



Timberlines

W. J. Breckenridge Chapter Izaak Walton League

February 2016
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Coming Events

February

- 09 Board of Directors Meeting 7:00
23 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

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.

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

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

January 12, 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.

January 12th Board of Directors Meeting
January 24th Holiday Party
February 9th Board of Directors Meeting
February 23rd Social/Education Meeting

Attendees: Steve Schaust, Patrice Lindgren, John Farley, Jim Arnold, Joe Klohs, Dick Brown, Larry Kennebeck,

Tim Johnson, Barbara Franklin, Wes Hendrickson

Guest: Denise Leslie, Marlys Carls-Steiskal

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

Social/Education Meeting Speakers

February – Lee Frelich, Directory of U of M
Center for Forest Ecology

March – Rebecca Rom, Campaign to Save
the Boundary Waters

April - Open

Holiday Party – January 23rd has been scheduled for
set up, and the party will be held on January
24th.

Winter Gathering & BOD Meeting, on January 29th-
30th, at the REI in Bloomington.

Pancake Breakfast – Save the dates April 30th for set
up and May 1st for the breakfast.

The U. S. House of Representatives will vote the
week of January 11th on legislation that would
repeal the Clean Water rule. The IWLA
national office sent out an action alert to contact
our U.S. Representative to voice our opposition
to this measure.

Barb Franklin made a motion to have Dennis Leslie
to complete the remainder of Roger Williams
Board term. Motion passed.

Chapter House & Grounds ...Joe/Jim/Steve

Fireplace repair update – The damper still needs to
be addressed. We are looking at adding a cap to
the top of the chimney and an airtight door.

We will be scheduling a meeting with Chapter &
Grounds Committee (previously the Kitchen
Taskforce) in the month of February.

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.

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.

Newsletter Marlys

We are always looking for articles for the
newsletter. If you have something to share,
please e-mail your
articles to EditorBreckIWL@msn.com.

Treasurer's ReportJohn

Update was given.

Scholarships Jim

We received several contributions in December that
will be added to our scholarship fund. In the
coming weeks we will be reaching out to the
local High Schools and providing them with the
applications for students that are interested in
applying.

Webmaster Barb

We are still having issues with getting the
newsletter posted to our website. It was
suggested that we look into using IWLA
national connection.

RentalsTim

Joe Klohs provided a comparison of rental rates for
facilities in our local area for our review. One
thing we should consider is adding an hourly
rental for companies that would be interested in
using our facility for meetings during the
workday. It was also suggested that we consider
adding a WiFi connection. We will continue our
discussion at our next Board meeting. We have
6 rentals scheduled for the month of January.

Membership.....Lorraine

There are still several members that have not renewed
their membership for 2016.

Social/educational meeting treat list
Feb. 23 meeting: Patrice Lindgren
March 22 meeting: Tammy Halonen
April 26 meeting: Vera Brown
May 24 meeting: Judy Arnold

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OPINION
WOLF TRAPPING AND
HUNTING

From 1950-1980 I was a very adamant Pheasant and Ruffed Grouse hunter which included incidental Sharp-tail Grouse and Woodcock. I was a moderate Duck hunter and have shot 15-20 Deer from 1948-1015, sometimes 2 or 3 per season.

In 1980 I woke up! No longer would I blast the feathers of harmless fowl and my "smoke poles" have been nearly silent ever since. My efforts since 1980 have been to protect and enhance the lives of most feathered and furry friends with one main exception; the White Tailed Deer is destructive to much of the habitat of some species of wildlife but mostly to the recovery of our Pine and other forest species. Deer also spread the brain worm which is lethal to both Moose and Caribou. Maybe that is one reason Minnesota does not have Caribou anymore.

Where does the Wolf come in? They thin out the Deer herd even as "hunting enthusiasts" clamor for more deer to shoot. I was one. Today I realize that the Wolf is better at culling the Deer herd than hunters because Wolves are not trophy hunters. Yet I would not ban Deer hunting because there are too many for the re-generation of our natural forests,

especially White and Red Pines and White Cedar. The Ikes claim we are for "fair chase". In my opinion trapping is not fair chase! I believe hunting Wolves is probably acceptable because few Wolves are taken that way; providing the use of dogs or bait, airplane, or ATVs are prohibited. But trapping is somewhat non-selective and usually quite cruel as dog owners have noted.

Wolves have earned their place in the ecosystem through evolution and unless they become a un-equalizer, which they are not at this point, I say no trapping of Wolves, but taking with firearms may be permissible under certain conditions.

Today I am no longer a sport hunter, never was a meat hunter, and only fire a shot now and then to help balance the natural ecosystem.

As Defenders of Soil, Air, Woods, Waters and Wildlife, let's not forget the *first and last* words of our Motto! With evermore burdening increase of our human population on the natural world (which could be prevented) we must evolve our thinking to benefit all species of native flora and fauna. It seems not behooving to think only of the frivolous pleasures of our own species.

As times evolve, so should our thinking!

Dick Brown

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	Jim Arnold	2014		Scholarship	763-560-8972	jjarnold@Q.com
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	Tim Johnson	2014		Rentals	763-486-8139	johns860@mac.com
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	Wes Hendrickson	2014			763-566-7687	Hwesjudy@aol.com
	Joe Klohs	2014			763-566-7490	jklohs@live.com
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February in Minnesota



Dear Ikes,
Thanks so much for having us for our Core Planning Team meeting in December. We brought city staff, elected and community members together to discuss the community engagement initiative & start looking towards a new vision. I'm so glad they all got to experience your unique space on the river. The new kitchen is great too!
Thanks again,
Josie Shardlow



This was taken last summer. The feeder is hung just outside our dinette window. What a show! Vera



THE HOLIDAY PARTY



Over 75 folks attended the 2016 holiday party and enjoyed food, fellowship and the presentation. Pictures by Charley T and Diane S.

*** THE HOLIDAY PARTY ***

Thank you to the following local merchants who made donations to our silent auction:

- Biaggi's Ristorante Italiano 12051 Elm Creek Blvd., Maple Grove
- Brooklyn Park Liquor 8520 Edinburgh Center Dr, Brooklyn Park
- Claddaugh's Irish Pub 7890 Main Street, Maple Grove
- Girvan Grille (Edinburgh Golf Course) 8700 Edinbrook Crossing, Brooklyn Park 55443
- Hudy's Café 11350 Aquila Dr. N., Champlin, 55316
- Jet's Pizza 9730 Schreiber Terrace, Brooklyn Park, 55445
- Kwik Trip 5801 96th Ave N, Brooklyn Park 55443
- Noble Parkway Mobil 9500 Noble Parkway, Brooklyn Park 55443
- Papa John's Pizza 4610 85th Ave N, Brooklyn Park 55443
- Roasted Pear Restaurant 9690 Colorado Lane N., Brooklyn Park 55369
- Sammy Parrella's Restaurant 9750 Schreiber Terrace Brooklyn Park 55369
- Three Squares Restaurant 12690 Arbor Lakes Pkwy, Maple Grove 55369
- Trader Joes 12105 Elm Creek Blvd, Maple Grove 55369
- Up North Liquor 9570 Noble Parkway Brooklyn Park 55443



And, to the following members and friends of the Chapter who donated auction items:

Judy Arnold
Patrice Lindgren
Janet Tripp

Vera Brown
Hans Nielsen

Tim & Lori Johnson
Arlene Swanson

Special thanks to:

Patrice Lindgren and Steve Schaut for organizing the event, Carol Knutson of Spectacular Catering for providing a delicious meal, the many folks who provided desserts, Tom Ward who provided the wonderful background music on his dulcimer during the social hour and all those who took part in the silent auction.

In addition to providing a wonderful social event for the more than 75 folks who attended, the silent auction raised more than \$700 for the Chapter's scholarship fund. And, thanks to a generous gift of \$500 from Darby and Geri Nelson the scholarship fund increased by \$1,236.

The Program

The evening concluded with a wonderful program by naturalist and wildlife photographer Stan Tekiela on wolves, coyotes and foxes. Stan's enthusiasm for the natural world, his outstanding photographs and his many experiences with wild creatures always makes for an enjoyable program. If you would like to learn more about Stan, view some his photos, find out when he can be heard on the radio or purchase books and other products, visit his website: www.naturesmart.com

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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.

“All articles in this newsletter do not necessarily reflect the position of the Breckenridge Board of directors.”

Our Chapter House is for rent

Rental rates for events at our Chapter house were adjusted going forward for 2016. The changes made actually make rates easier to remember and more fair because we have equalized the fee for all weekend days and holidays. That means the rental fees for Sunday and all holidays were raised to equal what we have been charging for Friday and Saturdays nights. This will not affect the rates charged for scouting events which will remain at \$50 per event.

All rates are subject to change after the Board of Directors completes the review (which is under way) of the prevailing community rates. This is being done partly to reflect the increase value our facility offers after last summer's nice kitchen upgrade.

Chapter House Rental Rates*

Non-Members: (damage deposit: \$300.00; \$200 for previous renters) □
Monday through Thursday \$275.00 (effective 1/1/16) □
Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Holidays.... \$350.00 (effective 1/1/16) □
Members: (damage deposit \$100.00)
Monday through Thursday\$125.00 □
Friday, Saturday Sunday & Holidays... \$175.00

Boy Scouts: (damage deposit \$50.00)
Overnights.....\$50.00

*Rates and terms subject to change without notice; please contact the Chapter for special circumstances.

Rental Chairperson: Tim Johnson (leave messages at 763-561-5364)