

Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club  
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes. February 11, 2020

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

**Attendees:** Jeff Giddings, Carolyn Thurber, Jone Parr, Martin and Janet Brown, Dave and Nancy Fenster, Mike Cannon, Pat King, Maribeth Evans, Pat Astill

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

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

1. Tony Laing asked about the \$834 Admin Supply expense item. It was expenses submitted by Jone Parr and Carolyn Thurber for an extended period of time.

**Membership Report – Carolyn Thurber:**

1. No new members, total members - 158 families.

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

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

**Wednesday 5K Walks:** The schedule of walks for February has been sent out.

1. Tomorrow the walk will be at Montgomery Mall.

**Club Group Walks – Maribeth Evans:**

1. February 29th, Sligo Creek YRE in Wheaton.
2. March 22nd at the Annual Meeting.
3. April 18th as a part of the bus trip to Cambridge, MD.

**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 – Mike Cannon**
  - a. Past the break even point, have sold 75-76 books.
  - b. Tony Laing expressed his thanks to Mike Cannon for setting up this program.
3. **YRE on Matthew Henson Trail and Ijamsville Seasonal Walk - Kathy Berry**
  - a. No information.
4. **Future Bus Trips**
  - a. Tony Laing asked that payments be held until March 1. Janet Brown had nothing to report.
  - b. Mike Cannon said he could get a copy of the movie *Harriet* on DVD for viewing on the trip to Cambridge.
5. **New Events Coordinator needed**
  - a. Tony Laing said that Bessie Thompson has stated an interest in that job.
6. **NBC 4 Health Expo**
  - a. It was reported that there was bad weather on Saturday and that contributed to a lack of registered walkers, only 12.
  - b. Pat Astill reported that she had handed out a lot of Sugarloafers' event bookmarks.
  - c. Mike Cannon reported that 2 new walker packets were sold.
7. **Other**
  - a. None.

**New Business:**

1. **February AVA Checkpoint is online**
  - a. Tony Laing reported that the AVA Checkpoint has specified the first week in April as "National Walking Week" and April 1 is National Walking Day. The Sugarloafers have a Wednesday walk on April 1st and a Traditional event on April 4th.
2. **Review of Master Calendar**
  - a. Nothing on the calendar for February.
3. **Annual Meeting - March 22**
  - a. The Annual Meeting will be held at Asbury Methodist Village in Gaithersburg.

- b. Carolyn Thurber requested that extra tables be set up for club literature and sales. She would like to sell the remaining shoelaces and small pouches from the 30th Anniversary celebration.
  - c. Jone Parr asked Tony Laing to ask for another table for the display board.
  - d. Maribeth Evans, fruit and veggies; Lee Powell - sandwiches; Pat Astill - cold drinks; Bridget DeHart - coffee?
  - e. Tony Laing stated that he had invited Bob Schmick, Mike and Betty Green to the Annual Meeting but had not heard back from any of them.
4. **Update on Standing Rules**
- a. No progress to report.
5. **AVA Big Give**
- a. A motion for the club to donate \$100 to the AVA Big Give was made, seconded, passed without dissent.
  - b. Tony Laing asked Jeff Giddings to figure out where/how to direct the money to a specific cause.
6. **Other**
- a. The Atlantic Region Conference has been rescheduled for Aug 21-23. Jeff Giddings stated that the Conference is scheduled to take place at Plymouth Meeting, PA.

**2020 SVSVC Sanctioned Events:**

- 1. **April 4 - Westminster Breakfast – POC Ward Parr**
  - a. The brochure is available, the volunteers and trails are ready.
- 2. **May 2 - Washington Grove/Old Town Gaithersburg – POC Janet and Martin Brown**
  - a. Martin Brown stated that they are finalizing the trail directions.
  - b. Pat Astill said that someone had volunteered to open the restrooms in Washington Grove, but she doesn't remember who or when.
- 3. **June 6 - Germantown – POC Tony Laing/Dave Fenster**
  - a. The brochures are being finalized.
  - b. Mike Cannon stated that there was a Little Free Library very near Black Rock Art Center and a clock near the &Pizza restaurant.
- 4. **October 3 - Frederick Oktoberfest – POC Allison Andrews, Jone Parr**
  - a. No information.
- 5. **October 31 - Easterday Farm – POC Carolyn Thurber**
  - a. Carolyn Thurber stated that Jim Frankowitz of the Antietam Pathfinders has laid out a 5K trail. This trail will be walked twice for 10K.

**Door Prize Drawing Winner:** Maribeth Evans

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:36 pm