

Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes. April 12, 2016

Meeting Called to Order: 7:31 pm

Attendees: Diane White, Alice Filemyr, Jeff Giddings, Jone Parr, Yvonne Pennington, Pat Astill, Heather Coxon, Brigitte DeHart, Joan Meunier, Elaine Hadidiacos

Minutes of the February Meeting: Adopted as written.

Treasurer's Reports for February and March :

1. Donation reported in the February report was to the VFW for hosting last year's Annual Meeting.

Membership Report: No new members.

Wellness Committee Report: No reported illness.

Sales Committee Report:

1. Suggestions for additional Sales Table items were: water bottles, Polar Packs for water bottles, aluminum water bottles, and coffee mugs.
2. Brigitte DeHart looked at Cafe Press for pricing of coffee mugs. There is no minimum order necessary for a price of \$7.97 per mug, including the design.
3. Brigitte will order 20 coffee mugs after a design has been finalized.

Wednesday 5K Walks: The 5K walk schedule has been sent out.

Club Group Walks:

1. Martha Merenda and Marge Auerbach led the DC Zoo walk on April 9.
2. Margie Martin is the POC for the walk on Saturday, May 21 in Odenton, MD.

Old Business:

1. Club Award System Initiated – Yvonne Pennington

- a. The club newsletter article is almost finished.
- b. She has started a spreadsheet for the award system and will gather names of previous volunteers for this year and enter them into the spreadsheet.

2. Atlantic Region Conference, March 18-20/16 in Hagerstown, MD – Review – Jone Parr

- a. Total of 570 walkers for all 3 events held at the conference.
- b. The Silent Auction raised over \$4000, which was enough to cover the hotel expenses.
- c. Jone Parr received an AVA milestone award at the region meeting of the conference.
- d. Certificates of Appreciation were given to volunteers Jone Parr and Carolyn Thurber for their work on the conference.
- e. Carolyn Thurber scheduled a meeting at the conference to create new Maryland VM club.
 - i. 6 people attended the meeting.
 - ii. The first meeting of this club will be Sunday April 17. The AVA Atlantic Region director and the Maryland Volkssport Association president will attend.
 - iii. Jone Parr asked to share some event related items from the storage. There was no opposition to the suggestion by the members present.
- f. The next A.R.C. is in Virginia. The location is TBD.

3. Annual Club Meeting in 2016 Review – Diane White

- a. The Annual Meeting was held on March 13 at the Rosborough Center in Asbury Village, Gaithersburg, MD.
- b. 29 walkers did the 5 or 10k Lake Whetstone YRE trails.
- c. Election results:
 - i. President: Anthony (Tony) Laing
 - ii. Vice-President: Heather Coxon

- iii. Secretary: Jeff Giddings
- iv. Treasurer: Alice Filemyr

4. Other

- a. Jone Parr had no new information regarding club sponsoring of C&O Canal signs.

New Business:

1. AVA Checkpoint – Diane White

- a. Diane White read selected items from the AVA Checkpoint.
- b. The Big Give S.A., to support the AVA, will accept online donations on May 3.
- c. A Big Give contribution from the club of \$100 was unanimously approved. Alice Filemyr will send the check.

2. 30th Anniversary of the Club Planning Committee – Yvonne Pennington

- a. Yvonne Pennington opted out of the committee due to other commitments.
- b. Jone Parr suggested that Brigitte DeHart, Carolyn Thurber, and Tony Laing, be on the committee.
- c. The committee must finalize plans by Mid-October, so they can be published in 4th quarter newsletter.

3. Atlantic Regional Director’s Ramblings to be Available on Club Website – Diane White

- a. Jeff Giddings explained that permission to post the Ramblings has been obtained and that the Ramblings will be placed on the Club’s website as they become available.

4. Monthly Meeting Minutes on Club Website – Jeff Giddings

- a. Jeff Giddings explained that the club’s Business Meeting Minutes will be posted on the club’s website after they have been approved at the next meeting.

5. Discussion of Allowing Members to E-Mail Agenda Items to Club President – Diane White.

- a. The club members present agreed that members can email agenda items to the president, but they must be present at the meeting for the agenda item to be discussed.

6. New IRS Database Registration Report – Alice Filemyr

- a. HQ fuss about registering immediately is not necessary.
- b. Alice Filemyr has completed everything required but can’t file with the IRS until end of fiscal year.

7. Request for Two Members to Serve on the Audit Committee – Diane White

- a. Alice Filemyr said that the audit could take place at the end of July at the earliest. She suggested Tony Laing and Heather Coxon be on committee. Yvonne Pennington requested to be present at the audit.
- b. Diane White will send an email to Tony Laing and Heather Coxon requesting that they be on the committee.

8. Other

- a. The next Club Newsletter will be 2-3 weeks late as Janet Brown will be out of town.
- b. Alice Filemyr has sent 2 NEC agenda items to Tom Jackson (Regional Director).
- c. Yvonne Pennington requested that pictures from walk events be sent to her so she can post them to Facebook.

Status of Planned Events:

- 1. **March 12 – May 9 – Cherry Blossoms, Spring Flowers – Bethesda, MD - POCs Maribeth Evans and Joan Peterson:** As of April 3, the event had 151 walkers.
- 2. **April 23 – Washington Grove/Olde Towne – Gaithersburg, MD – POCs Joan Meunier and Jone Parr:** All needed volunteers are signed up.
- 3. **June 4 – Germantown, Maryland – POCs Carolyn Thurber and Roseann Flyte**
 - a. Tabled until next meeting due to time constraints.

Door Prize Drawing Winner: Elaine Hadidiacos

Meeting Adjourned: 8:58 pm