim Johnson, Joe Klohs.

About a week prior to tonight's meeting there were campfires reported on the IWL Island. They were/are not authorized and will continue to be monitored and reported to authorities, i.e., Hennepin County boat patrol or Anoka County police.

Next Social/Educational meeting – aiming for this summer, depending on how the governor's emergency COVID19 orders stand at the time. There will probably still be restrictions on numbers and requirements of social distancing. The next two BOD meetings may continue to be virtual, but will be confirmed with board as the time approaches. Dick is waiting for the "all clear" before scheduling a speaker.

Update on "committee" to come up with ideas for keeping in touch and encouraging members to stay active. Joe, Jerry and Mary Ellen will get together to come up with plans and gather ideas to present to the board. Steve is also looking forward to an upcoming "Leader Conference" which may bring about additional new ideas for increasing membership, and reaching out to younger generations to get involved with the Ikes.

A member of our Chapter has received a Dave Zentner Chapter Achievement Award. Jim suggested that he and Steve perhaps make an in-person presentation with a photo op to put in the *Timberlines*.

Dave Zentner's Upper Mississippi River Initiative (UMRI) update: one meeting already took place with 40 people... Steve offered our lodge for an additional meeting for them possibly in the fall.

There have been positive comments about the *Timberlines*, it is being read and appreciated. Barb

is looking for articles for the next *Timberlines*. Please contact her with ideas or reflections.

Jim told Jerry that we received enough treated lumber from Brad Larson to repair the stair landing going down to the river. Jerry will work out the timing to take care of the project soon.

Jim stated the Chapter received two new contributions, one from family of a scholarship recipient which will go to the scholarship fund and the other to be "used soon" for needed projects, not just put in our account. Karen suggested that some fresh nature photography would look great on the blank wall between the bathrooms, size 20" x 30". Tim noted that good quality photo print (mimeo) can be purchased online for \$20, Jerry can make frames but glass will need to be purchased. Karen, Larry, Tim may all have (thousands) of color photos to choose from that can be utilized for this project. Each bathroom has an interior wall that could also use a photo – 15" x 18" if cost is reasonable. Jim and Tim also planted the boulevard with \$100 of new native forbs so a portion of the donated funds can be applied to this.

Steve is in contact with Dept of Health, will keep watching and hoping to plan a social event, aiming for August. Dick Brown reminded everyone that Darby Nelson should be our next speaker and since only about 30 members were present for Peter Sorenson's virtual talk on Monday, June 8th, we might try to reschedule him for a speaker too. If COVID19 numbers do not continue to go down, we will keep looking forward for future dates.

Barb & Tim will work together to get photos uploaded for better quality to include in the *Timberlines*.

Dick said there are lots of blooming wildflowers in his prairie planting and welcomed anyone to come and view them at his place. Also, Tim invited people to walk through Oxbow Park restored prairie where our Chapter monitors the bluebird trail.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Looking for kids' activities this summer?

Visit the National Izaak Walton League website for games and activities for all ages.

<https://www.iwla.org/outdoor-recreation/youth>

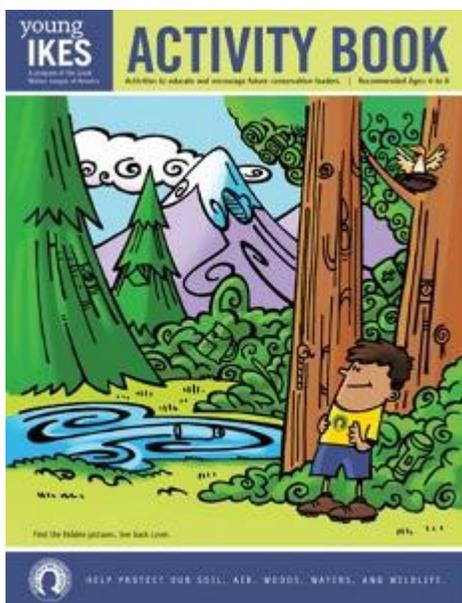
Spending time outside makes us happier and healthier, and you don't have to live in the wilderness to experience the benefits of nature! Explore our nature-based activities and resources for kids of all ages and find out all the ways you can enjoy the outdoors with your family.

Young Ikes

The Young Ikes resources are designed to help children understand the natural world around them and what they can do to protect our precious natural resources.

Activity Books

Available in vibrant color, these booklets filled with games and puzzles designed to educate and encourage future conservation leaders can be printed out.



Ages 5-8 (Grades K-3)

This booklet includes a matching game, maze, coloring page, crossword puzzle, and connect the dots. [Order printed copies in bulk \(PDF order form\)](#) or [print out a color PDF \(1.7 MG\)](#) for your use at home.

These additional one-page fun sheets are designed to print out easily from your home computer.

[Predator Connect-the-Dots](#) (PDF): Every wild animal, either predator or prey, has its place in the food chain.

[Pond Life Crossword Puzzle](#) (PDF): Ponds are home to a variety of fish, mammals, birds, reptiles, and more. Use drawings and word clues to solve the puzzle.

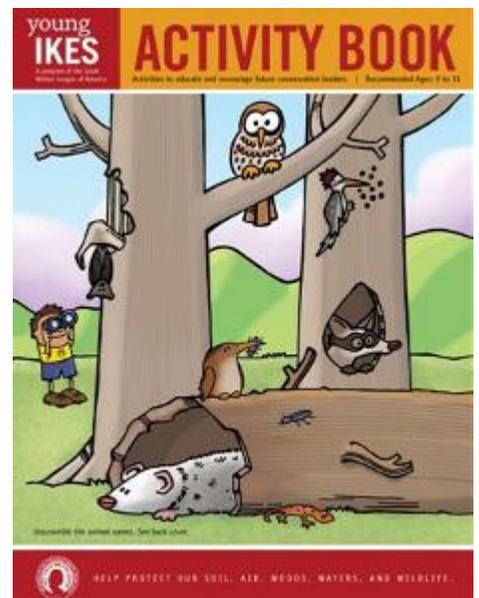
Ages 9-11 (Grades 4-6)

This booklet includes a crossword puzzle, word scrambles, and matching game. [Order printed copies in bulk \(PDF order form\)](#) or [print out a color PDF \(1.7 MG\)](#) for your use at home.

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[Word Scramble](#) (PDF): Unscramble the names of animals that rely on dead and dying trees for food and shelter.

[Matching Game](#) (PDF): Match the animal names to signs commonly found in nature – and learn what to look for on your next walk in the woods.



A Scholarship Note



Katie Breuckman, a four year recipient of the Breckenridge Chapter Scholarship, recently completed her senior year at the University of St. Thomas. She will soon enter graduate school to pursue a PhD degree or MD/PhD degree to continue to research environmental issues.

In her spare time Katie enjoys a variety of outdoor activities which have helped shape her environmental interests: cross country running, Nordic skiing, rock climbing, camping and hunting. She has also been an active participant in the St. Thomas sustainability club.

The Chapter recently received this thank you note from Katie. We wish her well as she continues her education!

Jim Arnold

“Dear Jim and Judy Arnold,

(and all of the wonderful members of the Breckenridge Chapter of the IWLA)

Thank you for all of your support during my college career! I can’t tell you how much it means to me to have received the “Defenders of Soil, Air, Woods, Water and Wildlife” scholarship for the past four years. This was not the senior year that I had imagined, but I count myself among those blessed to have been a part of the IWLA here in MN! I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy. Thinking of everyone and looking forward to a time and place when it is safe for us to gather once again.

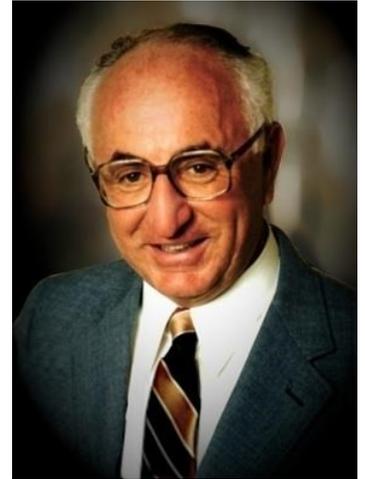
All the best,
Katie Breuckman”

Ray Haik

(as remembered by Dave Zentner)

Reprinted from Outdoor America

Ray Haik passed away November 9, 2019. Ray was IWLA national president 1959-60. For a considerable length of time preceding his election as national president, Ray was a leading force in Minnesota on behalf of the League, clean water, and protections for special places like the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.



He was a major player in a landmark legal action involving the State of Minnesota and the Izaak Walton League that succeeded in denying mineral prospecting in the Boundary Waters. He was a passionate advocate for “clean-government” and believed to his core that “we the people” are the government, we are responsible for what it becomes.

Ray was also a champion all his life for inclusivity. He challenged the Izaak Walton League in the 1950s and 60s to be open not only to a wide range of views on natural resource management, but also to be welcoming to people of all ages, gender, color, and ethnicity. He was very proud of his Lebanese heritage. He was an Army veteran, engaged in Korea. Ray had an abiding love for America, and a strong belief in our responsibility to serve our country in any way possible.

I learned many things from Raymond Haik and reflect with pride on our friendship. His lessons included “never let someone else tell you how to think about another person – seek your own information and take care lest you become too judgmental.”

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Barbara Franklin at: bbfrankli@gmail.com
Deadline is the 10th day of each month.

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**Thanks to Larry Kennebeck,
who often treats us to his outstanding nature photos on facebook**



Cypripedium acaule. First described in 1789 by Scottish botanist William Aiton, *C. acaule* is commonly referred to as the pink lady's slipper, stemless lady's-slipper, or moccasin flower. The pink lady's slipper is the provincial flower of Prince Edward Island, Canada, and the state wildflower of New Hampshire, United States. Its close relative, *Cypripedium reginae*, is the state flower of Minnesota.

Hyalophora cecropia, the cecropia moth, is North America's largest native moth (4"-6"). It is a member of the family Saturniidae, or giant silk moths. Females have been documented with a wingspan of five to seven inches or more. The cecropia is shown next to a "normal size moth" (according to Larry!)

