

Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes - May 12, 2020

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

Attendees: Jeff Giddings, Alice Filemyr, Dave and Nancy Fenster, Pat King, Carolyn Thurber, Kathy Berry, Jone Parr, Martin and Janet Brown, Maribeth Evans, Darla Fera, Diane White(?)

Minutes of the Previous Business Meeting: Approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Submitted by Alice Filemyr.

1. Income includes a few deposits from YREs.
2. Expenses include payment to AVA for Q1 YREs and expenses for maintaining start boxes.
3. We have not received a refund from the bus company for our canceled trip.

Membership Report – Carolyn Thurber:

1. No new members.

Publicity Committee Report – Diane White: Nothing to report.

Sales Committee Report – Darla Fera: Nothing to report.

Wednesday 5K Walks: June walks have been canceled.

Club Group Walks – Maribeth Evans: June group walks have been canceled.

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. Alice Filemyr stated that she has received deposits for 86 books.
3. **YRE on Matthew Henson Trail and Ijamsville Seasonal Walk - Kathy Berry**
 - a. Matthew Henson Trail has been sanctioned and is open on the OSB. Jeff Giddings has sent an email to the club members saying that this event is open.
 - b. Freestate Happy Wanderers asked for pictures taken by Gail Waibel of the Matthew Henson trail for their newsletter.
4. **New Events Coordinator needed**
 - a. No progress.
5. **Update on Standing Rules**
 - a. The *Standing Rules* have been modified and a draft version of the new rules have been posted on sugarloafers.org.
 - b. An email has been sent to all club members saying that these new rules will be voted on during the June meeting.
 - c. Tony Laing said that a lot of Standing Rules details have been moved to the new *Roles and Responsibilities* document.
6. **Roles and Responsibilities Document**
 - a. This new document is a living document that does not require approval by the club. It will be maintained and used as a guide for club operations.
7. **Big Give - Moved to August**
 - a. Tony Laing asked if the usual amount of \$100 is to be given to AVA in August. There were no objections.
8. **Other**
 - a. None.

New Business:

1. **May AVA Checkpoint is online**
2. **Review of Master Calendar**
 - a. Nothing listed on the calendar to do/discuss this month.
3. **Other**

- a. Tony Laing asked Jeff Giddings if a Traditional Event could be hosted on the OSB. Jeff Giddings said that he would research this issue and get back to Tony with an answer.
- b. The topic of hosting the Silver Spring/Takoma Park Seasonal Event on the OSB was raised again. After some discussion it was decided that this SE would be put on the OSB as a parallel registration system. Darla Fera said that she would email Jeff Giddings the walk instructions so that he could generate the PDF for the OSB and enable the OSB as a registration system for this event.
- c. Kathy Berry also requested that the Urbana YRE have the OSB as a parallel registration system. She said that she would email Jeff Giddings the walk instructions so he could set up the OSB for this YRE.
- d. Tony Laing said that the June meeting will have the election of officers for the next term and the acceptance vote on the modified *Standing Rules*. Tony also said that he would give a “State of the club” address at this meeting.

2020 SVSVC Sanctioned Events:

1. **April 4 - Westminster Breakfast – POC Ward Parr - Canceled**
 - a. There is a possibility that this event could be held August 1, but it would need a new POC. This event could be held next year.
2. **May 2 - Washington Grove/Old Town Gaithersburg – POC Janet and Martin Brown - Canceled**
 - a. This event could be held next year.
3. **June 6 - Germantown – POC Tony Laing/Dave Fenster**
 - a. Tony Laing asked whether or not this event should be held. He called out the requirements to hold an event during the pandemic as called out on page 3 of the May issue of the AVA Checkpoint
 - b. He also wondered whether or not the IHOP would be open for the event, so attendees could use their restrooms.
 - c. It was decided to postpone/cancel the event until next year.
 - d. Jeff Giddings stated that the AVA would re-sanction all postponed/canceled events next year without charging a new sanction fee.
4. **October 3 - Frederick Oktoberfest – POC Allison Andrews, Jone Parr**
 - a. Tony Laing stated that the Frederick Oktoberfest has been canceled. So this means that this TE is canceled.

October 31 - Easterday Farm – POC Carolyn Thurber

- a. There was a discussion regarding different ways to register for this event. One suggestion was to allow people to email the POC to pre-register for this event, so that people would not have to stand in line at the registration and finish tables.
- b. Alice Filemyr pointed out that the C&O Canal walk had been advertised heavily at other TEs prior the C&O event to allow people the chance to pre-register and that there was no opportunity to advertise this walk in that way.
- c. Jeff Giddings also discussed that Virginia clubs were using a Google Forms based system to pre-register with YRE POCs, make payments, sign the waiver, and receive Insert Cards.

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