

Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes. April 14, 2020

Meeting Called to Order: 7:36 pm by Tony Laing as a video conference meeting.

Attendees: Jeff Giddings, Alice Filemyr, Yvonne Pennington, Kathy Berry, Carolyn Thurber, Jone Parr, Martin and Janet Brown, Dave and Nancy Fenster, Pat King, Maribeth Evans

Minutes of the Previous Business Meeting: Approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Submitted by Alice Filemyr.

1. Jackie Johnson is working on getting a refund from the bus tour company.
2. The paperwork has been filed with the IRS and AVA for changing the club accounting year from a fiscal year to calendar year.

Membership Report – Carolyn Thurber:

1. 4 new members.

Publicity Committee Report – Diane White: Diane sent out information regarding the canceled and upcoming events.

Sales Committee Report – Darla Fera: Nothing to report.

Wednesday 5K Walks: All Wednesday walks for April have been canceled.

Club Group Walks – Maribeth Evans: All group walks for April have been canceled.

Old Business:

1. **February, March, April Edition of the Club Newsletter** is on Sugarloafers.org.
 - a. Deadline for submissions to the next edition is April 15, 2020.
2. **Status of the Airports Special Program**
 - a. 84 books have been sold so far.
3. **YRE on Matthew Henson Trail and Ijamsville Seasonal Walk - Kathy Berry**
 - a. Kathy has sent out walk instructions for the Matthew Henson Trail YRE to selected club members and is looking for feedback. With a lack of other options at this time, this trail will be sanctioned with the Online Start Box.
4. **Future Bus Trips**
 - a. The bus trip to Cambridge, MD has been canceled.
 - b. Future trips will be discussed at later meetings
5. **New Events Coordinator needed**
 - a. Nothing done.
6. **Annual Meeting - March 22 - Canceled**
 - a. Tony Laing stated that the club must vote on the nominated club officers before June 30.
 - b. Jeff Giddings stated that the current Standing Rules govern the election of officers, specifically items #13 and #14. Tony stated that he would look at these carefully.
 - c. It was decided:
 - i. To hold a special election of Officers at the June Club Meeting per Standing Rules; Item 14.e.i.
 - ii. An email to all club members would be sent out, stating that the Elections of Officers would occur at the June meeting (be it held in person or as a video conference meeting).
 - iii. An article will appear in the upcoming Newsletter stating that Elections will occur at the June meeting.
 - iv. A second email will be sent out to club members regarding the election one week prior to the June meeting.
7. **Update on Standing Rules**
 - a. Tony Laing stated that some conversations regarding the Standing Rules updates have occurred but the revision of the Rules is not yet ready for discussion or approval.
8. **Big Give**
 - a. Alice Filemyr stated that the AVA Big Give has been postponed to later in the year.
9. **National Walking Week**

- a. The April 4 event was postponed and the club members were limited to walking in our own neighborhoods.

10. **Other**

- a. none.

New Business:

1. **April AVA Checkpoint is online**

2. **Review of Master Calendar**

- a. The first quarter participation report was completed on April 9 by Maribeth Evan but not yet submitted.

3. **Other**

- a. Tony Laing asked whether the club should limit the number of YREs that it sanctions. Maribeth Evans stated that she did not think that the number should be limited. Jeff Giddings stated that there are 2 ways to sanction the YRE; as a regular YRE (\$20 sanction fee +\$5/quarter) or Pay per Participant Sanction Fee (PPSF) which has no sanction fee, but AVA bills each participant at a higher rate. Jeff also mentioned that a review of all YREs should be done before they are renewed in June/July. There were 2 YREs that have lower attendance than the others; Westminster and the Appalachian Trail.
- b. Maribeth Evans requested the Wheaton/Sligo Creek YRE be moved to the Online Start Box. Jeff Giddings agreed to do the transition.
- c. Darla Fera asked a question about the seasonal's Start Box being hosted at the Safeway in Silver Spring. Maribeth stated that Darla should take the box to the store and notify the manager on duty that the box was there.
- d. Jeff Giddings mentioned that several SE/YREs were moved to the OSB and that there were people using them:
 - i. Kenwood Cherry Blossoms/Spring Flowers Seasonal - 6 walkers since moving to OSB
 - ii. Montgomery Airpark/Lois Green Park YRE - 5 walkers since moving to OSB
 - iii. Seneca Creek State Park YRE - 14 walkers since moving to OSB
 - iv. Montgomery Village YRE - 6 walkers since moving to OSB

2020 SVSVC Sanctioned Events:

1. **April 4 - Westminster Breakfast – POC Ward Parr**

- a. Canceled for April 4, only option is for August 1 (pending).

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

- a. Canceled.

3. **June 6 - Germantown – POC Tony Laing/Dave Fenster**

- a. Dave said that it was too early to cancel or postpone this event. He has updated the 6K instructions. He has not walked the 10K yet.

4. **October 3 - Frederick Oktoberfest – POC Allison Andrews, Jone Parr**

- a. No information.

5. **October 31 - Easterday Farm – POC Carolyn Thurber**

- a. Carolyn reported that Donna Easterday has gathered a group of people to plan the event and that the event is still being planned for October 31.

2021 SVSVC Possible Events:

- 1. C&O Canal at Riley's Lock
- 2. Olney Indoor Pool
- 3. Lake Hallowell
- 4. Frederick Oktoberfest

Door Prize Drawing Winner: no drawing

Meeting Adjourned: 8:22 pm