



2009 Annual Meeting
of the Western New York Chapter
of the International Dutch Oven Society

The Annual Meeting was held following the "Snow DOG" on January 31, 2009 in Lancaster, NY. The DOG location was St. John's Lutheran Church.

It was a cold and snowy Upstate day following a long winter. Temperature in the 20s.

Meals prepared for the DOG were ...

Elaine and Mike Warner
Mississippi Swamp Cake from "Biscuit"

Tim Tiebor
Goulash Joe

John Jones
Sautéed Shrimp and Artichokes
From Cee Dub's "Gather 'Round The Table" cookbook

Tom Merlihan
Chili (medium heat)

Patrick Quinn
Kielbasa Polish Sausage with potatoes and beer
Apple Cinnamon Brown Betty

Mark Weidmann
Apple Berry Crunch

Cindy Weidmann
Chili

Stan Kowalski
Polish Sausage and Rice Casserole (medium heat)
Pineapple Cornbread

Annual Meeting Notes

Attending:

Ed Draper

John Jones

Stan Kowalski

Keith Lang

Tom Merlihan

Patrick Quinn

Tim Tiebor

John Trebych and daughter Jennifer,

Mike and Elaine Warner

Cindy and Marl Weidmann

General discussion led by Stan Kowalski, acting in his capacity of Assistant Director.

The current membership roster, maintained by Dave Newton, the past Treasurer was lost owing when his computer hard drive crashed. The most recent membership list available is from 2006.

Election of Officers:

To vote you must hold both a WNY Chapter and IDOS membership. This is an IDOS rule and in our by-laws.

The following were newly elected to Officer positions for 2009;

Director: Stan Kowalski

Assistant Director: John Trebych

Treasurer: Mark Weidmann

Secretary: Mike Warner

DOG Ward: Tom Merlihan (new position to make sure that planned DOGs come off well and in a timely manner)

Treasurer's Report:

There is no detailed report available, due to the previously mentioned hard drive crash.

The bank statement from December 2008 stated that the Chapter has \$816.14 in its checking account.

Our new Treasurer, Mark Weidmann, will have control of the account transferred over to his name.

Discussion on planned DOGs for 2009:

January 31, 2009. Saturday. "Snow DOG" Host: Mark Weidmann. Location: St. John's Lutheran Church in Lancaster, NY. Meal at 1 PM followed by the Annual Meeting.

April 25, 2009. Saturday. Tentative hosts: Tom Merlihan and John Jones. Location and details to be determined.

April 26, 2009. Sunday. Ontario Chapter DOG; Hosted by Wayne & Linda Hessel. 5 Blucher St.; Kitchener, ON (Backyard DOG)

May 16, 2009. Saturday. Host: Keith Lang. Location: West Seneca Fireman's Park, West Seneca, NY. Details TBD.

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June 12-14, 2009. Ontario Chapter DOG; Fisherville, ON. Hosted by John Trebych (John belongs to both the ON & WNY Chapters)....dates may be changed, pending other commitments.

June, 2009. (insert day) Host: Stan Kowalski. Location: Sheridan Park. Sheridan Park, Town of Tonawanda, NY

July 18, 2009. Host: Mark Weidmann. Demo DOG. Location: Shelter#3 at Hamlin State Beach Park, Hamlin, NY. This is a DEMO to the public and Mark could use some help starting at 10am Please let him know. Also this is a camping weekend. Mark and Cindy will be site 149 (Loop C) Starting on Thursday (the DOG is at 3pm food on the table)

August 15, 2009. Saturday. Hosts: Tim Tiebor and John Jones. Location: North Tonawanda / Wheatfield, NY. Details TBD.

August 21-23, 2009. Ontario Chapter DOG. Hosted by Steve Vickers. Kelso Park, Guelph, ON

September 19, 2009. Saturday. Host: Leon Perkins and Mike Warner. Location: Hamlin State Beach Park, Hamlin, NY. Details TBD. Possible Chili Cook-Off.

October 18, 2009. Sunday. Ontario Chapter DOG. Hosted by Dana & Heather in their backyard, Kitchener, ON (need to get the address)

November 21, 2009. Saturday. Ontario Chapter Annual Meeting. Kitchener Scouthouse. (need to get the address)

January 30, 2010. Saturday. "Snow DOG" Host: Mark Weidmann. St. John's Lutheran Church in Lancaster, NY. Meal at 1 PM followed by the Annual Meeting.

Knowing that New York State will be cutting back on State Parks we talked about costs and availability. Several members offered to see when the start and end of the season is. Will anything change and how will it affect Spring and Fall DOGs?

We discussed the cost of Chapter business; postage, copies, the website, DOG locations such as churches and shelters.

We discussed either raffling shirts and aprons off or bundling them with people paying their 2009 membership dues at the meeting. The latter won out.

New officers Stan, Mark and Mike will work hard on reorganizing the membership list, cleaning up snail mail addresses and email addresses. Target date by mid-March.

Membership dues are \$10/family and are due now. Dues are payable to Mark as Treasurer. Mike will compose a letter of membership renewal to go out to whomever we can scrape up from old lists. Dues to the International have gone up to \$30 per year as of January 1, 2009. This is payable directly to the International.

We discussed the cost of membership, where the money goes and possible "not for profit" status for the Chapter.

We discussed what we wanted as Chapter logo "stuff" such as; mugs, decals, shirts, vests (Stan modeled a vest), aprons, or patches.

We discussed what we will give each member when their membership is paid. This is limited to one item per membership. Remembering that a single member is \$10 and a large family is still only \$10 - therefore only one item per membership. The item for 2009 is the large oval decal. The item for 2010 will be a Chapter t-shirt. This was decided by a show of hands. Other shirts will be available for sale. To get the shirt for 2010, you MUST attend the annual meeting. This t-shirt is available for sale NOW. Please contact Stan for the pricing. Depending on size, they average \$18-\$20 a shirt.

A Treasurer's Report will be expected, monthly, from the Treasurer.

A report after each DOG or meeting will be expected from the Secretary.

The new Board of Directors will meeting prior to April. Date and location TBD.

More decals will be ordered when the ones we have are gone.

Ten memberships were paid for at the meeting. (some are family memberships) There were 13 people in attendance

Respectfully submitted (with a full stomach following a great DOG),
Secretary to the Western New York Chapter of the International Dutch Oven Society, Michael J. Warner. (insert date)