

**Minutes of the SENECA VALLEY SUGARLOAFERS VOLKSMARCH CLUB (SVSVC) Meeting**  
*Tuesday, November 9, 2021 7:30 pm via Google Meet*

*Call to Order:* Tony Laing, President, at 7:34 p.m.

*October minutes:* Prepared by Secretary Darla Fera (dmfera@starpower.net); approved.

*Members in Attendance (online):* Tony Laing, Darla Fera, Jeff Giddings, Alice Filemyer, Carolyn Thurber, Pat King, Thomas Peto, Ward Parr, Jone Parr, Diane White, Dave Fenster, Nancy Fenster, Pat Astill, Yvonne Pennington

*Treasurer's report (Alice Filemyr):* Combined October and November 2021 report was submitted.

*Publicity (Diane White):* Nothing to report.

*Membership Report (Carolyn Thurber):* Total membership is 143 families, due to non-renewals. Membership list is being updated and will be sent to members soon.

*Wellness Report (Jone Parr):* Funeral services for past president Rose Ann Nichols are being set.

*Sales Report (Darla Fera):* Nothing to report.

*Wednesday 5km Walks (Pat King & Nancy Fenster):* Pat and Nancy are debating whether or not to schedule walks in Dec./Jan., due to concerns about the weather, and would like input from Wednesday walkers. Organizers are contemplating scheduling mall walks during January, February and March. They may also offer a combination of inside and outside walks during the winter.

*Club Group Walks (Maribeth Evans):* The next walk is Nov. 21 at Tipton Airport/Patuxent Research.

### **Old Business**

*January 2022 Newsletter:* Deadline is December 15.

*Status of Airport Special Programs:* 107 books sold.

*SVSVC Club's 35th Anniversary in 2022:* A special anniversary "Walk 2022" book has been designed and will be sent out to members via email and available at meetings and certain walk events.

*Updating Traditional POC Guide:* Dave is reviewing the comments received and then will post the final document.

### **New Business**

*Checkpoint:* November edition has been released.

*"Big Give":* The AVA was hoping to raise \$90,000 and actually raised \$95,000. Sugarloafers contributed \$100.

*Friends of Seneca Creek:* We discussed possibly giving \$100, as we have done in the past.

*Monthly Meeting Locations:* Tony will look into the possibility of holding the meetings at a library.

*Maryland MVA Meeting:* Dec. 31, 2021, in Savage MD, together with a walk. Tony is unavailable, so Dave will represent the Sugarloafers.

*Possible Spring Bus Trip:* Janet Brown was ready to schedule a trip to Cambridge, MD, in 2020. It still may be too soon to reschedule this — or any other — trip, in light of continuing concerns about the pandemic.

*Traveling Guided Walk (TGW) Stamp:* This was briefly discussed before the issue was tabled until the December meeting.

*Other:* Alison Andrews will lead a walk in Montgomery Village on Nov. 28; Jeff noted that April 1-6 is National Walking Week.

**2022 Planned Traditional Events**

1. Old Town Rockville, Dawson's Market, date TBD, but likely in the Spring — Alice Filemyr
2. C&O Canal at Riley's Lock Volksmarch & Volksbike, date TBD, but likely in March — Pat Astill and Tony
3. Oktoberfest at Frederick on October 1 — Jone, Alison and Ellen
4. Kentlands East & West on October 29 — Dave Fenster
5. Moonlight at Seneca Creek on November 12 — Tony Laing

*Other:* 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Group Walk & Luncheon — November 19 — Tony Laing

**2023 & Future Traditional Events**

It was suggested that we try to incorporate some special program offerings when finalizing these walks.

1. Kentlands North and/or South evening walk — Dave Fenster
2. Woodstock Equestrian Special Park, Dickerson MD (Jeff Giddings)
3. Westminster
4. Lake Hallowell — mapped on Plotaroute
5. Olney Indoor Pool Park — mapped on Plotaroute
5. Glen Echo & Clara Barton House — new management
6. Sandy Spring Underground Railroad

Others?

*Club Dinners:* On hold.

**Adjournment at 8:24 p.m.**

**Next Meeting December 14, 2021**