

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

Tuesday, September 14, 2021, 6:30 p.m., Olney Mill Park

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

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

Members in attendance: Tony Laing, Darla Fera, Alice Filemyr, Jone Parr, Carolyn Thurber, Jeff Giddings, Kathy Berry, Pat King, Karin Mironescu

Via phone: David Fenster, Nancy Fenster, Pat Astill, Yvonne Pennington, Diane White, Mike Cannon

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

Treasurer's Report for previous month (Alice Filemyr): Accepted. Tony and Dave audited the books. Sugarloafers finances are in good shape, according to Tony. Alice noted that we pay \$162 a year for rental of a P.O. box,

Publicity (Diane White): The publicity is out for the Oct. 2 walk.

Membership Report (Carolyn Thurber): We now have 152 family members, as several new members joined in August and September. Gwen Owens, in the capacity of a New Member Liaison, has agreed to check in with new members after approximately one week.

Wellness Report (Jone Parr): Three cards were sent on behalf of the club: sympathy card to Tina Soule, whose husband died; (2) a get-well card to Helen Justus, who had an operation; and (3) a sympathy card to the family of former club president Rose Ann Nichols, who recently passed away.

Sales Report (Darla Fera): Good sales at Easterday Farm Walk (\$56). We are looking into ordering polo shirts with pockets for the club.

Wednesday 5km Walks (Pat King & Nancy Fenster): Pat reported that we are averaging 15 walkers per walk, a healthy response.

Club Group Walks (Maribeth Evans): The next walk will be Sept. 26 in Ijamsville.

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.

Club's 35th Anniversary Celebration: Several key decisions have been made: 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. Other celebratory items will include hand sanitizer and light-weight nylon backpacks. More details to come. Members of the committee include Tony, Maribeth, Brigitte, Darla and Carolyn (advisor).

YRE/Seasonal Sanctioning: This task has been completed.

Updating the Traditional POC Guide: Dave is continuing his work on this project, which is almost complete.

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New Business

Checkpoint: Tony announced that the *September 2021* checkpoint has now been released.

'Big Give' Contribution: Tony said the club donated \$100 to the AVA's Big Give campaign and that individual contributions are welcome.

Master Calendar: The club is caught up with its activities as appropriate.

Starting Point: If interested in ordering a book at a discount, contact Carolyn by Sept. 23. All orders must be pre-paid.

2021 SVSVC Sanctioned Events

Sept. 11 – Easterday Farm at Myersville – Carolyn Thurber & Anna Nevius. The walk was a great success, with 121 walkers participating. Tony thanked everyone for their hard work.

Oct. 2 – Oktoberfest, Frederick – Ellen McAdams, Alison Andrews & Jone Parr. On schedule. A new trail that goes by the airport will be included this year.

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 Fenster
- Old Town Rockville, Dawson's Market – Alice Filemyr
- Oktoberfest at Frederick – Jone Parr
- Moonlight at Seneca Creek, Nov. 19
- C&O Canal at Rileys Lock

These others are possibilities for the future:

- Westminster
- Woodstock Equestrian Special Park, Dickerson MD (Jeff Giddings)
- Lake Hallowell – mapped on Plotaroute
- Olney Indoor Pool Park – mapped on Plotaroute
- Kentlands – North & South, 5 & 10 km (Dave Fenster)
- Glen Echo & Clara Barton House
- Sandy Spring Underground Railroad
- Others?

Club Dinners: On hold due to continuing COVID concerns.

Adjournment.

Next meeting is October 12, 2021, Olney Mill Park, 6:30 p.m.