

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

Tuesday, March 8, 2022, 7:30 pm at Montgomery County Library, Gaithersburg, MD

Call to Order: Tony Laing, President, at 7:35 p.m.

State of the club: Tony made a short presentation indicating that our club is in good shape. We had more app. 1,798 walkers at our events in calendar year 2021.

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

Members in Attendance (20): Tony Laing, Darla Fera, Jeff Giddings, Alice Filemyr, Dave Fenster, Nancy Fenster, Karen Mironescu, Maribeth Evans, Yvonne Pennington, Pat Astill, Carolyn Thurber, Jone Parr, Pat King, Jackie Johnson, Thomas Peto, Diane White, Kathy Berry, Val Rea, Pat Niwenizen, Cheryl Impertaore (new member)

Treasurer's report (Alice Filemyr): February 2022 report was submitted. Note that we recently changed from a fiscal year to a calendar year for reporting purposes. Our audit is complete.

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

Membership Report (Carolyn Thurber): Total membership is 144 families.

Wellness Report (Jone Parr): Nothing to report.

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 the Cherry Blossom seasonal in March or April.

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.

New seasonals: We created six new seasonals and we will eventually turn them into year-round events.

- 3/1/2022 – 12/1/2022: Old Town Gaithersburg; Kentlands, Lake Hallowell
- 4/1/2022 – 12/1/2022: Rio/Crown/Malcom King Park; Germantown; Sandy Spring Underground Railroad

New Business

Checkpoint Books: March edition has been released.

Review Master Calendar: All activities are on schedule.

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Atlantic Regional Conference: Plymouth Meeting, PA, in April. Carolyn suggested we that the Sugarloafers make a contribution to the Silent Auction worth app. \$25. The suggestion was agreed to.

New Business (continued)

Texas Roundup: Registration opens on April 15.

MVA Meeting on March 19: Tony and Carolyn will attend.

Annual Meeting, Election of 2022-2023 Officers. Nancy Fenster, the nominating committee, placed the names of the current board of officers for consideration for re-election. All members were re-elected unanimously.

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, Alice Filemyr (all new trail)
3. Oktoberfest at Frederick on October 1 — Jone Parr, Alison Andrews and Ellen McAdams
4. Kentlands East & West on October 29 — Dave Fenster
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 — Tony said this walk is ready to be a YRE.
5. Glen Echo & Clara Barton House — new management
6. Sandy Spring Underground Railroad

Club Dinners: Under consideration for resumption on May 19 at Gentleman Jim's.

Adjournment at 8:45 p.m.

Next Meeting April 12, 2022, Charlene Manor Park in Olney, 7:00 p.m.