

Iowa's Walking Club Aug Meeting on Aug 18 2020, at Gray's Lake

20 people attended, including our new member Christine!

Minutes

Minutes were approved.

Treasurer report

Balance 6/30/20	\$5691.78	
Income	1667.00	Events, donations
Expenses	1338.34	AVA fees, Storage Mart
Balance 7/31/20	\$6020.44	

Committee Reports

Starting Point book orders due Sept 30th. Contact Jan Dunn. The paperback book lists all walks in the U.S. by state and city. Keep a copy in your car, since some locales do not have cell phone reception

Old Business

Walk changes

Palisades-Kepler and Lake McBride state parks are closed because of damage caused by the derecho. Ledges is partially closed. Big Creek was closed but has reopened. Other parks may have varying degrees of trail closures. Visit www.iowadnr.gov for the latest information.

New walks for 2021

Allamakee County: Effigy Mounds National Monument, Harpers Ferry
Appanoose: Centerville
Dickenson:
Lee and Van Buren: Shimek State Forest Preserve, Farmington
Des Moines County: Burlington
Mitchell and Howard: Riceville
Union:
Warren: Annett Nature Center and Park, Indianola
Winneshiek: Decorah

Retired Walks

West Des Moines
Mt Vernon/Lisbon
Iowa City
Belmond
State parks except for Palisades Kepler

2021 convention in Madison

The club will be volunteering at the Galena Pre-walk on Sat, June 26. Tater Tours has expressed interest in including several Iowa walks on their Convention tour.

Next meeting

6:30 PM Sept 21 at Legion Park, 301 Vine St, W Des Moines. Come after 4:30 p.m. to do the West Des Moines Historic Valley Junction walk (walk box will be at the meeting) beforehand. Bring bug spray, water, and a chair. NOTE: This will be a coin drive—pay with your change!

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Grant Money

Because of COVID-19, the club has not used all \$5000 of the *Travel Iowa* grant money. Peggy asked the group to brainstorm ideas for print materials that we could use going into future years.

Oct 7 Healthiest State Initiative Annual Walk

We have organized a 30 minute walk to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Healthiest State Initiative Annual Walk. Our club's 3k walk starts at 5:30 p.m. from the Rainbow Sculpture in the Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden parking lot. To register click <http://www.iowahealthieststate.com/events/walk-details/3650/>

Sep 4 Meals from the Heartland

Deb G has scheduled Fri Sept 4 for packaging meals tentatively 10-noon. Contact Deb Gaskins with questions or to express interest. More information here <https://mealsfromtheheartland.org/get-involved/packaging-faqs/>

T-Shirts

Susan P still has a few S, M and L State Park t-shirts for \$14.

Nominating Committee

Phyl is on the Nominating Committee for the AVA. The election will be in March. Susan P will be up as the next Regional Director; Butch is not running again.