



Timberlines

W. J. Breckenridge Chapter Izaak Walton League

January 2016

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Coming Events

January 2016

- 10 Board of Directors Meeting 7:00
- 23 set up for Holiday party
- 24 Holiday Party

February

- 09 Board of Directors Meeting 7:00
- Social/Educational Meeting 7:30
- Lee E. Frelich is Director of the University of Minnesota Center for Forest Ecology.
- "Climate Change Adaptation of Species"

March

- 08 Board of Directors Meeting 7:00
- 22 Social/Educational Meeting 7:30
- Becky Rom, speaker

Get Ready For the Silent Auction

Last year the profits from the silent auction were used for the kitchen fund. At this January's winter party we will revert to using the profits for our Chapter's scholarship fund. We will again have many unique items donated by our members as well as a number of services and gifts donated by local merchants. Be sure to arrive early to get a good look at all the items. Bidding will start at 4:00 pm and continue until 6:00 pm.

If you would like to donate an item, or if you know a nearby business that would be willing to make a donation, contact Jim or Judy Arnold (763 560 8972 or jjarnold@q.com). Items may be brought to the Chapter House between 1:00 and 3:00 pm on Saturday, January 23rd. Or, bring the item to the Chapter House by 4:00 pm on January 24th.





JWLA Breckenridge Chapter



**WINTER
PARTY**

Sunday, January 24, 2016

\$10 suggested donation

Proceeds go to the Breckenridge Chapter's Scholarship Fund

4 p.m. – Social Hour

Silent Auction (please bring auction items by 4 p.m.)

Hors d'oeuvres

Tom Ward plays hammered dulcimer

5 p.m. – Dinner

*This year the dinner will be catered by
Spectacular Catering (Carol Knutson)*

Bring desserts to share!

6 p.m. – Program

Stan Fekiela's

The Lives of Wolves, Coyotes & Foxes

*Please RSVP to Patrice Lindgren by Friday, January 15
612-298-6152 or pl201341@yahoo.com*

Everyone Welcome!

**Walter J. Breckenridge Chapter
of the Izaak Walton League**

December 8, 2015 Notes

Board of Directors Meeting

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.

December 8th Board of Directors Meeting
No Social/Educational Meeting in December
January 12th Board of Directors Meeting
January 24th Holiday Party

Attendees: Steve Schaust, Larry Kennebeck, Patrice Lindgren, Dick Brown, Wes Hendrickson, Jim Arnold, Bruce Miller, Barb Franklin, Joe Klohs, Tim Johnson

Guest: Marlys Carls-Steiskal

Events/Issues.....Dick/Larry/Jim

Social/Education Meeting Speakers

December – No Social/Ed meeting

February – Open

March – Rebecca Rom

Holiday Party - January 23rd has been scheduled for set up, and the party will be held on January 24th. This year's speaker will be Stan Tekiela, and Tom Ward will be providing music during the social hour. To take the food preparation burden off of our members and to showcase our new kitchen facility, it was decided that we would use Spectacular Catering to provide the meal for the holiday party. However, we will invite our members to bring a dessert to share.

Mill Pond high level update. The City Engineer is insisting on buffers, and there will be an 18 foot maximum water depth, the funding for the project will not be decided until May.

Dick Brown presented a draft letter addressed to Tom Landwehr, MN DNR Commissioner. The Minnesota DNR is supporting a rule to require non-toxic shot in WMA's, which our Chapter supports. We also support the request of the Friends of Minnesota Scientific and Natural Areas to amend the proposed rule to include SNA's where hunting is permitted.

Reminder - December 14th is the last date to contact the governor on sulfide mining and the concerns around water quality.

Chapter House & GroundsJoe/Jim/Steve

Fireplace repair update – On December 9th, a center pivoting damper repair will be completed, Mike Dilley donated the mechanism and the cost for installation will be roughly \$150 dollars. Mike also

took measurements of the fireplace door and will be looking for a new robust replacement door.

We will hold off scheduling a Chapter & Grounds Committee (previously the Kitchen Taskforce) meeting until after the holidays.

Chapter House street sign light is no longer working and needs to be addressed. Dennis Leslie has offered to take on the project and will provide the Board with possible options.

The repair rotting steps on the river walk was completed. A big, Thank You, goes out to Jim Arnold and Tim Johnson for making use of one of our warm winter days to complete the job.

Solar Update – Tim Johnson has spoken with the representative with Sun Share and they will provide us with a quote for participating with the solar garden.

Since our last meeting, the Chapter's water heater went out and needed to be replaced. Because the water heater is rarely used, it was suggested that we look into installing a timer to save energy.

Newsletter Marlys

A suggestion was made that we include our Chapter house rental information in the newsletter. Going rental information and rates will be included our monthly newsletter.

Treasurer's ReportJohn

No update was available at the time of our meeting.

ScholarshipsJim

- The quarterly financial update was given. A motion was made by Jim Arnold to approve the financial projections for 2016. Motion carried.

WebmasterBarb

We are having an issue posting our PDF copy of the current newsletter to our website after the upgrade from Publisher 2013 to 2016 completed. A recommendation was made to reach out to a support person with GoDaddy.

RentalsTim

Our rental rates have remained at the same level for several years, as part of updating our marketing materials for rentals, Joe Klohs volunteered to do a comparison of rates for facilities in our local area and will bring his findings to the next meeting for our review.

A motion was made by Tim Johnson, that going forward Sunday's for both non-members and members be charged at the same rate as other weekend days, Friday and Saturday, and that all holidays be charged at that same rate. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Tim Johnson, that the rates remain the same for Scout Troop rentals. Motion carried.

Kicking Off the 2016-17 Scholarship Program



The Breckenridge Chapter will soon send scholarship application materials to local schools and post the 2016-17 application on our web site. This will be the eighteenth year our chapter has made available \$500 scholarships to high school seniors and/or current college undergraduates. Thus far seventy-one scholarships totaling \$35,500 have been awarded to local students with a strong interest in, and a commitment to, environmental causes.

Last month the Chapter received large donations to the Chapter's Scholarship Endowment Fund from Tom and Marilyn Breckenridge, John Breckenridge and Larry Swanson. As treasurer, John initiated the scholarship program and the endowment program that funds it. It was a contribution from the estate of Larry's mother, Irene, that started the scholarship endowment. The Breckenridge family and others soon followed with other generous contributions. Tom and Marilyn, John and Larry have continued to make significant financial contributions. Their generosity has helped the endowment grow to \$50,000. Other members have helped the endowment grow through silent auction involvement as well as monetary contributions.

If you would like more information about the Chapter's scholarship program, or would like to learn how you make a contribution to the endowment, please visit the Chapter's web site or contact one of the scholarship committee members: Jim Arnold, Judy Arnold, Melissa Sonnenberg or Charlie Taflin.



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If you would like to submit an article for the Timberlines, please send it to
Marlys Carls-Steiskal at: **EditorBreckIWL@msn.com**
Deadline is the last day of each month.
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of the Breckenridge Board of directors.”**

Social/Educational Meeting February 23, 2016

Lee E. Frelich is Director of the University of Minnesota Center for Forest Ecology. He received a Ph.D. in Forest Ecology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1986. Frelich teaches courses in Forest Fire Ecology and Landscape Ecology on St. Paul Campus, and has advised 24 graduate students. Frelich has authored more than 140 publications with 120 coauthors from 15 countries, including major works for *Cambridge University Press* and *Oxford University Press*. He is listed among the top 1% of all scientists in the world in the Thompson-Reuters Web of Science, Essential Science Indicators, Ecology and Environment Category. His research has been featured in the news media over 400 times, including such venues as *The New York Times* and *National Geographic*. Frelich has provided consulting services on forest management for many government agencies, including The U.S. Army, Air Force, National Forest Service,

National Park Service, and Departments of Natural Resources in several states. Current research interests include fire and wind in boreal forests, old-growth hemlock and maple forests, invasive earthworms in forests, deer and moose browsing, patterns of tree height, and impacts of climate change.

Coming up in March Social/Ed Meeting March 22, 7:30 PM

...will feature **Becky Rom**, Board member of the Wilderness Society and past Exec. Dir. of the Friends Of The Boundary Waters. She will speak on the Federal Lands aspect of the Sulfide-Ore mining controversy and the opportunity to protect significant portions of the Superior National Forest and the Boundary Waters from harm that would be caused by proposed Copper mining. She is an excellent & energetic speaker.