



Timberlines

W. J. Breckenridge Chapter Izaak Walton League November 2015

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Coming Events

November

- 10 Board of Directors Meeting 7:00
Social/Educational Meeting 7:30
Jennifer DeJournett and
Ann Rexine

December

- 10 Board of Directors Meeting 7:00
No Social meeting this month

January

- 10 Board of Directors Meeting 7:00
24 Holiday Party

Soc/Ed Meeting, Nov. 24th 7:30 PM

Two speakers will be featured at our program. **Jennifer DeJournett**, Three Rivers Park District Commissioner of Dist. 2 representing Brooklyn Park, Brooklyn Center, Champlin, etc. She will speak of on-going issues mostly in Elm Creek Park, but not exclusively.

Ann Rexine, Principal Planner for Three Rivers Park District, brings over ten years of planning experience to the organization, having worked at various levels of government before joining the Park District in 2010. She holds a master's degree in Landscape Architecture and a bachelor's degree in Environmental Design, which serves to balance the needs of the parks and recreation industry against the interests of municipal and private development. In addition to her work with the Park District, Ann serves as the Director of Communications for the American Society of Landscape Architects -Minnesota Chapter and is responsible for publishing their biannual trade magazine. She will speak mostly on planning for the West Mississippi River Trail in the area of Brooklyn Park and Champlin. This meeting will be interesting to those who love Elm Creek Park and the River Corridor.



Walter J. Breckenridge Chapter of the Izaak Walton League

October 13, 2015
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.

October 13thBoard of Directors Meeting
October 27thSocial/Educational Meeting
October 31stBuckthorn removal work day
November 10thBoard of Directors Meeting
November 24thSocial/Educational Meeting

Attendees: Steve Schaust, Patrice Lindgren, Jim Arnold, Dick Brown, Tim Johnson, Barb Franklin, Wes Hendrickson,
Joe Klohs **Guest:** Marlys Carls-Steiskal

Events/Issues.....Dick/Larry/Jim
Social/Education Meeting Speakers
October – Steve Woods, Fresh Water Society
November – Jennifer DeJournett, District 2 Representative for Three Rivers Park District
December – No Social/Ed meeting

We have been notified that the City of Brooklyn Park will hold a sanctioned deer hunt again this fall. The hunt is currently underway, as of the meeting 4 deer have been taken from the island. With the next round of hunting to held Monday October 19.

Holiday Party, January 23 for has been scheduled for set up, and the party being held January 24. The Fall Gathering and Board of Directors Meeting is being held at the Audubon Center of the Northwoods, in Sandstone, MN October 30-31 Registration needed by 10/14.

Buckthorn removal has been planned for – October 31, volunteers were asked to join us between 9:00 to 3:00.

There was a meeting on the West River Trail bike/walk path held at the club house, the conclusion was that the group that attended didn't want to be as a touch point. But, we could be used as rental or a point of interest. It was recommended that we keep in touch with this group; the first presentation will be in January.

Green Steep meeting is going to be held in Brooklyn Park on "The Role of Cities in Creating a Sustainable Environment and a Clean Energy Future on October 20th at the City of Brooklyn Park Council Chambers starting at 6:pm.
November 9th, Midwest office and the Land Stewardship is to form a Policy on the Mississippi River Basin Initiative on holding Ag Environmentally accountable. This meeting is in preparation to the Division meeting with other Basin State Ikes in Lacrosse.

Chapter House & GroundsJoe/Jim/Steve

Fireplace repair update - We have a person that will be here tomorrow that will give us an estimate on putting a new handle on the Damper. Door replacement still needs to be done; a recommendation was made and will be looked at again once we get the final proposal.

Kitchen remodel update/final cost. The kitchen is done, we would like to prepare a handbook on what the responsibilities for our renters.

Recycling center and utility closet plans – carried over to the next meeting.

Chapter House street sign light is no longer working and needs to be addressed.

Repair rotten steps on the river walk need to be replaced – carried over to the next meeting.

It was discussed that the Kitchen Taskforce should be renamed to Chapter House and Grounds Taskforce, and take on the responsibility of researching, prioritizing, and making recommendations to the board.

Joe and Patrice will gather the Kitchen Taskforce for a meeting.

Newsletter Marlys Update was given.

Treasurer's Report John

No update was available at the time of meeting.

ScholarshipsJim

No updates were available at the time of meeting.

WebmasterBarb

No updates were available at the time of meeting.

RentalsTim

At the time of our meeting we had a total of 7 rentals scheduled for the month of November.

Membership...Lorraine

The 2016 membership renewals will be sent out mid October.



Judy Arnold, Dean Halonen and Dell Erickson working on the Buckhorn crew.



Kathy Larsen worked hard with the Buckthorn project.

OPINION

Response to Poly Met's "What You Need To Know"

On Sept 9, 2015 in the Mpls. Tribune, Jon Cherry of Poly Met Mine Company wrote that an environmental impact statement showed that ground water from the project site will not move toward the Boundary Waters.

Perhaps that could be so. But what about other watersheds in the opposite direction where leakage could occur? Are other lakes, wetlands and streams to be sacrificed to possible inferior quality if leakage did happen? Outside of the BWCAW and Voyageurs National Park there are many natural areas that could be harmed by environmental degradation from sulfide mining. Whereas, these other areas may not be the "Crown Jewels" for ultimate protection, many of these areas are never the less important environmental "Jewels" that should be protected.

It would seem that any area that is presently dominated by great natural biological resources as NE Minnesota is should not be put in jeopardy by sulfide mining. Hoping for the best does not protect us from the worst! Maybe this is "what we need to know".

Dick Brown

MEETING WITH SENATOR JOHN HOFFMAN

On Oct. 9th several Ikes and others were invited by John Anderson of Conservation Minnesota to a special meeting with Sen. John Hoffman at the Brooklyn Park Community Center. Among the group were four Breckenridge Ikes. Some items discussed were: Poly Met Copper Mine, Wind and Solar, Fracking for oil and Gas, Silicone Sand Mining, Rails vs. Pipelines, Aquatic Exotics including Micro Beads (the new threat to fish, etc. The one hour session gave us the impression the Senator is with us on most issues.

Thanks to John Anderson and Conservation Minnesota.



Buckthorn Removal Activity at the Chapter House

Saturday, October 31, was a busy day at the Chapter House. Eleven Chapter members were there to clear buckthorn on an occasionally drizzly day. This is the fifth year we have worked at removing these invasive plants and the progress is obvious. Plants taller than three feet are rare. Only a few have berries.

Thanks to the following folks who worked on the Saturday project:

Dean Halonen
Kathy Larson

Barb Franklin
Jim & Judy Arnold

Dell & Linda Erickson
John Wexler

Karen Ostenso
Dan & Dave Sherva

A special thank you to Linda who again prepared a large crock pot of her squash soup, Judy, who made several batches of cheesy French bread, Dick Brown who supplied his large trailer and the City of Brooklyn Park for loaning us weed wrenches and providing a nearby location to dump the buckthorn plants.



The Sherva brothers were a big help pulling Buckthorn.



Linda and Dell Erickson know how to use the root puller loaned to us by the city.

Buckthorn Removal Activity at the Chapter House Chapter 2




Four days later, Tuesday, November 3, over 100 Outdoor Adventure students from Champlin Park H.S. came to the Chapter House grounds to continue the buckthorn removal. Ed Jones students came by bus in three stages. Each group worked hard for 30 to 40 minutes before returning to school. They were occasionally assisted by IWL members Barb Franklin, Tim Johnson, Joe Klohs and Jim and Judy Arnold. For the second time in four days we filled a large trailer with small buckthorn plants. Clearing buckthorn from the Chapter grounds is a major long term project that began in 2011. We have made significant progress and now have all of the larger shrubs/trees eradicated. Many small buckthorn plants remain, but we are seeing more native plants every year. Thanks to all of you who have contributed to this wonderful improvement to the Chapter House grounds.





Thank you Champlin Park H.S. Outdoor Adventure students.





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treats to the
November 24 meeting.

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