



THE NEWSLETTER

Dubuque County Conservation Society
"Organized in 1933 for Protection of Soil, Forests, Waters and Wildlife"
P.O. Box 645
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Unaudited Minutes – May 9, 2017

Present: Punkie Birkel, Pat Hayes, Mark Kaufman, Whitey Kemp, Connie Kintzle, Tom Klinge, Bev Rettenmeier, Dan Simon, Sandy & Bob Walton

Mark Kaufman called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

Minutes: April 11, 2017 meeting minutes were approved after a motion by Whitey and second by Bob.

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Pat which was seconded by Bev to approve the Treasures report.
Connie reported that Attorney Kurt had completed the 990 at a cost of \$450.
It was requested that Connie add a grand total line to the report/

Membership: There are a number of members who have not renewed. We will discuss sending a letter to them.

Old Business;

We need pictures to update the book and add to the website.

McLaughlin Wildlife Area: Pat indicated the oak trees are leafing out. He would like to cut more of the autumn olive and spray it. The trees are small enough they can be cut with a pruner.

Hafeman Wildlife Habitat Area: Pat suggested that we plant prairie grass where the cottonwood trees have been chopped. If we want to keep this long term, we need some long range plans. Bob indicated that he is willing to meet with Chris Heir to get suggestions on the area. We agreed that the DNR can put in a food plot.

Leifker Wildlife Area: Although we got a little wet, tree planting was completed on April 14. Several of us hand planted oak trees, donated by Leo Frueh, along the Maquoketa River. Not sure how they are doing since the flooding. 2 or 3 families showed up to assist.

Oxford Junction Property: Tree planting was started on April 14 and completed April 15. Tim was concerned about the weather predictions so wanted to get it done as soon as possible. A delicious lunch was served to those who were able to volunteer.

Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque: Great Give Day is May 11. Tom will send an email with the link to all members for whom we have an email address.

Operation Releaf program: all the paperwork has been completed. Administrative revenue was \$2425.20.

Website: <http://www.dbqccs.org/> Connie has added some information to the website. We still need pictures.

Board Member Field Trip: Bob Walton plans to escort our Board Members through the Lost Mound Unit of the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge at the Savanna Depot Park (formerly the Savanna Army Depot) on RT 84 South. The tour will go as scheduled on May 11, from 9 till noon. There will be 9 people going – meeting at 7:30 on the side street by Fed Ex.

New Business:

Mark, Dan & Bob intend to join Kurt Kremerer on a May 24, visit with one of the owners of the property near White Pine Hollow.

A Cascade teacher was looking for a donation of fruit trees for a garden project. The board decided it wasn't the type of request we would accommodate. Motion by Dan and seconded by Punkie to disregard the request, all agreed.

The next meeting will be in September.

Bev made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 PM. Connie seconded it and the meeting was adjourned.

Audited Minutes – April 11, 2017

Present: Pat Hayes, Mark Kaufman, Paul Kaufman, Whitey Kemp, Connie Kintzle, Dan Simon, Bob Walton, Mark Kaufman called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Minutes: March 14, 2017 meeting minutes were approved after a motion by Connie and second by Pat.

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Whitey which was seconded by Paul and approved.

Membership: There are about 10 members who have not renewed.

Old Business;

McLaughlin Wildlife Area: Mark mentioned that it is getting green in the small field where it was burned last fall.

Hafeman Wildlife Habitat Area: Pat girdled some trees and mentioned that the deer have a path through the property. Mark will check to see if the cottonwood trees are sprouting.

Leifker Wildlife Area: Tree planting April 14 @ 1 PM. Check our Facebook page for updates.

Oxford Junction Property: Tree planting April 15.

Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque: Great Give Day is May 11. Connie reported that our DFGD page has links to both our website and facebook page.

Operation Releaf program: We received reimbursement from the DNR and Olge's has been paid.

Website: <http://www.dbqccs.org/> We met in the Roshek Building on March 28 to discussed the website which will be updated.

BlueBird House Workshop: We had a good turnout at the March 25, workshop and welcome 3 new members Dale, Sarah and Paulette. Tom Klinge provided the chili lunch which was delicious. Thanks to all who made the day a success.

Board Member Field Trip: Bob Walton plans to escort our Board Members through the Lost Mound Unit of the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge at the Savanna Depot Park (formerly the Savanna Army Depot) on RT 84 South. The tour is planned for May 11. The maximum number of people who can be on the tour is 14 which is why it is limited to DCCS Board Members. Reservations must be in by the May 9 meeting.

Lost Mound Unit of the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge: This area is open to the public. The Savanna District office is located in the Ingersoll Wetlands Learning Center, located at **7071 Riverview Road, Thomson, Illinois 61285**. There are exhibits and a small gift shop in the Visitor Center.

The Lost Mound Unit of the Refuge derives its name from a prominent geologic feature, Lost Mound, located in the adjacent bluffland. The area contains about 7,000 acres of uplands including the largest remnant sand prairie in the state, and 5,500 acres of bottomlands and is listed as a statewide significant natural area by the Illinois Natural Areas Inventory. At least 47 Illinois endangered and threatened plant and animal species have been observed at the Depot.

The Depot was used as an artillery test firing site from 1918-1919 and as an ammunition recycling, storage and testing facility from 1919-2000.

If traveling south on Hwy 84, you might want to stop 10 miles north of the Refuge to the visit the **Mississippi Palisades State Park** at **16327A IL Rte. 84 Savanna, Illinois 61074** where you can hike up on a bluff where you can enjoy a spectacular view of the Mississippi River.

New Business: There was no new business to discuss.

Property Update

Submitted by Mark Kaufman

We are in the process of purchasing 20 acres of property in Dubuque County. This land is attached to the Ram Hollow area owned by the Iowa DNR.

Thank You

We want to express a special thank you to the eight donors who gave to the Dubuque County Conservation Society on Great Give Day. Thanks to them we received the following donations:

Donations on Great Give day	\$433.84
Matching funds	\$50.68

This is an annual event so watch the early 2018 newsletters for more information.

Lost Mound Unit Tour

Submitted by Pat Hayes

We want to give a special thanks to board member Bob Walton for taking the time on May 11th to give the rest of the Society's board members a tour of the Lost Mound Unit of the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge. The area is located north of Savanna Ill at the old Savanna Army Depot.

The Lost Mound unit is a significant Natural Area which includes 7000 Acres of Upland and 5500 Acres of bottom land. At least 47 endangered and threatened plant and animal species have been observed on the area.

To be able to view such a large area of native plants and the associated wildlife was really a treat. Prickly pear cactus was abundant as were deer and turkeys. I was impressed with the vastness and how quiet it was while we were there.

Events Calendar

Swiss Valley Nature Center/Mines of Spain/Audubon Society/Hurstville Calendars

All programs are subject to weather conditions. To check for changes to this schedule, check the websites in the list of organizations below. The programs are open to the public and are designed for people of all ages unless otherwise described. For additional info or preregistration contact one of the following depending on the program's location:

Swiss Valley Nature Center, 13606 Swiss Valley Road Peosta, IA 52068, 563-556-6745. www.dubuquecounty.org or you can search for "Swiss Valley Nature Center Facebook".

EB Lyons Interpretive Center, 8991 Bellevue Heights, Dubuque, IA at 563-556-0620. www.minesofspain.org

Hurstville Interpretive Center, 18670 63rd Street, Maquoketa, IA at 563- 652-3783. www.jacksonccb.com

Dubuque Audubon Society, P.O. Box 3174, Dubuque, IA 52004-3174, 563-582-215. www.audubondubuque.org/

Isaak Walton League, 11001 Thunder Hills Rd, Peosta, IA 52068, 563-556-6020. www.facebook.com/izaakwalton.dubuquechapter

REMEMBER: At the Swiss Valley Nature Center Park Packs are available at no cost and when the snow starts flying snowshoes & Cross Country Skiis will be available also at no cost.

Catfish Creek Float Thursday, June 15, 6:00PM-7:30PM, Meet at Mines of Spain canoe launch

Grab a paddle and enjoy a leisurely float down Catfish Creek. Bring your own boat or canoes and kayaks are available to rent but supply is limited and will be given out first come, first serve

Becoming an Outdoor Woman: Summer Workshop Saturday, June 17, 7:30 AM-2:30 PM, Izaak Walton League

Interested in learning about more in the outdoors? Try rifle, shotgun, archery, fish cleaning, cooking, fly fishing and more! Ages 18 and up. \$5 for lunch, pre-registration required, call 563-556-6745

Pups in the Park Tuesday, June 20, 6:30PM-7:30PM, Mines of Spain-Horseshoe Bluff

Come enjoy an evening on the trail with your canine companion and fellow dog lovers.

Picnic in the Park: Nature Crafts Wednesday, June 21, 11:00AM-1:00PM, Swiss Valley Park– Walnut Pavilion

Pack a lunch and join a naturalist to use natural materials to make some awesome crafts! Call 563-556-6745 to register

Archery Wednesday, June 21, 5:30PM-7:30PM, Swiss Valley Nature Center

A naturalist will lead you through basic archery techniques, then hit the range to show off your skills. Program is limited to 20 participants. Free. Registration required, call 563-556-6745

Flowers on the Prairie Saturday, June 24, 1pm Hurstville Interpretive Center

Learn about prairie wildflowers and their medicinal and food uses during the times of early pioneers and Native American Peoples.

Picnic in the Park: Nature Journals Wednesday, July 5, 11:00AM-1:00PM, Swiss Valley Park– Walnut Pavilion

Pack a lunch and join a naturalist as we make a nature journal to take home.

4th of July Butterfly Count Sunday, July 9, 2017

1:00 PM | EB Lyons Interpretive Center or Swiss Valley Nature Center

4:00 PM | Meet at E.B Lyons Interpretive Center

This is a great family fun. Join Audubon for a fun hike filled with excitement! We will be conducting citizen science to catch identify and release butterflies. Nets will be provided. Bring water, hat, and sun screen. At 4:00 PM Tally results over your own picnic supper at E.B. Lyons Interpretive Center. Meet in the picnic area adjacent to the parking lot.

Pups in the Park Tuesday, July 11, 6:30PM-7:30PM, Whitewater Canyon

Come enjoy an evening on the trail with your canine companion and fellow dog lovers.

Heritage Splash n' Dash Saturday, July 15, 9:00AM race start

A 5K run and swim race at Heritage Trail. Will serve as fundraiser for the Friends of Dubuque County Conservation.

Register at itsyourrace.com

Butterfly Roundup Saturday, Jul 15, 10:00 AM Hurstville Interpretive Center

Join a naturalist in catching and identifying the butterflies in the Hurstville Prairie. Learn more about butterflies in Iowa and how to identify them.

Herps of Iowa Saturday, Jul 22, 1:00 PM Hurstville Interpretive Center

Learn all about reptiles and amphibians of Iowa. Shed skin like a snake, touch live animals and take part in helping collect some critters too!

Pups in the Park Tuesday, July 25, 6:30PM-7:30PM, Meet at Heritage Pond

Come enjoy an evening on the trail with your canine companion and fellow dog lovers.

Picnic in the Park: Native American Games Wednesday, July 25, 11:00AM-1:00PM, Swiss Valley Park– Walnut Pavilion

Pack a lunch and join a naturalist to try out a variety of games the Native Americans used to play

Adult Outdoor Play Day Friday, July 28, 4:00PM-7:00PM

We will be leading sessions on kayaking, paddle boarding, and yoga. Come out and play! Ages 16 and up. Cost \$30/person, register @ www.getmeregistered.com

Amazing Nature Race Sunday, July 30, 1:00-4:00, Swiss Valley Nature Center

Get a team together and put your skills to the test as you complete a variety of tasks and challenges in a race against the clock.

Register your team @ www.getmeregistered.com

Pups in the Park Tuesday, August 8, 6:30PM-7:30PM, Bergfeld Pond

Come enjoy an evening on the trail with your canine companion and fellow dog lovers.

Picnic in the Park: Creek Explorers, Wednesday, August 9, 11:00AM-1:00PM, Swiss Valley Park– Walnut Pavilion

Pack a lunch and get a naturalist as we get wet & wild. We will discover what lives beneath the surface of Catfish Creek.

Paddling Excursion Sunday, Aug 12, 8:30 AM Hurstville Interpretive Center

Enjoy a morning of paddling on the wetland. Canoes and kayaks available on a first-come-first-served basis. Free and open to all ages.

Float & Bird Saturday, August 19, 11:00AM-1:30PM, Meet at Mud Lake canoe launch

Float the mighty Mississippi and enjoy the scenery and the diversity of birds that call it home. Bring your own boat or borrow one of ours, supply is limited. Cost \$8/person and includes sack lunch. Register @ www.getmeregistered.com

Pups in the Park Tuesday, August 22, 6:30PM-7:30PM, Swiss Valley Nature Center

Come enjoy an evening on the trail with your canine companion and fellow dog lovers.

Other Events Calendar

Summer Farmer's Market Saturday 7am-noon 13th and White steets

Board Members 2017

Name	Title	563 except as noted	Name	563 except as noted
Mark Kaufman	President	879-3452	Gerda Preston Hartman	588-0649
Pat Hayes	Vice President/ Membership	542-2960	Whitey Kemp	582-7752
Connie Kintzle	Treasurer	583-3907	Punky Birkel	
Tom Klinge	Secretary/Newsletter	815-747-7786	Dan Simon	583-0514
			Paul Kaufman	583-5030
			Bob Walton	
Bev Rettenmeier		563-552-1009		

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Reminders:

The next meetings will be held **Tuesday, September 12, 2017 and Tuesday October 10, 2017 06:00 pm** on the second floor of the Oky-Doky at 250 West 1st street. All Members are invited and everyone is encouraged to attend.

Check the event calendars for some exciting things to do.

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