



Iowa's Walking Club

Membership Meeting

July 20, 2020, at Shelter #3 Easter Lake Park

Thirteen people attended.

Rearview mirror

Full Moon Walk had 150 people! Facebook and newspaper coverage drove attendance up.

Central Iowa Weekend had 50 paid walkers. It was hot but fun!

Walk changes

Prairie City Neal Smith Wildlife walk is now available. The center is closed, but Peggy Doan has the walk box at her house.

Treasurer report for 6/30/20

Balance as of 5/31/20:	\$5,600.75
Deposits:	1,395.00
Withdrawals:	1,303.97
Balance as of 6/30/20	\$5,691.78

Income: Events, especially state park walks and AARP reimbursement for the Octoberfest event.
Expense: AVA, storage mart, and state park expenses. Most state park expenses are reimbursable from our Iowa Tourism Grant.

Program summaries

Little Free Libraries: Books sold 235, redeemed 77

Income:	\$2,350.00
Expense:	\$1,051.00

State Parks: 329 walkers

Income:	\$5,151
Expense:	\$4,467

Secretary needed!

Barb Stone has resigned as secretary because of conflicts. She did a great job, and we will miss her skills. If you want to be "in the room where it happens," consider volunteering for the next four months. You'll meet the wonderful volunteers that keep the club running, and learn how they do it!

Next meetings

While weather permits, we will meet outside on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 PM for a business meeting and friendship. The meeting location will be published in the newsletter and on the website.

Before the weather turns cold, we will decide how and if we can meet in person.

Aug 17 Gray's Lake, John Grubb Lane, Des Moines. Follow the road to the end (far) parking lot. Come early and do the Des Moines Waterways walk (walk box will be at the meeting). Bring bug spray, water, and a chair.

Sept 21 Legion Park, 301 Vine St, West Des Moines. Come early and do the West Des Moines Historic Valley Junction walk (walk box will be at the meeting). Bring bug spray, water, and a chair.

NOTE: This will be a coin drive—pay with your change! People have not been spending coins at places like laundromats, banks, restaurants, or shops because the businesses are closed, or people are not visiting them as often as they were before the pandemic. There's a shortage!

New counties for 2021

- Mitchell and Howard – Peggy Watts
- Winneshiek - Phyllis and Norma
- Allamakee – Susan P
- Appanoose – Deb Gaskins
- Warren – Diana R
- Louisa, Des Moines, and Lee – Peggy Watts

2021 convention in Madison

The club voted to volunteer as a group for one walk during the convention. Of course, members can volunteer in other capacities as they desire. More information to follow.

Next year's walks

- **Tie into community events.**
Each POC should notify Diana R of any community events that we can promote along with the walk in our event booklet. For example, the Mount Vernon Chocolate Stroll the first weekend in June and the Lisbon Sauerkraut Days in August.
- **Refresh and update any walks more than ten years old.**
POCs should walk their routes and verify that the map and directions are up to date. If possible, change up the walk a little to increase interest. For example, change the route slightly to pass different homes or sites of interest.

The Big Give

The club voted to send \$150 to the Big Give. AVA provided much support for the state park program. The members of the region with the largest donation will be able to go to the head of the line at the meals at the 2021 convention in Madison. Woo hoo!