

# Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club

## Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes December 10, 2019

**Meeting Called to Order:** 7:29 pm by Dave Fenster

**Attendees:** Alice Filemyr, Jeff Giddings, Carolyn Thurber, Darla Fera, Maribeth Evans, Dave and Yvonne Pennington, Pat Astill, Kathy Berry, Pat King, Nancy Fenster, Mike Cannon

**Minutes of the Previous Business Meeting:** Approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** Submitted by Alice Filemyr

1. Sales include food sales from Moonlight walk
2. Donations were made to Friends of Seneca Creek as a membership renewal and the Shady Grove Adventist Rehabilitation Hospital.

**Membership Report – Carolyn Thurber:**

1. 1 new member family
2. All membership lists have been distributed

**Publicity Committee Report – Diane White:** Nothing to report.

**Sales Committee Report – Darla Fera:** Nothing to report.

**Wednesday 5K Walks - Pat King and Nancy Fenster:** The December schedule has been sent out.

1. Tomorrow's walk starts at the Kensington Safeway at 10am.

**Club Group Walks – Maribeth Evans:**

1. Mormon Temple walk scheduled for Friday Dec 13 will be moved to Monday due to the possibility of bad weather.
2. The January walk is planned to start at Carderock parking lot number 3 on Sat. Jan. 4th weather permitting.

**Old Business:**

1. **November, December, January Edition of the Club Newsletter** is on Sugarloafers.org.
  - a. Deadline for next edition: January 15<sup>th</sup>
2. **Status of Airport Special Program**
  - a. At least 50 sold, money for 32 books have been deposited in the club account.
  - b. Mike Cannon asked why the Sugarloafers' was not going to sanction the YRE he was creating that included National Airport. Yvonne Pennington explained the reasoning. Jeff Giddings said that he would send an email to the USFWF stating that Mike had a trail that could be sanctioned as an OSB YRE.
3. **YRE on Matthew Henson Trail**
  - a. Kathy Berry hasn't worked on it since last month.
  - b. Ijamsville YRE, nothing new to report.
4. **Future Bus Trips**
  - a. New York City - on a Wednesday - no additional information
  - b. April 18<sup>th</sup>, Cambridge MD, several options, 5, 6, 10k in Cambridge and a possible walk at Blackwater Wildlife Refuge. Decisions to be made at the next meeting regarding timing of the second walk and the visit to the Harriet Tubman Museum.
5. **Bylaws Review**
  - a. Jeff Giddings reported that the draft of the new Bylaws has been posted to the website and that it will be discussed and voted on at the January meeting.
6. **OptOutside**
  - a. Fourteen walkers came to the Seneca Creek group walk.
7. **Window Clings for Start Box Locations**
  - a. At the upcoming Box Tender meeting, the Box Tenders will be asked to contact their start location and ask if they will be willing to display an AVA window cling.
8. **New Trailmaster Needed**
  - a. A 3-month bridge person will be needed to allow Dave Fenster to free up from his current duties.

9. **Nominating Committee**

- a. No information.

10. **Other:**

- a. None

**New Business:**

1. **December Checkpoint**

- a. Online at AVA.org.
- b. Alice Filemyr reported that the Checkpoint says that AVA will send out banners with the new logo.

2. **Review of Master Calendar**

- a. Dec 12 - Pay Google for sugarloafers.org domain. We no longer use Internet Planners
- b. Dec 30 - Box Tender meeting.

3. **Other**

- a. Mike Cannon reported that Leashes and Lights event at Seneca Creek State Park was well attended and lots of fun. He suggested that the Sugarloafers' have a booth at the next event.
- b. Pat Astill and Yvonne Pennington reported that the Great Greenbelt Volksmarch club has taken over the NBC 4 Health Expo booth from the US FreedomWalk Festival club. The Expo will be Jan 18-19 at the Convention Center in Washington D.C. They plan to push the AVA instead of USFWF's focus on the IML. They would appreciate volunteers to help man the booth over the 2 days. They also asked for as many event brochures as possible.

**2019 SVSVC Sanctioned Events:**

1. **Seneca Creek Moonlight Walk - Nov 16 - POC Tony Laing, Jone Parr**

- a. 90 walkers attended the event.

**2020 SVSVC Sanctioned Events:**

1. **Westminster Breakfast Walk - Apr 4 - POC Ward Parr**

- a. Brochure is done, but not available for distribution.

2. **Washington Grove/Old Town Gaithersburg - May 2 - POC Martin and Janet Brown**

- a. No information.

3. **Germantown - Jun 6 - POC Tony Laing**

- a. The previous trail went by Mike Cannon's house. He said if the event route still goes by his house, then he could have the grill out and some food available.

4. **Frederick Oktoberfest - Oct 3 - POC Alison Andrews, Jone Parr**

- a. No information.

5. **Easterday Farm at Myersville - Oct 31 - POC Carolyn Thurber**

- a. No information.

**2021 Possible Events:**

1. **Olney Indoor Pool Park**

2. **Lake Hallowell**

3. **Glen Echo - Darla Fera- this could go by the Carousel for that special program**

4. **Clara Barton House**

**Door Prize Drawing Winner:** Carolyn Thurber

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:24 pm