

Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes. April 11, 2017

Meeting Called to Order: 7:30 pm by President Tony Laing

Attendees: Alice Filemyr, Jeff Giddings, Jone Parr, Carolyn Thurber, Mike Jones, Mary Kroh, Brigitte DeHart, Dave and Nancy Fenster, Karin Mironescu, Pat Astill, Yvonne Pennington

Minutes of the February Meeting: Approved as written.

Treasurer's Reports for February and March: Submitted.

1. Expenses for the 2 months included; the annual meeting, 30th anniversary giveaways and the Philadelphia bus trip.

Membership Report – Carolyn Thurber:

1. Six new families joined the club for a total of 179.
2. There was 1 update to the membership list.

Wellness Committee Report - Jean Francis

1. Jean Francis sent a condolence card to Colleen Biasco on the passing of her mother.
2. Jean Francis also sent a condolence card to Carolyn Petruzzelli on the passing of her husband.

Sales Committee Report – Brigitte DeHart:

1. Several mugs were sold at the annual meeting.

Wednesday 5K Walks: The scheduled walks for April have been sent out.

Club Group Walks: Alison Andrews led the April 1 walk at Kenwood.

Old Business:

1. **Club Newsletter** deadline for the May, June, July edition is April 15.
2. **“10, 20, 30 in 2017” Sugarloafers’ Walk Program – Carolyn Thurber**
 - a. No one has turned in a completed event book yet.
3. **Other:** none

New Business:

1. **Atlantic Region Ramblings #39 and #40 – Tony Laing**
 - a. Have been posted on the SVSVC website.
2. **April 2017 Checkpoint is online**
3. **Move More Montgomery Festival**
 - a. Will be held at the Bauer Drive Recreation Center; Saturday, May 6, 2017 from 12pm to 4pm.
 - b. They would like SVSVC representation.
 - c. Setup of information booth should occur between 8:30am and 12 noon.
 - d. For the Information booth, we would need the Canopy tent, a table, and chairs.
 - e. Tony Laing asked for volunteers to man the information booth.
4. **SVSVC Delegate to the AVA Convention in Billings, MT, June 6-9, 2017.**
 - a. Pat Astill has volunteered to be our club's voting delegate to the AVA Convention. Yvonne Pennington will be the club's alternate delegate.
 - b. Tony Laing will create an agenda item for the May SVSVC business meeting for discussion and determination of the club's votes for AVA officer candidates and issues.
 - c. AVA officer candidate information has been printed in The American Wanderer and Tony has been receiving emails from the candidates. Jeff Giddings will post links to information provided by Tony on the club's website.
5. **Other**
 - a. MVA meeting report by Carolyn Thurber.
 - i. Tom Jackson reported the status of Atlantic Region clubs using AVA's new OnLine Start Box (OLSB) and showed the attendees an example of an OLSB insert card.
 - ii. He also announced clubs celebrating 30 years and presented SVSVC with a letter, and certificate and ribbon from AVA.

- iii. He also urged clubs to nominate people for AVA service awards.
- iv. Bob Wright attended the meeting and called out Yvonne Pennington as the point-of-contact for the half page brochure format.
- v. All Atlantic Region clubs reported their upcoming events.
- vi. Bob Schmick gave out new Volkssporting bumper stickers.
- vii. Tom Jackson also called for suggestions for new YREs.

Status of Planned Events:

1. **March 11 – May 9: Cherry Blossoms in Kenwood, Bethesda – POC Maribeth Evans**
 - a. No additional information
2. **March 26: Annual Meeting – POCs Diane White and Tony Laing**
 - a. The Annual Meeting was considered a success, with 28 people attending.
 - b. Diane White was presented with an AVA Meritorious Service award and a gift certificate to Clyde's restaurant.
 - c. Election of club officers for the term July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018:
 - i. President - Anthony (Tony) Laing
 - ii. Vice President - Dave Fenster
 - iii. Secretary - Jeffrey (Jeff) Giddings
 - iv. Treasurer - Alice Filemyr
3. **April 1 – December 31: Appalachian Trail Seasonal Walk – POC Alice Filemyr**
 - a. Open and available on the Online Start Box (OLSB).
 - b. Alice Filemyr proposed a group walk on this trail in late September. It was met with approval. Jone Parr volunteered to lead the 5K walkers for this group walk.
4. **April 21: Tater Tour of the Kenwood Seasonal – POC Jone Parr**
 - a. Tater Tours will do the SVSVC National Zoo and Embassy Row YREs on Friday, April 21 from 9:45am - 4pm.
5. **April 22, 2017: Historic Rockville, MD – POC Carolyn Thurber**
 - a. The start point is the Rockville Swim Center.
 - b. The Worker's walk will be held Saturday, April 15.
 - c. Carolyn Thurber still needs a few volunteers.
6. **April 29, 2017: Philadelphia Bus Trip Status – POC Tony Laing**
 - a. 32 people have signed up so far and we need to fill more seats. The bus accommodates 47.
 - b. Jone printed the signup sheets for on the bus registration of walkers for the Philadelphia YREs.
7. **May 20, 2017: Lake Frank and Meadowside Nature Center – POCs Alice Filemyr, Jeff Giddings**
 - a. Brochures are being depleted from some YRE boxes. Alice Filemyr will replenish the Rock Creek YRE box.
 - b. Alice Filemyr has created a volunteer signup sheet and needs additional volunteers.
 - c. The Worker's walk will be held May 7 at 1 pm. Walking sticks will be made available.
8. **October 28 Ag History Park Derwood, - POCs Colleen Biasco, Jone Parr**
 - a. No information
9. **November 18, 2017: SVSVC 30th Anniversary – POC Tony Laing**
 - a. Tony Laing has sent invitations to Bob Schmick and Tom Jackson. He will send another invitation to Mike Green (incoming Atlantic Region Director), and Dolores Grenier (the new deputy Atlantic Region Director).

Door Prize Drawing Winner: Jone Parr

Meeting Adjourned: 8:26pm