Chippewa Moraine Chapter of the Ice Age Trail

Chapter Meeting – May 19, 2025

Chippewa County Courthouse

Attendees: Vicki Christianson, Julie Kosher, Pat Kosher, Tom Kolb, Dave Lundberg, John Stupak, Libby Stupak, JoAnn Parks, Ann Hansen, Norm Card, Dave Hladilek, Bob Mitchell, Julie Mitchell, Diane Harp, Steve White, Linda Berg, Kyle Berg, Mary Skalecki, Jeff Luthanen

1. Call to Order, Introductions:
   1. Vicki called the meeting to order at 5:35. Introductions of new members and visitors were made.
2. Reports, Updates, and Discussion:
   1. Minutes of March 17, 2025:

* The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed. A county selective logging project will begin soon at Firth Lake. John Stipek made the motion to accept the minutes and Tom Kolb seconded. The motion passed.
  1. Treasurer’s Report:
* Tom Kolb reported that there hasn’t been much activity. Merchandise is still being sold at the Obey Center. A $500 donation was received by the 50K Run organization in appreciation for clearing the trail. This donation is not in the checkbook yet. Tom sent a thank you for this donation. Ann Hansen made a motion to accept the report and Pat Kosher seconded it. The motion passed.

1. Trail Report:
   1. The archeological surveys are underway at Kim’s Crossing/Deer Lake and at Otter Lake. Paperwork is expected to be completed in August. Assistance will be provided by Dave Carew with a mini-excavator and a group from WisCorps. Exact dates have yet to be determined.
   2. A minor reroute will be done this summer on the Firth Lake segment south of 250th.
   3. Reroutes are flagged along Firth Lake west of the boardwalk and east of Deer Lake. This will have to get on the list for the archeological surveys.
   4. Other possible re-routes are being considered including east of Plummer Lake Road, where the trail runs on old troad, getting off the shared horse trail east of Kim’s crossing, and around badly eroded trail on both sides of the stream crossing at the Krank Preserve.
   5. Work completed so far:
      1. The ARC123 survey has been completed.
      2. The puncheon and short boardwalk on the Dumke Lake loop were both replaced.
      3. At the April workday, the crew worked south from the trailhead at 267 and repaired and upgraded the trail.
      4. The Kendall Bridge was leveled and made solid.
      5. At the May workday, the crew cleaned up the view shed at the North Shattuck Lake bridge, repaired eroded trail, and installed water diversions.
   6. The May and August workdays coincide with the projects at Blue Hills. The suggestion was made to check the MSC project calendar in November and plan the 2026 workdays around these projects.
   7. The Firth Lake boardwalk gets overgrown with plants. Ann Hansen will add this trimming project to her list.
   8. Carpentry crew would like to restock 4x4 posts and 2x6 (?) boards. They will turn in a request to Tom Kolb.
2. Old Business:
   1. Ice Age Trail volunteer awards were presented to the volunteers who did not attend the conference. These included the following:
      1. 100 hours – Julie Mitchell
      2. 250 hours – Bob Mitchell, Ann Hansen
      3. 1000 hours – Dave Lundberg
      4. 3000 hours – Diane Harp, Steve White
      5. 20 years – Diane Harp, David Rasmussen
      6. In the Mud – Ann Hansen.

Vicki also passed out IAT bandanas.

* 1. The Alliance has developed signs for the Kiosks. The idea is that Kiosks across the state would have standardized information. There will still be room for local information. These signs will need to be purchased by the chapter. Vicki shared examples. The members in attendance will vote at the end of the meeting on which designs they like the best.
  2. The First Sunday of May Hike was held on May 4th. Seventeen people attended which included seven members and ten local people. The participants were a good mixture of adults and children.

1. New Business:
   1. The Indianhead chapter is now known as Trap Rock.
   2. Two First Aid/CPR classes will be held at Camp Nawakwa. These are being taught by IAT staff. The first invite is for the Class of 2023. Anyone interested in being a swamper/sawyer should take the class.
   3. The Alliance has also developed QR codes for Shuttlers. This can be used for people who want to donate. Vicki passed out laminated cards for those that shuttle.
   4. Volunteers are needed to help with the National Trail Day Hike which will be held on June 7th beginning at 9:00. This hike will take place at Firth Lake. Dave will mow the boardwalk if needed prior to this event. The second hike is the Summer Solstice Hike which will take place on June 20th at Camp Nawakwa beginning at 6:30. A hike up Mt. Baldy will be included. Participants should bring flashlights.
   5. A suggestion was made to add the meeting agenda and minutes to the Chapter Website. This website has been updated thanks to Richard Smith. Everyone is encouraged to view it.
2. Upcoming Dates:
   1. June 7: National Trail Day Hike
   2. June 9/10: First Aid/CPR
   3. June 20: Summer Solstice Hike
   4. June 21: Chapter Work Day
   5. July 21: Chapter Meeting and Picnic – Mill Yard Park – 5:30 pm