

KAMO Newsletter for March 2017

Hello to all KAMO members,

This is KAMO President Mark Walters with my part of the March KAMO Newsletter. The most significant part of March each year is our annual State Members and Board of Directors meetings.

This year they were held at the Meade Wildlife Area and hosted by the Marsh/Point chapter. I have to give these folks credit for doing an excellent job and what an awesome place to spend a day!

Some of the most important parts of our meetings would be the election of our new KAMO Vice Presidents, Dawn Horacek of the Lake Wisconsin Chapter and Bob Nicksic of the Meadow Valley Chapter. We have a lot on our plate and I am really excited to work with both Dawn and Bob.

Donna Wishowski of the Indianhead Chapter gave an excellent presentation on the R3 Grant and as of Sunday had received information from three chapters. Please work with Donna on this without a doubt win-win project that Donna is putting a great many hours of hard work and thought into.

We had an excellent conversation on the website and some concerns have been addressed and the others are in the works. The one concerning "the smartphone friendly conversation" may take a little time but I have people working on it.

I would like to ask the presidents of each chapter to please remember to submit info to Jim Kurz each month for the Newsletter and if you are not going to, please contact Jim and let him know so he does not have to wait for something that is not coming.

This year's meeting was our tenth and I believe most productive and I want to thank everyone for attending and all KAMO members and volunteers for everything that they do to help get more kids into the outdoors.

Mark

P.S. Bob Brodeur of the Lake Wisconsin Chapter of KAMO was this year's recipient of the President's Award for his endless hours of dedication to the excellent cause that we all know as KAMO. Thanks Bob!

News from our new Vice President 1:

I would like to thank everyone for the opportunity to be a Vice President. I look forward to helping K.A.M.O. continue to grow in the future. If anyone has any questions or need my help, please don't hesitate to call, text or email me.

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News from our HRD3 Grant manager:

It was great seeing so many of you at our State meeting! KAMO is doing so many awesome events. KUDO's to the Northwoods Chapter!! You are the first KAMO Chapter to get your volunteer hours to me! Remember you can log ANY hours volunteering for KAMO going back to June 6, 2016. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions. donnawishowski@yahoo.com

News from the Baraboo River Chapter:

The Baraboo River chapter had its most recent meeting on March 13. Our meeting focused on many of our upcoming events during spring and summer. We will have a booth set up for our local Sauk County Earth Day, a couple of our mentors will be taking kids out turkey hunting, we will be having fishing days during the summer months, and a camping trip in June. Our chapter awarded a \$500 scholarship to a young man from Pardeeville who is studying to get a fisheries degree at UW Stevens Point. Rick Miotke represented the Baraboo chapter at our recent state meeting at the Mead Wildlife Center. We had a very productive meeting at a very nice venue. A common issue we face along with most outdoors groups is the lack of volunteers, but we will continue to try different approaches to help solve this problem. We have extremely good people already in KAMO, but most would agree that we would like to affect many more kids than our numbers allow right now. Keep up the great work, Tradition Forward

Submitted by Rick Miotke

News from the Coulee Chapter:

Since the ice went off the lakes early, but was on the streets often, we made some adjustments to keep our families interested. We took kids and their parents out for movies and pizzas twice in the past month. We went to see "A Dog's Purpose" one week and Disney's "Moana" another. Both good movies and the kids and their parents really enjoyed them.

We took a group to the International Festival of Owls in Houston, Minnesota. They witnessed some live owls and had the opportunity for pellet dissection, build an owl house, arts and crafts, face painting, owl hooting contests.

It's a spring break week for the Onalaska School District the week of March 27th and we are headed for the Best Dam Fishing Float on that Monday. We are partnering with the BB/BS on April 1st to have a

Kid's Archery Day at La Crosse Archery. We are gearing up for a Learn To Hunt Turkey in early April and some of us will help teach a Hunter's Education class also the week of March 27th at La Crosse Archery.

The state convention was the first time at the Meade Wildlife Area for our group. We brought a parent along to the convention who is enthusiastic about what we are doing with her sons and wants to help us raise funds. It was great to see everybody there.

Thanks for all you do for kids and remember - our collective impact is beyond anyone's imagination.

Submitted by Mike Brown

News from the Indianhead Chapter:

We had a Moonlit hike high school trails but without snow, the trails were rough; pudgy pies, skulls and furs, and the telescope showing the moon were enjoyed by about 20 people.

We made an inventory of all our KAMO stuff at our last meeting—a lot of stuff accumulated over 10 years. We discussed the upcoming youth turkey hunt, finally realizing that we couldn't buy a leftover permit and transfer it to a kid; one can only do that with permits won through the lottery process. So, kids will have to buy the permits themselves, but we could help with that purchase if money is a problem. We again will have a Brat stand on May 5 and 6. We discussed the state meeting and some of us have already turned in their volunteer time sheets. Also, we are so pleased that Dawn and Bob have volunteered to help us all at the state level.

We will host a Birdathon on May 27 and a Wildflower Hike on June 10.

Submitted by Jim Kurz

News from the Lake Wisconsin Chapter:

Hello all from the Lake Wisconsin chapter,

We have exciting news from the KAMO state meeting--Bob Brodeur received the annual President's award for his hard work and dedication to our chapter and KAMO as a whole. Some more good news is that our chapter Treasurer Dawn Horacek was voted in as Vice President #1.

We have finalized our Camping/Canoeing trip for June 17th with a rain date of July 15th. We continue to work on our KAMO booth for our area festival June 24th.

Looking forward to warm weather and fishing with the Baraboo chapter this summer. Tradition Forward!!

Submitted by Bob and Linda Brodeur

No news from the Marsh-Point or Meadow Valley Chapters this month.

News from the Northwoods Chapter:

Meeting held on March 22nd...two members absent.

Not much to report. We all filled out the volunteer forms for the grant Ben and now Donna are working on. Jeff Moll had excellent monthly minutes we could refer back to, allowing for a comprehensive hourly report.

Other business discussed was the summation of the meeting at Mead on Saturday and increasing the funding available for our scholarship fund.

It was decided that no meeting was to be held in April.

To all who attended the State Board meeting...it was good to see everyone.

Mick Mlinar Northwoods Chapter

Newsletter offered by Jim Kurz, KAMO State Secretary