

Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes. August 9, 2016

Meeting Called to Order: 7:40 pm by President Tony Laing

Attendees: Heather Coxon, Alice Filemyr, Jeff Giddings, Carolyn Thurber, Pat Astill, Yvonne Pennington

Minutes of the June Meeting: Approved as written.

Treasurer's Reports for July:

1. The \$95 under Miscellaneous is comprised of \$65/year for web site hosting, and \$30 to the State of Maryland for registering new club officers.

Membership Report: 3 new members

1. Total of 175 families.
2. Carolyn Thurber has sent out two notices for membership renewal. No more notices will be sent.
3. 28 members have renewed out of the 50 that were up for renewal.

Wellness Committee Report:

1. No information.

Sales Committee Report:

1. The purchased coffee mugs have arrived, There was a slight increase in the purchase price for shipping, but the proposed sales price of \$10/mug will cover the increase.

Wednesday 5K Walks: The schedule for August & September have been sent out.

Club Group Walks:

1. August 28th - Hagerstown Augustoberfest event hosted by Antietam Pathfinders Volksmarch Club.

Old Business:

1. 30th Anniversary of the Club Planning Committee – Tony Laing

- a. The coffee mugs have arrived. Tony Laing thanked Yvonne Pennington for the mug's logo. The plans are to start selling the mugs at the Frederick Oktoberfest, and then the Seneca Creek Moonlight events. The mugs are in custody of Brigitte DeHart.
- b. The SVSVC 30th anniversary is planned to be November 18th 2017.
- c. The committee has planned to have "give-away" items at all club events.
- d. Alice Filemyr mentioned window clings as a possible "give-away" item.
- e. It was mentioned that it might be possible to share the "give-aways" with Greenbelt club, but the club logos seemed to prevent this sharing of items.
- f. The club will get special event stamp inserts for the anniversary year events..

2. Audit Committee – Tony Laing

- a. The committee was composed of Tony Laing and Heather Coxon.
- b. They examined the 2015-2016 fiscal year records and found them in good order.
- c. Alice Filemyr has filed the fiscal year report with AVA and the E-990 postcard with the IRS.

3. Other

- a. None

New Business:

1. August, September, October Newsletter is on line.

- a. Janet Brown has sent out the newsletter. 20 paper copies were mailed to members who requested them.

2. Atlantic Region Ramblings #29 – June 4 Volksmarch Video on Montgomery County Cable

- a. Carolyn Thurber was "nominated for an Emmy award" by Tony Laing for her performance in the video.

3. August AVA "Checkpoint" is on line

4. **Ellicott City YRE closed due to the July 30 flooding.**
5. **MVA Meeting Saturday, October 15, Havre De Grace, MD at 10 AM in the library**
6. **2017 AVA Biennial Convention will be in Billings MT on June 7-9, 2017**
7. **OASIS Presentation, October 13. "The Who, What, When, Where, Why of Volksmarching"**
 - a. Tony Laing will give a half-hour presentation to senior citizens on the topic this topic.
8. **Person needed to send out club messages**
 - a. Maribeth Evans' home email client is not allowing her to send to the entire club list.
 - b. Tony Laing has volunteered to do this temporarily.
 - c. Jeff Giddings has volunteered to set up an announcement email list on the club's web server to allow Maribeth Evans to continue send the club's announcements to members.
9. **Possible Bus Trips in 2017**
 - a. A discussion was held to gauge interest in and gather ideas for a club sponsored walking trip.
 - b. Tony Laing mentioned New York and Philadelphia as possible destinations, with the trip to be in April or May.
 - c. Pat Astill thought a weekend trip would be best.
 - d. It was suggested that the MVA website be consulted to avoid trip conflicts with other events.
10. **Other**
 - a. Alice Filemyr has taken over the C&O YRE box for the last quarter of this year.
 - b. Rockville Sister Cities organization has asked the club to plan an event in Rockville for them.
 - i. It will be held on April 22nd, 2017.
 - ii. The Rockville Swim Center start point was arranged for by the city.
 - c. Next year's event bookmark will be available at the Seneca Creek Moonlight event. There will be an Anniversary walk in November,
 - d. Carolyn Thurber has asked Heather Coxon to coordinate the orders for the Starting Point book.
 - e. Carolyn Thurber thinks something other than a plaque be given to Diane White for her service to the club. The following were mentioned as possibilities:
 - i. Gift certificate
 - ii. AVA award(s). Alice Filemyr will investigate possible AVA awards.
 - iii. Special T-Shirt
 - iv. Present award at the Club Anniversary event or the Annual meeting.

Status of Planned Events:

1. **July 1 to September 30: Silver Spring/Takoma Park Seasonal Walk: POC Maribeth Evans**
2. **October 1: Oktoberfest – Frederick, MD: POCs Jone Parr, Yvonne Pennington, Pat Astill**
 - a. The brochure is available and being distributed.
 - b. The trail is basically done and it is different from last year's trail.
3. **October 17 – December 30: Fall Colors, Holiday Lights Seasonal Walk – Kensington, MD: POC Maribeth Evans**
 - a. Club walks on two different trails with one emphasizing the night lights.

Door Prize Drawing Winner: Heather Coxon

Meeting Adjourned: 8:33 pm