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Sixth Annual Meeting:

Twenty seven dedicated canawlers were registered for the annual meeting in Fort Wayne on May 21, 1988. We were hosted by the Allen County-Fort Wayne Historical Society, Michael Hawfield, president.

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held at 1:00 PM. Nine board members were present. Items discussed included membership and ways to involve the members in the Society's activities; by-laws update; the publications of the Society with emphasis on the publication of a series of Tow-Path Guides; budget and finances, including donations; projects for the Society; The Canal Park at Delphi and committee structure.

President Clarence Hudson submitted a letter to the board indicating a desire to be relieved of the duties of president at the next annual meeting in 1989. A search committee was appointed to seek a replacement. More about this in the next Newsletter.

At three o'clock the meeting was adjourned and a tour of Historic Fort Wayne was enjoyed by those attending.

The annual dinner, organized by Julia Meek, was served at 5:30. A business meeting and election of board members was conducted. William McGuire and Jim Hicks were elected as new board members joining the sixteen current members.

The program "Tall Stacks: Steamboating on the Ohio", produced by Bert Fenn was presented by Kent Colder of the Indiana Historical Society. The nostalgic half-hour program was extremely well done and enjoyed by all. Following the program the board met and elected the following officers for 1988-1989: President, Clarence Hudson, Vice-President, Dan McCain, Secretary, Ardith Haas and Treasurer, William McGuire.

Sunday morning, after breakfast at Richards Restaurant, the group met at Huntington on the Forks of the Wabash for a field day experience organized by Thomas Meek. The remains of a feeder dam were located, mapped and measured. Several canawlers continued the exploration of the feeder dam site during the afternoon (in spite of the 90 degree plus temperature) and a few attended the dedication of the Historic Forks of the Wabash ceremony. The site will be developed to preserve this historic Miami Indian area. Presently it includes the Chief Richardville House and the Nuck Log Home. Future plans include some trails along the Wabash & Erie Canal which is across the road from the preserve.

FALL TOUR:

Plan now to attend the Fall Tour!!!! The dates are October 7-9, 1988. It is a joint meeting with the Canal Society of Ohio. A preview meeting and mixer is scheduled for Friday evening. The all day tour is on Saturday with dinner on Saturday night. Sunday will be devoted to touring the Defiance, Ohio area points of interest.

Headquarters were previously announced as being in Fort Wayne, but this has been changed to Defiance, Ohio. Complete details will be forthcoming soon.

CANAL PARK AT DELPHI:

Progress is slow, but starting to pick up! The Bowen Cabin is scheduled for a new roof soon. Extensive work has been completed on the Kuns Cabin including re-inforcing the upper floor, straightening the south wall and a chimney for the original heating stove donated by the Kuns family.

Roseland McCain and others have procured some period furniture for the cabin.

A major fund raising campaign will be launched soon to complete the restoration of the Case House, land acquisition for parking, development of the canal itself and landscape development.

WORK DAY SCHEDULED AT DELPHI CANAL PARK:

Help is needed for various projects at the park. The weekend of June 25-26 (Saturday and Sunday) will feature a work time for all those that can help. There will be activities to accommodate the interests of all those who can help.

Work clothes are the order of the day. Tools such as shovels, chain saws, hammers, pry bars, etc. will be needed.

Food, drink and accommodations will be arranged by the local organization.

The Canal Society of Indiana cannot provide monetary funding for this growing dream, but our participation can and will help show our support.

Hope to see as many as possible on Saturday and Sunday or Saturday or Sunday.

It will be a FUN TIME as well as a WORK TIME!

ASSISTANCE NEEDED FOR INDIANA WATERWAYS AND THE NEWSLETTER"

A reminder that stories, articles, news items, etc. are always needed and welcomed by the editors of our two publications. You can also suggest the kinds of things you want to see in the publications and we will do our best to fulfill your desires. Send your material to:

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