

Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club  
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes. August 8, 2017

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

**Attendees:** Alice Filemyr, Jeff Giddings, Dave and Nancy Fenster, Carolyn Thurber, Pat Astill, Brigitte DeHart, Maribeth Evans.

**Minutes of the June Meeting:** Approved as written.

**Treasurer's Reports for July:** Submitted.

1. Alice Filemyr is closing the books on fiscal year 2016/17.
2. The 503c post card has been filed with IRS and a copy will be sent to the AVA.

**Membership Report – Carolyn Thurber:**

1. No new members this month.
2. There has been a really good return on renewals, fewer than 10 memberships were not renewed.

**Wellness Committee Report - Jean Francis:**

1. Carolyn Thurber asked Jean Francis to send a card to Diane White for her foot injury.

**Sales Committee Report – Brigitte DeHart:**

1. Nothing new.

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

1. August 9, Lakeforest Mall, Gaithersburg, Maria Inocencio.
2. August 16, Rock Creek Park, Alice Filemyr.

**Club Group Walks:**

1. August 6, Takoma Park Seasonal. 3 walkers did 6k, 7 walkers did 10k.
2. September 17, Washington Monument on the AT, POCs Alice Filemyr and Jeff Giddings.

**Old Business:**

1. **Club Newsletter** for May, June, July is posted on our website.
  - a. Deadline for the next edition is October 15.
2. **“10, 20, 30 in 2017” Sugarloafers’ Walk Program – Carolyn Thurber**
  - a. 6 people have turned in their books.
3. **Other:**
  - a. Pat Astill gave a report on the AVA Convention.
  - b. The new AVA stamps were used at the convention.
  - c. The Washington DC IML weekend will be held in October. Pat Astill believes that many IML participants will walk the SVSVC walks in the DC start box.

**New Business:**

1. **July & August AVA Checkpoint are online**
2. **Atlantic Region Ramblings #43, #43.5, and #44 are posted on the club’s website.**
3. **Status of 2017 Annual Audit.**
  - a. Alice Filemyr is ready. Tony Laing and Dave Fenster are coordinating their schedules for the audit.
4. **August 19 Walking the World Event in Savage, MD.**
5. **December 9, 2017, Lighted Boat Parade walk in Annapolis.**
6. **Several Oktoberfest walks in 2017**
  - a. Hagerstown
  - b. Havre de Grace
  - c. Frederick
7. **March 16-18, 2018: Atlantic Regional Conference, Sterling, VA.**
  - a. Jeff Giddings is to add this event to the “Hold These Dates!” on the SVSVC website.
8. **Other:**
  - a. The Great Greenbelt VM club is celebrating their 30th anniversary on Labor Day weekend.

- b. Carolyn Thurber is taking orders for the Starting Point books. She will take orders and then place an order to the AVA for the books.

**Status of Planned Events:**

1. **April 1 – December 31: Appalachian Trail Seasonal Walk – POC Alice Filemyr**
  - a. Still open.
2. **Jun. 1 - Oct. 14, 2017: Silver Spring/Takoma Park Seasonal – POC Maribeth Evans**
  - a. This seasonal event has had more than 50 registered walkers
3. **September 30, 2017: Oktoberfest, Frederick, MD – POCs Yvonne Pennington, Pat Astill**
  - a. The walking Instructions are in progress.
4. **Oct. 15 - Dec. 30, 2017: Kensington Fall Colors/Holiday Lights – POC Maribeth Evans**
  - a. The brochures are available for distribution.
5. **Oct. 28, 2017: Agricultural History Farm Park – POC Tony Laing**
  - a. No information.
6. **November 18, 2017: 30th Anniversary Celebration – POC Tony Laing**
  - a. Jeff Giddings and Dave Fenster will help set up at 1:30pm.
  - b. Alice Filemyr will lead the 10k group to Lake Needwood.
  - c. Tony Laing will ask Lee Powell to lead the 5k group.
  - d. Mike Green and his wife have RSVP'd that they will attend. Doloris Grenier has not replied to Tony Laing's invitation.
7. **January 13, 2018: C&O Canal/Carderock – POCs Jone Parr and Carolyn Thurber**
  - a. No information.
8. **April 21, 2018: Bus Trip**
  - a. The vote on the destination of the Bus Trip will be done at the 30th anniversary celebration.
  - b. Alice Filemyr suggested another possible destination to the Seawitch Festival weekend in Lewes, DE.
9. **November 17, 2018: Underground Railroad @ Woodlawn Manor – POCs Tony Laing and Dave Fenster**
  - a. The barn has been reconstructed and contains new restrooms.

**Door Prize Drawing Winner:** Carolyn Thurber

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:19 pm