



Timberlines

W. J. Breckenridge Chapter Izaak Walton League

May 2014
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May

- 04 Pancake Breakfast 7:00-1:00
- 13 Board of Directors Meeting 7:30
- 27 Social/Educational Meeting 7:30

June

- 10 Board of Directors Meeting 7:30
- 24 Social/Educational Meeting 7:30

July

- 08 Board of Directors Meeting
- 22 Social/Educational Meeting



In memory of Floyd Anderson

May 27, 7:30 PM

Educational/Social Meeting

Bob Djupstrom, former Supervisor for the DNR Scientific and Natural Areas will give us a history of the program from inception. He will also address what he sees as problems with the current effort to turn the program into a recreational oriented; versus protection, studying and management effort for Minnesota plant, animal species and natural communities.

His past experiences:

Air Force as a preventative Medicine Specialist, 4 years; Bachelor's Degree in Wildlife Ecology, U of Wis. Madison; MN DNR Environmental Review Specialist, 3 yrs.; DNR Long Term Planning Supervisor, 4 yrs.; DNR Supervisor of Scientific & Natural Areas program statewide, 25 yrs.

20 yr. as member and Sec. of the Natural Areas Assn. of North America; Member of the Police Commission of White Bear Lake 12 yrs.; Volunteer of Tamarack Nature Center; avid big & small game hunter; avid fisherman, warm water species & stream trout; camping, canoeing & hiker in BWCAW, periodically.

This special meeting should be a great educational experience for those interested in the preservation and understanding of our Natural Heritage.

Walter J. Breckenridge Chapter of the Izaak Walton League

April 8, 2014

Board of Directors Meeting Notes

IWLA Member Pledge: We strive for the purity of water, the clarity of air, the wise stewardship of the land and its resources, to know the beauty and understanding of nature, and the value of wildlife, woodlands, and open space, to the preservation of this heritage, and to our sharing in it.

April 8thBoard of Directors Meeting
April 22thSocial/Educational Meeting
April 25-26.....MN Division State Convention and Annual Meeting
May 4thPancake Breakfast
May 13thBoard of Directors Meeting
May 27thSocial/Educational Meeting

Attendees: Steve Schaust, Patrice Lindgren, Vera Brown, Jim Arnold, Dick Brown, John Fraley, Barb Franklin, Wes Hendrickson, Roger Williams

Guest: Marlys Carls-Steiskal

IssuesDick/Bill

Social/Education Meeting Speakers

Speakers for April - Ellen Squires and Karin Sather (two of our scholarship recipients) will be presenters at the April 22nd program on their research from last summer's trip to Alaska, China and Siberia.

May – Scientific & Natural Areas Program (SNA), Dick will contact the DNR for a possible speaker.

June – First combined meeting with Audubon Society.

Dick – Additional information on SNA's was provided to the Board for review. Further discussion was held around the resolution that will be presented at the State Convention. Scheduled hearings began on April 1st, on the changes the DNR is purposing.

Jim Arnold and John Fraley will represent W. J. Breckenridge Chapter at the 5th annual Brooklyn

Center Earth Fest on Saturday, April 26th. Division State Convention and Annual Meeting will be held in Rochester, MN on April 25-26. The annual Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for Sunday May 4th. Volunteers are needed for various jobs.

Chapter House & Grounds ...Jim/Steve

Brad Larson donated a double oven to our kitchen remodel.

We would like to schedule a meeting with Mary Jo to review the boulevard garden plans. We would like to get this project started after the pancake breakfast. Best Buy has offered man hours that we will use to rebuild the river walkway. Work will take place in June or July.

NewsletterMarlys

200 flyers have been printed for the Pancake breakfast that can be distributed.

Treasurer's Report Vera

Update was given.

Scholarship CommitteeJim

The deadline for submitting application for this year's scholarship is Saturday, April 12th.

www.breckenridgeikes.org Barb

Update was given.

RentalsWes

1st quarter rental report was provided to the Board. To date there are 21 rentals on the books.

MembershipLorraine

No update was available.



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2010 & 2011 Scholarship winner heads to Antarctica

Using skills I learned at Stevens Point, Wisconsin during my undergraduate focus in natural resources and geographic information systems, I have taken the next step in my education by undertaking a Master's degree in Environmental Planning at the University of Minnesota. My skills learned in undergrad also allowed me to jump right into work at the Polar Geospatial Center (PGC) for my graduate assistantship. After a year of work, PGC felt that I was prepared to provide support to researchers in McMurdo Station, Antarctica during December of 2013 and January of 2014. The Izaak Walton League's support during my undergrad helped me reach such a remote and beautiful location, and has allowed me to support important research efforts in our polar regions.

During my time in Antarctica, it was my job to provide mapping support and expertise to researchers who were planning to go out into deep field camp locations. This ranged from scientists researching climate, ecology, geology, biology, and many other disciplines. This research is essential to helping us understand the ever changing world we live in, and we also help to ensure the safety of the researchers doing this essential work. We would create maps using high quality satellite images to inform scientists of changing ice conditions, hazards such as crevasses, and also to evaluate and classify various geographic features. I was also lucky enough to visit some remote location on the continent, as it was my responsibility to survey building boundaries to ensure that solar panel arrays were within an appropriate location as determined by the Antarctic Treaty. Outside of work, we had free time to enjoy the unseasonably warm weather. We had penguins waddling right up to us at the station, and I was able to win the ski marathon that they put on each year for US Antarctic program participants! For the next year, I'll be know as the Antarctic Ski Marathon World Champion!

I will be finishing up my Masters this May,

forward to entering the working world. I am still looking for positions, so if any Izaak Walton League members have any leads, I would love to hear about them. I hope that I can soon rejoin the Izaak Walton League and provide support to young and aspiring students as you helped me. I would like to thank you for the support you provided me in the past, and hope you enjoy a few pictures from my time in Antarctica.

Thank you,
William Risse

W. J. Breckenridge Chapter scholarship winner



OPINION- MNRRA Rules or Guidelines

On March 25, we had a good informational meeting on future DNR regulations of our area of the Mississippi River. Informational speakers were Irene Jones, Program Director for Friends of the Mississippi River and John Anfinson, Chief Resource Manager for the National Park Services Mississippi National River Recreation Area. (MNRRA)

Irene spoke and showed various scenic and historic sites along the river. She also showed us sights where poor planning has left scenic and environmentally degraded areas. John answered many questions about whether there should only be voluntary guidelines favoring local control or enforceable rules by the State. It was a fairly vigorous exchange of ideas and concerns and a good self-controlled meeting of around 50 persons. We need to thank our speakers for providing information important to us all.

As a member of the IWLA, who seriously considers our motto, I have some thoughts: There needs to be some definite basic enforceable rules by the State to insure quality environmental and scenic integrity of the river and its surroundings. Remember, this is a National treasure, not just a local stream. People from all over the State and Nation canoe, boat, fish and enjoy the scenery and even tour the Great River Road to get scenic glimpses of the Great River. Local control is fine for everything that does not affect the physical and aesthetics of the river and detrimental effects to the public downstream.

However, the local governments should be free to be more restrictive when deemed necessary.

We cannot alleviate mistakes of setbacks and heights in the past, but all new construction needs definite rules for esthetics and protection of the environment.

There are also some existing conditions that should be improved upon by mandate and government funding should be available for those who cannot afford it.

Very little has ever been accomplished to protect the environment and scenic places (which are part of the environment) without enforceable rules.

Dick Brown

The family of Floyd and Betty Anderson

would like to share a bit of sad news....that of Floyd's passing on Saturday April 5th 2014. Mom and Dad are finally together again and we just wanted to let you all know how much the IWLA and all of you meant to them....you all were a huge part of their lives for as long as they lived in Brooklyn Park.

After Mom passed away Dad couldn't drive any longer but he still loved to talk about their involvement in the Breckenridge Chapter and tried to keep in touch with many of you as he could. He found out last fall that he had advanced lung cancer and so began preparations for his departure. He was able to stay at home with the help of us kids and Methodist Home Hospice (as did Mom) and passed away comfortably and peacefully early Saturday morning.

Thanks to all IWLA Breck members who were friends of both Mom and Dad....you all meant more to them than you know.

REMEMBERING FLOYD L. ANDERSON

Floyd Anderson was a member of our chapter for over 20 years. He passed away on April 5, 2014. It is hard to remember all the things Floyd (and Betty) did for our chapter during those years. Floyd was a Board member for many years and attended several MN. Div. Board meetings. He was instrumental in helping write several resolutions our chapter sent to the MN Div. conventions.

Our greatest single influx of membership occurred when Floyd was Jesse Ventura's Campaign Manager when Jesse was running for Mayor of Brooklyn Park and they rented our chapter house as "headquarters".

I didn't know Floyd until he joined the Ikes. It was then we found out we were both raised within three blocks of each other in South Minneapolis. We attended the same schools, the same Sunday School but never met. We were 3 years apart.

Those who have been members for a longtime will feel great sorrow at Floyd's passing. Our chapter members extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Floyd Anderson.

Dick Brown

What We Learned at Brooklyn Center's Earth Fest

By Jim Arnold and John Fraley

On April 26th Breckenridge Chapter member Diane Sannes, along with fellow Brooklyn Center resident Jill Dalton, organized the fifth annual Earth Fest for their community. They filled the Brooklyn Center Community Center with local businesses, conservation organizations, churches, and student and government groups to provide information on what all of us can do to help the earth. The Breckenridge Chapter again had a table to promote the local IWLA. There was also a panel on "Maintaining Minnesota's Water Quality" featuring Hennepin County Commissioner Mike Opat, U. of Minnesota Professor David Mulla, State Senators John Hoffman and Chris Eaton and Della Young from Friends of the Mississippi.

Among the many interesting things we learned:

The Do It Green Directory lists over 100 green organizations and businesses (www.DOITGREEN.ORG).

Many Non-toxic cleaning recipes using common household supplies are available from the Pollution Control Agency (www.livinggreen.org).

About 30% of our trash is packaging. RethinkRecycling.com has many suggestions for reducing packaging waste.

Food waste accounts for 11% of garbage thrown away in the Twin Cities. Visit RethinkRecycling.com for excellent information on composting.

Techdump.org offers free electronic recycling and employs stable jobs for disadvantaged adults.

On May 3 "Citizens Climate Lobby" will hold meetings throughout Minnesota to introduce interested folks to their or-

ganization. See www.citizensclimatelobby-mn.org for more information.

Alliance for Sustainability is offering free watershed friendly maintenance to local congregations. Contact www.afors.org or 952 994 3746 for more information.

Minnesota nonprofit organizations can receive a free full-building energy efficiency review. Contact 952 562 8697 or info@EnerChange.org for more information.

An opportunity for Brooklyn Park residents to participate in planning for development around the Bottineau Light Rail Transit Station will take place at the city hall on Tuesday, May 20 at 6:00 p.m. Contact carolwoehrer@usfamily.net for more information.

Congratulations to Diane, Jill and the other Brooklyn Center residents who made this event possible

Izaak Walton League
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Defenders of Soil, Air, Woods, Waters and Wildlife

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY

MAY 4, 2014

8 AM - 1 PM



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& the Breckenridge Chapter College Scholarship Program*

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PLANT SALE!



RAFFLE!

Carbon in a Global Perspective

The Breckenridge Chapter's April 22nd program was a presentation of research projects undertaken last summer by two of our scholarship



recipients, Karin Sather and Ellen Squires. Both are students at St. Olaf College. Karin, a junior, is a Champlin Park graduate. Ellen, a senior, is an Andover graduate.

They traveled in Alaska, China, and Siberia to research the dynamics of carbon in global ecosystems. Ellen's research focused on the different impact on the permafrost when land is covered by Moss or lichens, while Karin's research was stream based. Hopefully this research will be helpful in providing more

information about greenhouse gas production. It is hoped that the research projects initiated by Karin and Ellen will be continued by other students in future summers.

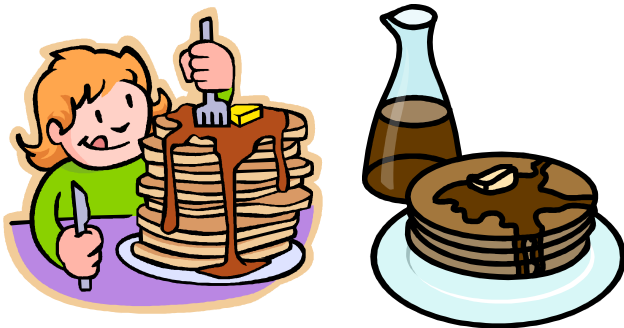
In addition to their research, it was interesting to view and hear about the different physical and political environments they experienced. It was clear that different countries and cultures view differently the importance of scientific research.



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PANCAKE BREAKFAST

May 4

7:00am—1:00pm

Come and support the
Breckenridge Chapter
Izaak Walton League

If you can provide light
refreshments for one of our
Tuesday meetings, please contact
Barbara Franklin
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Or bbfrankli@gmail.com

May 27—Mona Geeting
June 24—
(Jun-Aug with Audubon
let's be hospitable!)
Thank you!



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