

**Minutes of the SENECA VALLEY SUGARLOAFERS VOLKSMARCH CLUB (SVSVC) Monthly Meeting**

*Tuesday, May 11, 2021, 6:30 p.m., Olney Mill Park, 19600 Charlene Manor Road, Olney MD 20832*

(Minutes prepared by Darla Fera (dmfera@starpower.net), Secretary)

*Call to Order:* Tony Laing, President, at 6:34 p.m.

*Members in attendance:* Darla Fera, Maribeth Evans, Jone Parr, Carolyn Thurber, Pat King, Alice Filemyr, Jeff Giddings, Pat Astill, Yvonne Pennington, Karen Mironescu, Kathy Berry

*On the phone:* David Fenster, Nancy Fenster, Diane White, Martin Brown, Janet Brown, Tom Peto

*Minutes of the previous monthly meeting:* Prepared by Darla; approved with one small amendment.

*Treasurer's Report for previous month:* Prepared by Alice; accepted; annual audit on hold.

*Membership Report:* Carolyn discussed several new/renewal members, bringing the total to 146 family members. Several members have submitted changes of address.

*Publicity:* Diane reported that the publicity for the June 19 Germantown Walk has been out for some time.

*Wellness Report:* Jone reported that she sent card to ailing members as appropriate. Dot Marshall, a long-time member, and one of the oldest members, recently passed away.

*Sales Report:* Darla reported healthy sales at the May 1 Washington Grove event (\$77, mostly new books and new walk packets).

*Wednesday 5km Walks:* Pat and Nancy said that the Wednesday walks resumed in April. First such walk had app. 25-26 walkers. May schedule is coming soon.

*Club Group Walks:* Maribeth said she will schedule the first of these for 2021 in May.

**Old Business**

*Newsletter:* Deadline for next issue is July 15. Contact Darla at dmfera@starpower.net.

*Status of Airport Special Programs:* Over 102 books have been sold; 13 are complete. The program received some free publicity in a recent edition of the magazine covering Beechcraft products.

*New Events Coordinator:* David will be undertaking many of these functions.

*Atlantic Regional Nominating Committee:* Club voted "yes" for Jeff as Regional Director and Karen Coughlin, of the 1st State Webfooters, as Deputy Regional Director. Yvonne will report the results of the vote as appropriate.

*Sugarloafers' OSB Challenge:* Alice said this is now functioning (see website for details).

*Woodstock Equine Center Walk:* Jeff said he is still working on finalizing this walk.

*New Kentland N&S Walk:* Work on the 5 km route is complete. Dave is working on a 10 km route.

*SVSVC's 35th Anniversary in 2022:* Anniversary Committee now consists of Tony, Carolyn, Brigitte, Maribeth and Darla. More information to come.

*Element3 Health Walk Referrals:* Nothing new to report at this time.

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### Old Business, continued

*Sales Manager:* Darla will remain Sales Manager during 2021.

*Club Dinners:* Tony reported that the club dinners are still on hold.

### New Business

*Checkpoint:* Tony announced that the May checkpoint has now been released.

*May 1 – Wash Grove/Olde Towne Gaithersburg Walk:* Janet reported that we had 120 walkers. Asking walkers to sign in only and stamp at the beginning of the walk seemed to work well.

*June 5 Walk:* Note that this walk is a joint effort of the Freestate Happy Wanderers and the Md. Volkssport Association.

*Thank you notes:* After a brief discussion, it was decided that if POCs want to send thank you notes to walkers, they should feel free to do so. Sugarloafers letterhead is available.

*National Convention:* Necrology needed. Jone said she might be able to generate this list for Alice.

*Flag:* Members voted to ask Alice to purchase a Volksmarcher flag for club use. The flag will carry the AVA new logo and the name "Sugarloafers Walking Club."

*Information Officer:* Tony suggested that a new title for the types of services Carolyn provides the club might be "Information Officer."

*Groupworks:* Members discussed extending Groupworks access to all club members, instead of only to officers. The decision was made to instead use this as a tool to publicize the walks, which Dave will take charge of.

*Oct. 2 – Oktoberfest, Frederick:* It was noted that one of the available walks will go by an airport.

### 2021 SVSVC Sanctioned Events, Upcoming

- June 19 – Germantown Walk – Tony Laing/Dave Fenster
- Sept. 11 – Easterday Farm at Myersville – Carolyn Thurber & Anna Nevius
- Oct. 2 – Oktoberfest, Frederick – Ellen McAdams, Alison Andrews & Jone Parr

### 2022 and Future

- Olney Indoor Pool Park – mapped on Plotaroute
- Lake Hallowell – mapped on Plotaroute

*Other possibilities:* Glen Echo & Clara Barton House – new management; C&O Canal at Rileys Lock; Oktoberfest at Frederick; Westminster; Moonlight at Seneca Creek (possible date: 11/12/22); Sandy Spring Underground Railroad

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, June 8, 2021, 6:30 p.m., Olney Mill Park