

Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes. December 13, 2016

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

Attendees: Alice Filemyr, Jeff Giddings, Gwen Owens, Maribeth Evans, Carolyn Thurber, Dave Fenster, Brigitte DeHart, Jone Parr, Pat Astill, Brigitta Mullican

Minutes of the November Meeting: Approved as written.

Treasurer's Reports for November: Submitted.

1. The \$240 payment to Seneca Creek State Park for the Moonlight Walk has been treated as a donation from the club. The Seneca Creek State Park charges \$2 per walker.

Membership Report – Carolyn Thurber:

1. 2 new members joined at the Moonlight event.
2. Lynn Haffner passed away.
3. All members have received the new membership list.

Wellness Committee Report - Jean Francis:

1. Card has been sent to the family of Lynn Haffner.

Sales Committee Report – Brigitte DeHart:

1. Some mugs sold at the Moonlight event.
2. Jackie Johnson has donated old walk medals as give-aways.

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

Club Group Walks:

1. The group walk schedule still has the months January-May open.
2. Next group walk is scheduled for December 14 and will start at the Kensington Safeway at 5 pmt

Old Business:

1. **AVA Online Startbox – Tony Laing**
 - a. Starting to get information from Mike Green to set up brochures and instructions.
2. **2017 SVSVC Events Bookmark – Jone Parr**
 - a. Available now and are being distributed.
3. **SVSVC 30th Anniversary Planning Status – Tony Laing**
 - a. Meeting of the planning committee held November 18, 2017.
 - b. Anniversary sub-committee meeting will be held after the business meeting.
4. **2017 Annual Meeting – Tony Laing**
 - a. The SVSVC Annual Meeting will be held on March 26, 2017, from 12pm - 5pm in Conference Rooms A and B of the Rosborough Center at Asbury Village.
 - b. More information will be provided in next newsletter.
5. **Philadelphia Bus Trip – Tony Laing**
 - a. Saturday, April 29.
 - b. Day trip cost will be in the range of \$38 - \$50.
 - c. Deposit has been put down on a 47 passenger bus.
6. **Club Newsletter for November, December, January**
 - a. Online at the club's website.
 - b. Deadline for the next edition is January 15.
 - c. Tony Laing will write an article regarding the Washington Monument on the AT Seasonal walk.
7. **Tater Tour; Friday April 21 – Jone Parr**
 - a. The tour will do the Cherry Blossom Seasonal event route. All members are invited to attend.
8. **Other**
 - a. Carolyn Thurber had the C&O Canal event sign up sheet available.

New Business:

1. **Atlantic Region Ramblings #34 – Tony Laing**
 - a. Has been posted on the SVSVC website.
2. **December AVA “Checkpoint”**
 - a. Has been posted on the AVA website.
 - b. A link from the club’s website to the AVA Checkpoint page is available.
3. **New Walk May 6-7, 2017; Great Falls Tavern Visitor Center; Wash. DC Area Volksmarch Club**
 - a. One walk on the Maryland side, one on the Virginia side and are available both days.
4. **Sugarloafers’ Walk Program – “10, 20, 30 in 2017”**
 - a. Ward Parr created the walk book and they are available now.
 - b. Available for non-club member walkers. The walk books will be given out at the New Year’s Eve/Day event.

Status of Planned Events:

1. **October 17 – December 30: Fall Colors, Holiday Lights Seasonal Walk – Kensington, MD – POC Maribeth Evans**
 - a. 61 registered walkers as of last night
 - b. Two walks are tentatively scheduled for December 14, 2016.
2. **January 14: C&O Canal Towpath at Carderock, Cabin John, MD – POCs Jone Parr, Maribeth Evans, Carolyn Thurber**
 - a. Worker’s walk on January 7.
3. **March 11 – May 9: Cherry Blossoms in Kenwood, Bethesda – POC Maribeth Evans**
 - a. Brochures approved.
4. **April 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017: Appalachian Trail Seasonal Walk – POC Alice Filemyr**
 - a. Submitting to the OLSB is now being coordinated by Mike Green and is on going.
5. **April 22, 2017: Rockville City Walk Event – POC Carolyn Thurber**
 - a. This event will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2017. It is being held in conjunction with Rockville’s 60th Anniversary as a Sister City with Pinneberg, Germany, and the 30th Anniversary of the incorporation of the Rockville Sister City Corporation (RSCC).
 - b. Brochure for Rockville walk is in process.
 - c. Brigitta Mullican, new club member and a Vice-President of the RSCC, stated that she was impressed that we are hosting this walk event for the City of Rockville.
 - d. A news article regarding this event will appear in the **Rockville Reports** newsletter and will appear on the **Rockville Events** calendar.
 - e. The old Rockville Volksmarch club will donate their IVV banner to the SVSVC.

Door Prize Drawing Winner: Pat Astill

Meeting Adjourned: 8:15 pm