

Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes - June 9, 2020

Meeting Called to Order: 7:33 pm by Tony Laing as a video conference meeting.

Attendees: Jeff Giddings, Alice Filemyr, Maribeth Evans, Thomas Peto, Pat King, Dave and Nancy Fenster, Diane White, Carolyn Thurber, Kathy Berry, Klaus and Gail Waibel, Yvonne Pennington, Jone Parr, Martin and Janet Brown, Darla Fera

State of the Club – Tony Laing:

1. There have been no Traditional Events as of yet this year. All have been postponed due the pandemic.
2. The changes to the Club's Bylaws were approved in January and changes to the Standing Rules will be voted on later in this meeting.
3. The club has added the AVA Special Program "Airports - Celebrating American Flight."
4. The Sugarloafers are a strong and vibrant club and we are fiscally sound.
5. Thanks to all volunteers and box tenders.

Minutes of the Previous Business Meeting: Approved as written.

Treasurer's Report for the Month: Submitted by Alice Filemyr.

1. Income was from a few physical Start Boxes, sales of AVA books and 1 Airport SP book.
2. Expenses included supplies for the Kenwood Cherry Blossom SE.
3. Still have not received the refund for the bus trip to Cambridge, MD.

Treasurer's Report for the Year: Submitted by Alice Filemyr.

1. The club has changed from fiscal year to annual year accounting.
2. The short-year report has been filed with AVA and the IRS. Neither AVA or IRS have contacted the Treasurer for further information, so it seems that all paperwork and forms have been accepted by both entities.

Membership Report – Carolyn Thurber:

1. The current number of memberships is 162.

Publicity Committee Report – Diane White:

1. Maribeth Evans stated that the Kensington Holiday Lights/Fall Colors SE is still a go and that there is still time to make the decision to cancel this event. She requested that this SE be hosted on the OSB as well as having a physical Start Box.
2. Diane White will generate the publicity notices for the Kensington SE.

Sales Committee Report – Darla Fera: nothing to report

Wednesday 5K Walks: Canceled for June.

Club Group Walks – Maribeth Evans: Canceled for June.

Old Business:

1. **May, June, July Edition of the Club Newsletter** is on Sugarloafers.org.
 - a. Deadline for submissions to the next edition is July 15, 2020.
2. **Status of the Airports Special Program**
 - a. 86 books sold so far.
3. **Ijamsville Seasonal Walk Development - Kathy Berry**
 - a. 5K and 10K trails have been completed as well as the corresponding walk instructions. Kathy does not feel that this is a good summer walk (no shade) and that this event should be started in the Fall.
4. **New Events Coordinator needed**
 - a. Tony Laing stated that the club is still looking for someone to replace Jone Parr as the event coordinator. Her duties are currently being handled by an ad hoc committee.
5. **Big Give - Moved to September**
 - a. The Club has approved a donation of \$100 to the Big Give.
6. **Other** - none

New Business:

1. **June AVA Checkpoint is available**
2. **Review of Master Calendar**
 - a. Select an Audit committee, moved to December or January
3. **Assistant Webmaster**
 - a. Jeff Giddings has requested that there be an assistant Webmaster, in case he is unable to continue in that position.
 - b. There was a request to the members to contact Tony Laing if they were interested in the position.
4. **Parallel Registration and how it affects our Seasonals and YREs - Jeff Giddings**
 - a. Jeff Giddings gave a description on how the Sugarloafers are implementing "parallel registration" for some of the club's YREs and SEs. He stated that this "parallel registration" has no effect on the responsibilities of the box tenders and the availability of the physical Start Boxes. However, when there are changes made to the walk instructions the changes will need to be made to the instructions in the physical Start Box and those posted on the OSB.
 - b. He also stated that YREs and SEs that were requested to have an OSB presence were being processed and hosted on the OSB as "parallel registration."
 - c. Yvonne Pennington requested that the Damascus YRE have a "parallel registration" on the OSB. Jeff Giddings agreed that he would do this.
 - d. It was reported that the Airport Cafe is open. Martin Brown stated that he will check on the Start Box status. This walk has OSB "parallel registration."
5. **Vote on Standing Rules**
 - a. Alice Filemyr moved that the Standing Rules be approved as written. Dave Fenster seconded the motion. The motion was approved without dissent.
6. **Vote for Officers for 2020-2021 Term - Nancy Fenster Nominating Committee**
 - a. Nancy Fenster announced the nominations for the club officers; Tony Laing - President, Dave Fenster - Vice President, Martin Brown - Secretary, Alice Filemyr - Treasurer.
 - b. All nominations were elected without dissent.
 - c. Tony Laing thanked Jeff Giddings for his service as Secretary.
7. **Other**
 - a. Kathy Berry stated that her husband had created a 5k and 10k trail and walk instructions at the Meadowside Nature Center. She volunteered to pay the sanctioning fee if the club would approve sanctioning these trails as a new Seasonal Event. There was no dissent to the proposal. Jeff Giddings will have this sanctioned as a Seasonal Event that is hosted on the OSB.
 - b. Janet Brown and Nancy Fenster ordered and have received the new AVA face masks. Both were happy with the masks and said they were comfortable.
 - c. The next AVA Convention will be in Madison, Wisconsin. Jeff Giddings stated that the 500 rooms reserved by AVA for the Convention have been filled and that AVA has reserved another 50 rooms at the convention hotel.

2020 SVSVC Sanctioned Events:

1. **October 31 - Easterday Farm – POC Carolyn Thurber**
 - a. Waiting for confirmation that this event will be going forward. Decision expected in mid-August.

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: 8:14 pm