



Timberlines

W. J. Breckenridge Chapter Izaak Walton League

October 2016
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Coming Events **October**

- 11 Board of Directors Meeting 7:00
- 22 Buckthorn Removal 9:00-4:00 All the help we can get, we can use.
- 25 Social/Educational Meeting 7:30
Mike Evanochek from Prairie Restorations,

November



- 08 Board of Directors Meeting 7:00
- 22 Social/Educational Meeting 7:30

December

- 13 Board of Directors Meeting 7:00



Buckthorn Removal Planned

Buckthorn is one of the most harmful invasive species in Minnesota. It crowds out native plant species and can be harmful to birds (acting as a laxative). We have removed many large trailer loads over the last five years. This year we will attack the large shrubs on the river bank as well as the smaller plants that are returning in some of the areas previously eradicated. We have made wonderful progress, but because buckthorn seeds can remain dormant for five years or more we need to make this an annual project. Please join us for a few hours or more on Saturday, October 22nd when we will pull and cut many of these destructive plants. Consider recruiting a friend to join us.

Here's the Plan

WHERE: Breckenridge Chapter House
(8816 West River Rd in Brooklyn Park)

WHEN: Saturday, October 22 9:00 -4:00
(join us for a few hours or the full day)

WHAT: Pulling, cutting, hauling, applying herbicide and having fun improving the Chapter. Tools, herbicide and instruction for use will be available. If you bring your own digging or cutting tools please label them. Gloves are a must.

Coffee, pop, treats, and other goodies will be available. Please contact Jim Arnold at (763 560 8972) or jjarnold@Q.com if you plan to attend or if you have questions.



Walter J. Breckenridge Chapter of the Izaak Walton League

September 13, 2016

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.

September 13th Board of Directors Meeting
September 27th Social/Education Meeting
October 11th Board of Directors Meeting
October 25th Social/Education Meeting

Attendees: Steve Schaust, Larry Kennebeck, Patrice Lindgren, John Fraley, Joe Klohs, Tim Johnson, Wes Hendrickson, Dennis Leslie, Barbara Franklin, Bruce Miller

Guest: Karen Ostenso, Marlys Steiskal

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

Social/Education Meeting Speakers
September – John Moriarty, Senior Manager of Wildlife at Three Rivers Park District

October – To be determined

November – To be determined

The fall State Board of Directors meeting is scheduled to be held at Breckenridge Chapter house on Friday, October 27th and Saturday, October 28th.

The 3rd in the series of meetings on the Sand Dunes State Forest was held on August 29th. The discussion for this meeting centered around recreational opportunities in the Sand Dunes. Some of the activities included camping, horse camping and possible hunting opportunities. Additional information can be found at <http://dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/sand-dunes/index.html>.

Chapter House & Ground Joe/Jim/Steve

The Board continued the discussion on boulevard garden plan and were shown the site of view triangle that was identified by the city.

The city minimum requirement is 30x30x30

Native plants that are salt tolerant

Replace lower worn out signs

New light fixtures

Update on fireplace project – A quote from Jim Peterson was e-mailed to BOD on 8/25/2016 was approved.

The work was completed on 9/13/2016.

Newsletter Marlys

If you have any articles or ideas for what you would like to see in the newsletter, send them to EditorBreckIWL@msn.com

Treasurer's ReportJohn

Update was provided.

ScholarshipsJim

No update was available at the time of the meeting.

WebmasterBarb

Update was provided.

RentalsTim

We have had 3 weddings in the past month. Rentals have slowed down, but the holidays are booked.

MembershipMary Ellen

The transitioning of responsibilities to Mary Ellen is almost completed and she will be responsible for the next membership mailing.



Scholarship winner says THANK YOU.

To the Breckenridge Ikes,

Thank you for the continual support of my education.

This year, I'm most looking forward to learning about Minnesota's unique ecology. As you all know, the wilderness of our state always lends itself to more learning.

Attending Ikes' meetings - & your chapters' especially - is encouraging. The curiosity in & passion for the natural world radiates from Breckenridge.

Thanks for including me in your mission,

Emily.

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**Social/Ed Meeting Tuesday,
Oct. 25, 7:30 PM.**

Mike Evanocek from Prairie Restorations, Princeton, MN. will speak on: Reasons for restoring prairies into our ecosystems; creatures that are dependent on prairie; methods for re-generating prairies and; methods of maintaining once established. Great knowledge for Environmental Conservationists!

Draw pictures or list the names of what you think grows on a prairie and bring it to the meeting and see how many you got correct,

Kyle Grindberg at the Bell Museum recently finished creating high resolution scans of all of Breck's "Original Binder" – the notes and scripts for his films and talks. In reading through it I came across this original poem. They haven't found the footage that goes along with this, but I think the imagery is wonderful, especially at this time of year! Hiawatha Valley is the stretch of the Mississippi from Red Wing down to Winona.

Barbara Franklin

AUTUMN COLOR

When autumn comes with color changes
and wild geese fly on south migration,
The reds and yellows and golds appear
for Hiawatha Valley's transformation.
Late goldenrod in yellow plumes
along the fields and marshy shores
Attracts the restless honeybees,
gathering their final autumn stores.
Our orchards show their bright red fruits
like tree-grown rubies on display,
While cardinal cloaks on old stone walls
are woodbine leaves in fall array.
Red maples glow like lazy flames
against October's azure blues
But brightest of all October's charms
are sumacs' deep vermillion hues.
When streams run low all through the woods
and brilliant leaves are dying,
The milkweed pods turn inside out
to set their seeds a-flying.
As colors rise to climax form,
the whitetails soak the warm sun rays
And people marvel hour by hour
at Hiawatha Valley's autumn days.

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Tuesday meetings, please contact
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October 25 - Tim Johnson
November 22 - Linda Eriksson
December 27 - No meeting
January - Holiday Party
February 28 -

