

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

*Tuesday, October 12, 2021, 6:30 p.m., Olney Mill Park*

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

*Call to Order:* Tony Laing, President, at 6:32p.m.

*Members in Attendance:* Tony Laing, Darla Fera, Pat Astill, Yvonne Pennington, Mike Cannon, Carolyn Thurber

*Via phone:* David Fenster, Nancy Fenster, Pat King, Diane White

*Minutes of the previous monthly meeting (Darla Fera):* Approved, with noted changes.

*Treasurer's Report for previous month (Alice Filemyr):* The next report will cover both October and November 2021.

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

*Membership Report (Carolyn Thurber):* We received four new family memberships during the past month. Brings the total membership to 156 families.

*Sales Report (Darla Fera):* We had \$56 in sales at the Easterday walk.

*Wednesday 5km Walks (Pat King & Nancy Fenster):* Pat reported that we are averaging 15 walkers per walk. Organizers are contemplating scheduling mall walks, most likely at Montgomery Mall, during January, February and March.

*Club Group Walks (Maribeth Evans):* The next walk will be Oct. 23 at Tipton Airport/Patuxent Research Reserve.

### **Old Business**

*Newsletter:* Next deadline is Dec. 15, 2021, for the *January 2022* newsletter (note revised deadline). Contact Darla at dmfera@starpower.net.

*Status of Airport Special Programs:* Everyone seemed to agree that the program was a success. Program will remain open for one more year. Total of 106 books have been sold thus far.

*Club's 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration:* The anniversary will be celebrated on Nov. 19, 2022. Similar to our 30th anniversary celebration, we will walk before the luncheon/party, which will be held at the Bauer Drive county facility. A special walk book will be designed that includes gifts for those who walk 15, 25 and 35 Sugarloafers walks in 2022. More details to come.

*Updating the Traditional POC Guide:* Dave finished updating the guide and a draft is ready for review.

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### **New Business**

*Checkpoint:* Tony announced that the October 2021 checkpoint has now been released, containing major coverage of the “Big Give.”

*Article in TAW:* Tony mentioned that he frequently contributes to *The American Wanderer*.

*Master Calendar:* Planning for the annual meeting is on hold at this time.

*Freedom Walk:* Scheduled for Oct. 16-17 in Arlington, Va.

### **2021 SVSVC Sanctioned Events**

*Oct. 2 – Oktoberfest, Frederick* – We had 151 walkers — a very good showing! Thanks go to Ellen McAdams, Alison Andrews & Jone Parr, and all the volunteers.

### **2022 and Future**

The following walks will likely be those selected for 2022, and should be sanctioned by the end of 2021:

- Kentlands East & West – Dave is looking into using Java Nation as the location of the physical start box.
- Old Town Rockville, Dawson’s Market – Alice Filemyr
- Oktoberfest at Frederick, Oct. 1 – Jone Parr
- Moonlight at Seneca Creek, Nov. 12
- C&O Canal at Rileys Lock, tentatively scheduled for April 23 — Pat Astill & Yvonne Pennington have asked for it to be sanctioned.

These others are possibilities for the future:

1. Woodstock Equestrian Special Park, Dickerson MD (Jeff Giddings)
2. Westminster (Has a town hall. There will be a new town hall program starting next year)
3. Lake Hallowell – mapped on Plotaroute
4. Olney Indoor Pool Park – mapped on Plotaroute
5. Glen Echo & Clara Barton House
6. Sandy Spring Underground Railroad
7. Kentlands North & South, 5k and 10K (Dave Fenster)
8. Others: a “rails to trails” walk; VFW trail/Great Falls; Goldmine Trail

### **Adjournment.**

**Next meeting: November 9, 2021, Olney Mill Park, 7:30 p.m., online. (We are looking into securing an indoor facility for future meetings.)**