

Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes. November 12, 2019

Meeting Called to Order: 7:30 pm by Tony Laing

Attendees: Alice Filemyr, Jeff Giddings, Martin and Janet Brown, Carolyn Thurber, Darla Fera, Maribeth Evans, Pat Astill, Dave and Yvonne Pennington, Pat King, Susan Stone

Minutes of the Previous Business Meeting: Approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Submitted by Alice Filemyr

1. The income is from YRE Quarterly deposits. AVA payment will be in next month's report.
2. The deposits from the sale of the Airports Special Program books are listed under sales.
3. The AVA Checkpoint had sufficient information for Alice to change the club's accounting year from a fiscal year to a calendar year.

Membership Report – Carolyn Thurber:

1. No new members were added in the past month.
2. Carolyn is working on sending out membership list to all members.

Publicity Committee Report – Diane White: Tony Laing reported that Diane sent out publicity for the Moonlight Walk.

Sales Committee Report – Darla Fera: Nothing to report.

Wednesday 5K Walks - Pat King and Nancy Fenster: November schedule has been sent out by Nancy.

1. Tomorrow's walk starts from the Seneca Creek State Park Office, not the playground. Yellow coupons will not be accepted as payment for this event.

Club Group Walks – Maribeth Evans:

1. The November Group walk will be Dec. 1. Up to 4 group walks will be scheduled throughout December.
2. The January Group walk will be the C&O Canal walk starting from the Carderock parking lot.

Old Business:

1. **November, December, January Edition of the Club Newsletter** is on Sugarloafers.org.
 - a. Deadline for next edition: January 15th
2. **Status of the Airports Special Program - Mike Cannon**
 - a. Deposits have been made for sales of 39 books.
3. **YRE on Matthew Henson Trail - Maribeth Evans**
 - a. Kathy Berry sent a report stating that the starting point would be at the Mid County Rec Center. All trail distances (6, 10, and 15K) will have a short connecting trail from the Rec Center to the Matthew Henson Trail.
4. **Ijamsville Seasonal Walk – under development**
 - a. Jone Parr and Kathy Berry have walked it, but found a gate installed blocking the proposed trail. Some modifications to the trail are necessary to avoid this barrier.
5. **Future Bus Trips**
 - a. Wednesday New York City Day Trip - no information
 - b. Easton/Cambridge/Salisbury - festivals - no information
 - c. April 19 has been chosen as the date of the trip. Janet Brown said that she prefers the Cambridge YRE in the morning and then visit the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Visitor Center near Blackwater State Park in the afternoon. It was proposed the club sanction a guided walk in Blackwater for this trip.
6. **Bylaws Review**
 - a. Jeff Giddings stated that he will send out an email to all members stating that a draft of the new bylaws are posted on the website.
7. **Opt Outside - Black Friday Group Walk November 29 - Darla Fera and Jone Parr**
 - a. 5K at Seneca Creek State Park, 10am
8. **Window Clings for Start Box Locations**

- a. Tony Laing has received the window clings from AVA. Some were distributed to members for display at Start Box locations.
- 9. **New Trailmaster Needed**
 - a. This "position" is being broken up into three positions:
 - i. YRE Box Coordinator - still needed
 - ii. Traditional Event Coordinator - still needed
 - iii. Seasonal Event Coordinator - Maribeth Evans and team
 - iv. Wednesday Walk Coordinator - Nancy Fenster and Pat King
- 10. **Nominating Committee**
 - a. Nancy Fenster was appointed.
- 11. **Other: none**

New Business:

- 1. **This month's AVA Checkpoint is online.**
- 2. **Master Calendar Review**
 - a. End of year gifts to other organizations
 - i. A motion was made, seconded, and passed without dissent to:
 - 1. Pay the Bronze level membership to the Friends of Seneca Creek State Park
 - 2. Donate \$300 to Shady Grove Adventist Rehabilitation Hospital.
- 3. **Other**
 - a. Martin Brown suggested that there be a training course on Google G Suites. Jeff Giddings said that he would help people get familiar with the new system on an as needed basis.

2019 SVSVC Sanctioned Events:

- 1. **Seneca Creek Moonlight Walk - Nov 16 – POC Tony Laing, Jone Parr**
 - a. Maribeth Evans stated that she has all the supplies for the tables, she will purchase the apple cider and hot chocolate prior to the event. Tony Laing said he will bring crinkle cookies to the event.

2020 SVSVC Sanctioned Traditional/Seasonal Events:

- 1. **Westminster Breakfast Walk - Apr 4 - POC Ward Parr**
 - a. The trails have been designed and walked.
 - b. Currently working on suggested changes to the trail.
- 2. **Old Gaithersburg/Washington Grove - May 12 - POC Janet and Martin Brown**
- 3. **Frederick Oktoberfest - Oct 3 - POC Alison Andrews, Jone Parr**
- 4. **Easterday Farm at Myersville - Oct 31 - POC Carolyn Thurber**
 - a. Carolyn has been in contact with the people that wish to have the event, but they have not set a date for looking at the farm.
- 5. **North Branch Stream Valley Park - Nov 14 - POC Tony Laing, Dave Fenster**
 - a. Tony reported that the start point rejected our request to use their parking lot as a start point, citing the possible need by people that rent their recreation room for the parking spaces. Alice Filemyr suggested renting the room for our event. Tony will find out the availability and cost of the room.
 - b. Carolyn Thurber volunteered to contact the Germantown IHOP to ask to use their parking lot for a start/finish point, as an alternative to the North Branch event.

2021 SVSVC Possible Traditional/Seasonal Events:

- 1. **Olney Indoor Pool Park**
- 2. **Glen Echo & Clara Barton House**
 - a. Darla Fera volunteered to will follow up with Glen Echo as a possible start point.

Door Prize Drawing Winner: Pat King

Meeting Adjourned: 8:28 pm