

Minutes of the SENECA VALLEY SUGARLOAFERS VOLKSMARCH CLUB (SVSVC) Meeting
Tuesday, February 8, 2022, 7:30 pm via Montgomery County Library, Gaithersburg, MD

Call to Order: Tony Laing, President, at 7:37 p.m.

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

Members in Attendance: Tony Laing, Darla Fera, Jeff Giddings, Alice Filemyer, Carolyn Thurber, Pat King, Thomas Peto, Jone Parr, Diane White, Dave Fenster, Nancy Fenster, Kathy Berry, Maribeth Evans, Val Rea

Treasurer's report (Alice Filemyr): January 2022 report was submitted. Alice asked that when depositing money in the SVSVC account, please add your initials, or some other way of identifying who the depositor is, to the deposit slip. Note that Suntrust is now Truist. For members using the OSB for the 35th anniversary walk booklet, please note how to request the \$.50 reimbursements and use the "e-card."

Publicity (Diane White): Publicity for the Riley's Lock walk is underway.

Membership Report (Carolyn Thurber): Total membership is 142 families, due to non-renewals.

Wellness Report (Jone Parr): Former member Deana Parks passed away on Jan. 1.

Sales Report (Darla Fera): Nothing to report.

Wednesday 5km Walks (Pat King & Nancy Fenster): The walk schedule for March 2022 should soon be available. In March, the group will continue holding an inside mall walk every other Wednesday.

Club Group Walks (Maribeth Evans): The next walk likely will be in Wheaton at the end of February.

Old Business

SVSVC Newsletter: January 2022 newsletter has been posted. Deadline for August 2022 edition is July 15.

Status of Airport Special Programs: 108 books sold; 19 finished.

SVSVC Club's 35th Anniversary in 2022: Nothing new to report.

Updating Traditional POC Guide: Dave said he is making final changes to the document now and it should be posted very soon.

Traveling Guided Walk Stamp: We tabled this idea, in favor of turning some year-round walks into seasonal walks and obtaining sanctioning for them, perhaps on a rolling basis. So far, six walks have been added. If you have other suggestions, contact Jeff Giddings.

New Business

Checkpoint Books: January and February editions have been released.

Review Master Calendar: Periodically, the shed needs to be cleaned out, and material/reports that are older than 7 years should be discarded. 4th Quarter Participation Report was prepared and submitted.

Annual Meeting: The 2022 annual meeting will be held in combination with the March 8 monthly meeting.

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New Business (continued)

Special Events: National Walking Week is the first week of April. Atlantic Regional AVA Conference, April 21-24, Plymouth Meeting, Pa. Will include a silent auction; contributions to the auction are solicited. February 19–26, 2023, 2023 IVV Olympiad and IML Texas Trail Roundup Walk Festival, San Antonio, Texas.

Element 3: See list of Element3Health website (<https://element3health.com>) for list of AVA walks included in the program.

2022 Sanctioned Events

1. C&O Canal at Riley's Lock Volksmarch & Volksbike, March 26 — Pat Astill, Tony Laing and Dave Fenster
2. Historic Rockville, Dawson's Market, June 4 — Jeff Giddings
3. Oktoberfest at Frederick on October 1 — Jone Parr, Alison Andrews and Ellen McAdams
4. Kentlands East & West on October 29 — Dave Fenster (PSB moving from Java Nation to Sushi Place)
5. Moonlight at Seneca Creek on November 12 — Tony Laing

Other: 35th 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

Club Dinners: Under consideration for resumption in April or May.

Adjournment at 8:24 p.m.

Next Meeting March 8, 2022 (combined monthly and annual meeting)