

Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes. January 14, 2020

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

Attendees: Alice Filemyr, Jeff Giddings, Carolyn Thurber, Jone Parr, Maribeth Evans, Darla Fera, Martin and Janet Brown, Pat King, Yvonne Pennington, Pat Astill, Kathy Berry, Mike Cannon

Minutes of the Previous Business Meeting: Approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report: Submitted by Alice Filemyr.

1. Expenses include: bill for the storage shed, deposit for the bus to Cambridge and domain registration for sugarloafers.org
2. Q4 2019 participation invoice has been printed from the AVA site and will be paid in February.

Membership Report – Carolyn Thurber: No new members and no changes to the membership list.

Publicity Committee Report – Diane White: Nothing new.

Sales Committee Report – Darla Fera: Nothing to report.

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

Club Group Walks – Maribeth Evans:

1. Good showing for January C&O canal walk, 18 people.
2. February will most likely be the Sligo Creek YRE, March will be the Annual Meeting walk. And April will be Cambridge bus trip.

Old Business:

1. **February, March, April Edition of the Club Newsletter** is on Sugarloafers.org.
 - a. Deadline for submissions to the next edition is January 15, 2020.
2. **Status of the Airports Special Program – Mike Cannon**
 - a. Over 70 books have been sold so far.
 - b. Mike has updated the participants spreadsheet.
3. **YRE on Matthew Henson Trail**
 - a. Kathy Berry has figured out the 5k route and she will write up the walk instructions.
4. **Ijamsville Seasonal Walk:** No information
5. **Future Bus Trips**
 - a. April 18, Cambridge, MD.
 - i. Janet Brown stated that she has 3 people that want to come on the bus trip, but they are not strong walkers. She suggested that the bus make a couple of stops in Cambridge to accommodate the not so strong walkers.
 - ii. It was asked how we were going to publicize the bus trip. After a discussion, Tony Laing stated that it should be word of mouth to friends and family of Sugarloafer members.
 - iii. After a discussion, it was decided not to sanction the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge walk.
6. **Bylaws Vote**
 - a. A motion was made by Alice Filemyr to accept the new bylaws. The motion was seconded and passed without dissent. Update of the Standing Rules is next.
7. **New Event Coordinator needed**
 - a. Tony Laing asked the meeting members if there was any interest in taking over the Event Coordinator responsibilities that Jone Parr currently does.
 - b. Jone Parr stated that as Event Coordinator the club has done 5 Traditional Events per year and that she asks for volunteers to be POC for each of those events.
8. **Nominating Committee**
 - a. Nancy Fenster was not present at the meeting. Tony Laing said that the current President, Vice President, and Treasurer have stated that they will retain their position for the upcoming term. Martin Brown has volunteered to fill the vacating Secretary position.
9. **NBC 4 Health Expo**

- a. Jan 18-19, 2020 There are 2 sanctioned 5K loops - indoors at the Convention Center and outside.
- b. Yvonne Pennington and Pat Astill will be representatives at the Expo and gathered brochures.

New Business:

1. **New Hours for the Airport Cafe at the Airpark/Lois Green YRE**
 - a. Martin Brown stated that the hours of operation of the Airport Cafe have changed. The normal hours are 8am-3pm except Monday which was changed to 8am-2pm. ESR has been updated.
2. **TAW Articles**
 - a. Tony Laing stated that all articles for *The American Wanderer* (AVA publication) are due by January 25.
3. **January AVA Checkpoint is online**
 - a. Janet Brown stated that she will write a blurb for the Sugarloafers newsletter about the AVA *Checkpoint* and it will include URL links to this publication.
4. **Review of Master Calendar**
 - a. Shed payment. Alice Filemyr explained that she has received a bill and paid what she considered was the correct one year amount.
 - b. Removal of records older than 7 years. Jone Parr stated that she will do this.
5. **White and Yellow Coupons**
 - a. Tony Laing was interested as to why the Sugarloafers have both Yellow and White coupons. There was a discussion as to the history of the coupons. Yvonne Pennington stated that the Great Greenbelt club is one of the few clubs that have coupons that are good for all events (TEs, SEs, and YREs). Mike Cannon stated that having coupons only slightly reduces the amount of money that the club receives per event and that having coupons may actually increase participation in all events.
 - b. No action was taken to change the current coupon system.
6. **Other**
 - a. The Quarterly MVA meeting was held on Dec 31 and the new AVA Q4 reporting form was explained and discussed.
 - b. Carolyn Thurber stated that the National Parks Special Program did not allow some walks that she had put in her log book, but she still received the patch.
 - c. Mike Cannon agreed to write an article for the next newsletter about the Airports Special Program.

2020 SVSVC Sanctioned Events:

1. **April 4 - Westminster Breakfast – POC Ward Parr** No information.
2. **May 2 - Washington Grove/Old Town Gaithersburg – POC Janet and Martin Brown** No information.
3. **June 6 - Germantown – POC Tony Laing**
 - a. Mike Cannon stated that there is a Little Free Library very near the Black Rock Art Center. He also stated that he had no problem setting up grill at his house and selling food for the event. He will talk to Bob Schmick about the logistics.
4. **October 3 - Frederick Oktoberfest – POC Allison Andrews, Jone Parr** No information.
5. **October 31 - Easterday Farm – POC Carolyn Thurber**
 - a. Carolyn stated that she had visited the Easterday Farm and had a good talk with Donna. She stated that the farmer will leave a walking path and that there are 5 restrooms available for use.
 - b. This event is to be a Memorial walk and the previous owner wants to collect donations. Carolyn stated that she will put the donation collection information on the brochure, but did not obligate the Sugarloafers into collecting the donated money.

Door Prize Drawing Winner: Mike Cannon

Meeting Adjourned: 8:36 pm