

Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes. August 14, 2018

Meeting Called to Order: 7:38 pm by Dave Fenster

Attendees: Alice Filemyr, Jeff Giddings, Dave and Nancy Fenster, Pat Astill, Yvonne Pennington, Carolyn Thurber, Brigitte DeHart, Pat King, Mike Cannon

Minutes of the Previous Business Meeting: Approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Submitted by Alice Filemyr.

1. Dave Fenster and Yvonne Pennington examined the 2017-18 fiscal year records presented to them and considered the explanations given to them. In their opinion the records are in good order and present a true and complete picture of the finances of the Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club.
2. Passed out the the June and July monthly reports along with Annual Report that is submitted to AVA..
3. The AVA club dues were increased to \$75 and reported in the July report. The AVA dues were not included in the 2017-18 Annual report because the billing cycle was moved to July 1.

Membership Report – Carolyn Thurber:

1. Two new members, one was a previous member that has rejoined.
2. Carolyn Thurber will send a third renewal notice after Labor Day.

Publicity Committee Report – Diane White

1. Diane White has sent out her standard publicity notices for the next two traditional events.

Wellness Committee Report – Jean Francis/Jone Parr:

1. Tony Laing is the hospital. It was suggested that a Get-Well Card be sent to him.
2. Carolyn Thurber passed around a Get-Well card for Elaine Hadiacos at the meeting.
3. It was also reported that Carolyn Petruzelli has cancer.

Sales Committee Report – Brigitte DeHart: No sales.

Wednesday 5K Walks: The schedule of walks for August has been sent out.

Club Group Walks – Maribeth Evans:

1. There is no POC to lead the August walk. Maribeth is still looking for POC volunteers.

Old Business:

1. **August, September, October Edition of the Club Newsletter** is on Sugarloafers.org.
 - a. Deadline for submissions to the next edition is October 15, 2018.
2. **Status of the Airports Special Program – Mike Cannon**
 - a. Mike Cannon brought samples of the log books. It was commented that they look very nice.
 - b. He shared this Special Program proposal at the MVA meeting and received good feedback from Mike Green (RD).
 - c. There were suggestions from people at the MVA meeting but some were not applicable to this Special Program.
 - d. Mike Cannon stated that a signed Consent form from the Primary and Secondary POCs needs to be sent in with the event package for the NEC's November meeting. He will ask Mike Green to take the package to the NEC's November meeting.
 - e. Mike also presented a new OSB YRE that would start at Gravelly Point, Arlington Virginia. It would qualify for this Special Program (Reagan National Airport). He has both 6k and 10k walks mapped out and will need to borrow the measuring wheel to confirm the distances. SVSVC will want to sanction this YRE in the summer of 2019 for 2020 if the Special Program is accepted for 2020.
3. **Club Master Calendar:** Nothing to add this month.
4. **Possible bus trips for next year:** No new ideas. This agenda item is to appear next month.
5. **Presentation at Asbury Methodist Village**
 - a. Tony Laing heard back that their fall schedule is full, but they will schedule him for next spring.
6. **July 7 MVA Meeting - Suggestion offer selection awards**

- a. None this meeting. Selection criteria on is on the AVA website.
- 7. **Other**
 - a. Carolyn Thurber reported that the Antietam Pathfinders' Augustoberfest event is this coming Saturday. Parts of the Hagerstown Cultural Trail have been incorporated into the walk trail.

New Business:

- 1. **2019 YREs are sanctioned**
 - a. Jeff Giddings reported that the Event Stamps have been edited to be more descriptive.
 - b. Alice Filemyr reported that she has paid the sanctioning fees for those walks.
- 2. **Invitation was received for a Ocean City and Bethany Beach Walk on September 16, 2018**
- 3. **AVA motion to Increase AVA Participation Fee**
 - a. Yvonne Pennington made a motion that SVSVC accept the increase in AVA walk credit fees and report this decision to the Atlantic Regional Director. The Motion passed without dissent.
 - b. It is SVSVC current policy to hand New Walker packets to new club members when they attend their first SVSVC event. Carolyn Thurber suggested that she mail the New Walker packet to new members when they first join.
- 2. **Sales Position Replacement for Brigitte DeHart**
 - a. Brigitte stated that she will fill the position until a replacement is found or the end of the year.

Status of SVSVC Sanctioned 2018 Events:

- 1. **June 2 - October 13: Takoma Park and Silver Spring – POC Maribeth Evans:** No information.
- 2. **September 29, 2018: Oktoberfest, Frederick, MD – POCs Jone Parr, Alison Andrews**
 - a. Mike Cannon volunteered to work one of the open slots. There is still one volunteer slot unfilled.
- 3. **October 13, 2018: Muddy Branch Greenway Trail, Gaithersburg, MD – POC Jone Parr**
 - a. Dave and Nancy Fenster will proof the walk directions with Carolyn Thurber.
- 4. **November 17, 2018: Underground Railroad @ Woodlawn Manor – POCs Tony Laing and Dave Fenster.:** Brochure available.
- 5. **November 23, 2018: REI Opt Outside – Seneca Creek – POC Jone Parr**
 - a. There will be a Group walk at this YRE.

Status of SVSVC Sanctioned 2019 Events:

- 1. **C&O Canal / Winter Wonderland - January 9 2019– POCs Jone Parr, Carolyn Thurber, Maribeth Evans**
 - a. MVA now has money to help with large event fees. Yvonne Pennington proposed that we ask MVA for help with the NPS fees associated with this event. All members agreed that SVSVC should send Darrell Neily and Bob Schmick an email request for help with the Park fees.
- 2. **Croydon Creek Nature Center- Apr 13, 2019: – POC Jeff Giddings**
 - a. The original April, 27 date conflicted with Freestate's Montpelier Mansion event. Jeff requested and was granted a change in sanctioning date to April 13.

Possible 2019 Events:

- 1. **Nov 9, 2019: Seneca Creek Moonlight Walk:** No new information.
- 2. **Other Possible events:**
 - a. Olney Indoor Pool - no information.
 - b. Tony Laing and Carolyn Thurber have measured a North Branch Trail 5k walk. Tony is to work on a 10k trail.
 - c. Bethesda Trolley Trail - would need to find a start point. Pat Astill stated that there was a Senior Center south of beltway that may help sponsor the event.
 - d. Frederick Oktoberfest - no information.

Door Prize Drawing Winner: Carolyn Thurber

Meeting Adjourned: 8:43 pm