



THE NEWSLETTER

Dubuque County Conservation Society
"Organized in 1933 for Protection of Soil, Forests, Waters and Wildlife"
P.O. Box 645
Dubuque, IA 52004-0645

Unaudited Minutes – January 9, 2018

Present: Gerda Preston Hartman, Pat Hayes, Mark Kaufman, Paul Kaufman, Whitey Kemp, Connie Kintzle, Tom Klinge, Dan Simon

Call to Order: Mark Kaufman @ 18:04

Approval of minutes: Tom Klinge M - Paul S – Gerda

Treasurer’s Report: Connie Kintzle M - Tom S – Pat

Membership report: Pat Hayes/Connie Kintzle Sent letters to all members: Dues due and Thanks for being a member

Old Business

Pictures From all properties – Tom got a DVD from Tim. Need to upload

McLaughlin Wildlife Area – need to cut stuff under high power line

Cutting of Autumn Olive

Hafeman Wildlife Habitat Area: No status

Leifker Wildlife Area No status

Oxford Junction Property No status

Update to the booklet

Status from Pat- review changes to brochure – Need to review and comment

Website: <http://www.dbqccs.org/>

Need to add business member list

Add pictures

Elections: President – Mark, VP – Pat, Secretary – Tom, Treasurer – Connie, Membership – Connie/Pat

Newsletter estimates from DBQ Advertiser

Eagle Watch – need to print 30 booklets

New Business

DNR wants to buy more land at Oxford Junction. Paul made a motion to match donations up to 100K, seconded by Tom and the motion passed.

Adjournment @ 19:05 M - Connie S – Gerda

Minutes – December 12, 2017

Present: Punkie Birkel, Gerda Preston Hartman, Pat Hayes, Paul Kaufman, Whitey Kemp, Connie Kintzle, Tom Klinge, Bev Rettenmeier, Bob Walton

Meeting Location: Swiss Valley Nature Center

Speaker: Brian Preston reported the plan for the Hafeman Wildlife Area

Mark Kaufman called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

Minutes: Meeting minutes from Nov were approved after a motion by Bev and second by Paul.

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Paul which was seconded by Bev to approve the Treasures report.

Membership: The membership committee will meet to discuss what the step will be regarding members who didn't renew in 2016. Pat will draft a letter for our members explaining the projects that we continue to do on a regular basis and provide information regarding the properties we have purchased or have assisted in purchasing.

McLaughlin Wildlife Area:

Cutting of Autumn Olive still needs more work

Hafeman Wildlife Habitat Area:

Long term plans need – 1.33 acres by parking lot has lots of ragweed. The back are food plot, 2.75 acres will be short grass prairie with wildflowers. Late in the season we will spray roundup, burn it, and hand broadcast seeds. Cost will be \$240/acre. Bev made a motion to approve the funding, seconded by Paul.

Plant Prairie grass

Leifker: The public has been hunting and fishing here. The trees that were planted last year seem to be doing okay.

Oxford Junction: The trees and shrubs are growing. Pat mentioned that there isn't any driving access beyond the parking lot.

Website: <http://www.dbqccs.org/>

Add the business member list.

Add pictures

Update booklet. Pat is updating the verbiage, Tom is uploading pictures to Google. Might need picture from Tim Fiedler. Need to add Ram Hollow, Leifker, Oxford Junction, and \$5,000 to wetland next to Heritage Trail.

Tom will take 100# of sunflower seeds each to Swiss Valley and EB Lyons.

Elections will be held in January

Motion by Paul to have a table at the Eagle Watch, seconded by Bev and the motion passed. Pat will work 10:30-end of day, Paul 08:00-10:30, Tom all day, Bob and Connie will be there as their schedule permits. Connie gave a check to Brian to pass on to Allie.

Motion by Paul to approve \$54 for the PO Box, seconded by Punkie and the motion passed.

Connie will pay the next time she goes to the Post Office.

Tom will get a quote from the DBQ Advertiser to print and mail the newsletter.

Pat will deliver bird seed to Joann and Joe.

We will Operation Re-leaf on April 28.

Connie moved to adjourn at 19:06, seconded by Bob.

DNR News

Deadline extended for Iowans to comment on water quality standards goals for streams, rivers

MEDIA CONTACT: Matthew Dvorak, DNR, at 515-725-8397 or Matthew.Dvorak@dnr.iowa.gov

DES MOINES — The DNR is extending the submission deadline for comments on water quality standards in Iowa to March 30.

The DNR wants to know Iowans' thoughts on improving the state's water quality goals as the DNR conducts its every -three-years review of water quality standards.

For additional information on the state's water quality standards and the triennial review process, please visit the DNR's water quality standards webpage at: <http://www.iowadnr.gov/Environmental-Protection/Water-Quality/Water-Quality-Standards>.

The public can submit written comments to Matthew Dvorak, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, 502 E. Ninth St., Des Moines, IA 50319, or by email at matthew.dvorak@dnr.iowa.gov.

We must “continue the conversation” following passage SF 512From www.iowaswaterandlandlegacy.org

Submitted by Pay Hayes

Iowa’s Water and Land Legacy (IWILL) Coalition issued the following statement regarding passage of Senate File 512 by the Iowa House of Representatives:

“We appreciate the Legislature’s continued attention to water quality, but this effort is incomplete. There remains much more work to be done. The cost of the nutrient reduction strategy is estimated at over \$4 billion and Iowa needs immediate, substantial, dedicated funding and a collaborative watershed approach to adequately implement that strategy.

“We share the Governor’s assessment, made just weeks ago during the Condition of the State address, that passage of water quality legislation does not end discussion, but rather ‘ignites the conversation to scale and implement practices that will continue to make an impact on water quality.’

“Iowans are not only ready for that conversation, but they are ready for a long-term solution. In 2010, 63 percent of voters established the National Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund. Recent polling has found support for clean water, productive agricultural soils and thriving wildlife habitats through funding the Trust has only grown over the last eight years. Among likely Iowa voters, 83 percent support the Trust Fund; 69 percent support raising the sales tax 3/8 of a penny to fund the Trust, and that includes 52% of self-identified conservative Republicans; and 88 percent describe pollution of rivers, lakes and streams as a serious problem in Iowa.

“The long-term needs, as well as the immediate \$670 million unmet needs the IWILL Coalition identified in shovel-ready water quality, outdoor recreation and conservation projects in every corner of Iowa, can still be addressed this session by making funding the Trust a key component of ongoing tax reform discussions.

Our Coalition will continue to work with all parties to fund the Trust. Together, we can find a long-term solution for our families, our lands and our economy.”

The leadership of the IWILL Coalition is comprised of leaders from the American Heart Association, Ducks Unlimited, Iowa’s County Conservation Boards, Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation, Iowa Soybean Association, Pheasants Forever and The Nature Conservancy in Iowa.

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 Skis will be available also at no cost.

Hike & Hygge Feb 11, 2018 Sunday 1:30pm Prairie Creek Recreation Area
Enjoy a winter hike at the park followed by relaxing with some hot cocoa by the fire!

Nature Tales - Salamander Room Feb 16, 2018 Friday 10am Hurstville Interpretive Center
Preschool age children and a guardian are invited to join a naturalist for our monthly nature tales series and learn more about the wildlife and the outdoors through stories, games and activities.

Star Party February 16, Friday, 6pm, Swiss Valley Nature Center
Amateur astronomers are welcome to join us the second Friday of the month for monthly star parties. Bring your telescopes along and together we will discover the night sky! No telescope? No problem! The nature center will also have our telescopes out for viewing. Free, no registration required.

Landowner Workshop February 17, Saturday, 12-3pm, Swiss Valley Nature Center

Private landowners are invited to learn more about how to maintain habitat on their land. Sessions will include prescribed burning, streambank management, tree pruning, food plots, and more! Call 563-556-6745 to register

Wild Game Tasting February 17, Saturday, 3:30-4:30pm, Swiss Valley Nature Center

Go wild! Come out to Swiss Valley Nature Center and taste wild game prepared by Dubuque County Conservation Park Rangers! Enjoy venison, turkey, pheasant, fish, rabbit, and more! Park rangers will share their tips and tricks for preparing their amazing dishes. Donation suggested

Bird Banding Winter Program Sunday, February 18, 1-2pm EB Lyons Interpretive Center Join Dave Shealer for mist nesting of our avian friends.

Cabin Fever Day Feb 19 Monday 10am – 12pm Hurstville Interpretive Center

Get out of the house on this no-school day for a morning of critters, snow creations, crafts, and cocoa!

Kids in Nature: What's Wild? February 22, Thursday, 9am, Swiss Valley Nature Center

Non school age kiddos are invited for a morning of fun in nature! We will have a wild time learning all about what makes animal wild or not. Free, call 563-556-6745 to pre-register

Nature Trivia Bee February 22, Thursday, 7pm, Swiss Valley Nature Center

Swiss Valley Nature Center challenges you to create a four person team to participate in the Nature Trivia Challenge. Area businesses, organizations, and groups are invited to join us for a fun night of competition. \$40/team (all proceeds benefit Friends of DCCB)

Register at www.getmeregistered.com by Feb 15th

Hike/Ski Thursday, February 22, 7-9pm Swiss Valley Nature Center

Swiss Valley Nature Center challenges you to create a four person team to participate in the Nature Trivia Challenge. Area businesses, organizations, and groups are invited to join us for a fun night of competition. All proceeds benefit Friends of Dubuque County Conservation. Cost is \$40 a team. [Click here to register.](#)

DIY Fire Starters Workshop February 24, Saturday, 1pm, Swiss Valley Nature Center

Get all ready for camping season by creating some do it yourself fire starters to add to your arsenal. We will lead you through making fire starters from everyday household objects to take home and try out. Cost \$5/person, register at getmeregistered.com or register in person at Swiss Valley Nature Center

Becoming an Outdoor Woman Winter Workshop March 3, Saturday, 9:30am-2pm Swiss Valley Nature Center

Join experts in the conservation/outdoor world for a day of excitement and education. We will present various opportunities for outdoor recreation in the winter time! Have a great day with like-minded women. Call 563-556-6745 for more info and to register.

Friends Annual Meeting March 4, Sunday, 1pm Swiss Valley Nature Center

The Friends of DCCB is a non-profit organization that helps support conservation efforts and environmental education. They will be holding their annual meeting at noon and hosting a conservation related speaker at 1:00pm. Free, No registration

Kids in Nature: Lunch for a Bear March 8, Thursday, 9am Swiss Valley Nature Center

Learn what type of foods a bear needs in it's habitat by making a plate full of bear food! Non-school age kiddos will discover fun bear facts as we go on a bear hunt!

Call 563-556-6745 to register

March Audubon Program March 8, 6pm, EB Lyons Interpretive Center

Invertebrates: The Life of a Bug featuring Live Insects Presentation given by Jennifer Drayna

Bluebird Workshop March 24, Saturday, 10am, Swiss Valley Nature Center

Learn about the plight of the Eastern Bluebird. We will discuss their habitat and what struggles this beautiful bird faces in its nesting attempts. Help the bluebird out by building your very own bluebird house to take home. Dubuque County Conservation Society will provide all materials needed. Participants must bring a hammer and drill. Chili lunch. Free. Must pre-register, call 563-556-6745

Friends of DCCB Pancake Breakfast March 25, Sunday, 8-11am Swiss Valley Nature Center

Come and support the Friends of DCCB at their annual Pancake Breakfast. Enjoy a delicious meal with Swiss Valley's homemade maple syrup. Tickets available at getmeregistered.com or at Swiss Valley Nature Center. \$6.00– Adults \$4.00– Kids (Ages 4-10)

Girl Scouts: Hike On! March 29, Thursday, 5-6:30pm Swiss Valley Nature Center

Lace up your hiking boots, grab a snack and a trail map, we're going hiking! Participants learn about helpful plants, plants not to touch, map reading, safety, and how to enjoy the great outdoors. Brownies will earn their Hiker badge. Badge included in price of program.

Cost: \$8/scout, registration forms available at Swiss Valley Nature Center or email allie.schmalz@dubuquecounty.us

Swiss Valley Trail Run Registration open on April 1st!

Register @ itsyourrace.com

Woodcock Watch & Owl Prowl April 6, Friday, 7pm Whitewater Canyon

We will be on the hunt for some amazing nocturnal birds. We will call for owls and observe the mating dance of the American woodcock. It will be a wonderful night full of wildlife.

Free, No registration

Girl Scouts– Use Resources Wisely April 12, Thursday, 5:-6pm, Swiss Valley Nature Center,

You only have one world to live on. During this program participants will learn how to take care of that one world. We will read The Lorax and girls will come to understand the actions it takes to change the problems people are creating for our planet. Cost: \$8/scout, registration forms available at Swiss Valley Nature Center or email allie.schmalz@dubuquecounty.us

April Audubon Program April 12, 6 pm, EB Lyons Interpretive Center

Birding in Australia. Presentation given by Maggie O'Connell and Sandy Walton

Trout Stocking April 14, Saturday, 10am Heritage Pond

The Iowa DNR will be stocking trout at Heritage Pond. All participants must have a valid Iowa fishing license and trout stamp. All normal fishing rules and regulations apply.

OWLS: Galena Trip April 16, Thursday

Enjoy the best Galena has to offer. We will check out spring wildflowers in the area as well as several significant archeological sites. More information to come! Check out www.olderwiseliveliel.weebly.com for more info.

Personal Adventures and Explorations of the Northwest Passage April 21, Saturday, 3pm Swiss Valley Nature Center

David Thoreson will tell stories about his multiple voyages through the Northwest Passage including brief histories, photography of the landscape, and changes in the environment contributing to the loss of Arctic ice. Free, No registration

Heritage Trail Trash Clean Up April 22, Sunday, 1-3pm Meet @ Heritage Pond

Celebrate Earth Day and lend a hand to help clean up the Heritage Trail. We will meet at the Heritage Pond parking lot and split into groups to cover different areas of the trail. Trash bags, grabbers, and gloves will be provided. Come on your own or get a group together and help us keep Heritage Trail clean and beautiful for both users and wildlife.

Let us know you are coming by calling 563-556-6745

Other Events Calendar

Winter Farmer's Market starts Saturday Nov. 4 9am-noon. Former Colt's Building 11th & Central

Board Members 2018

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		

Bluebird Workshop

All ages welcome



Swiss Valley Nature Center

***Saturday,
March 24th 2018***

***10:00 Bird house building
Followed by a Complimentary
Chili lunch***

***Pre-registration
required
Call 563-556-6745
bring a hammer
and cordless drill***

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Reminders:

The next meetings will be held **Tuesday, March 13, 2018 and Tuesday April 10, 2018 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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This months insert - None

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This month’s focus - None

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Membership renewal have been sent. If you missed it, send to the PO box above.