

Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes. December 11, 2018

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

Attendees: Alice Filemyr, Jeff Giddings, Jone Parr, Carolyn Thurber, Maribeth Evans, Darla Fera, Dave and Nancy Fenster, Pat Astill

Minutes of the Previous Business Meeting: Approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report: Submitted by Alice Filemyr.

1. The expenses reported include the payment for the Daffodil Festival bus deposit.
2. The donations approved at the last meeting have been sent, and will be in the December report.

Membership Report – Carolyn Thurber:

1. No new members this month. One new person has emailed Carolyn regarding membership.

Publicity Committee Report – Diane White

1. Tony Laing reported that Diane White has submitted publicity to the Bethesda Magazine for the C&O Canal walk.

Sales Committee Report – Darla Fera:

1. Darla Fera stated that she sold a mug on the walk in Damascus and has only one left.

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

Club Group Walks – Maribeth Evans:

1. Maribeth Evans stated that there will be a Holiday Lights group walk tomorrow evening and there should be another group walk before Christmas.
2. Group walks for January and February are still open and undecided.
3. The March group walk will be associated with the annual meeting.
4. The April group walk will be at the Daffodil Festival, Gloucester, Virginia.

Old Business:

1. **November, December, January Edition of the Club Newsletter** is on Sugarloafers.org.
 - a. Deadline for submissions to the next edition is January 15, 2019.
2. **Status of the Airports Special Program – Mike Cannon**
 - a. The proposal for this Special Program is on the agenda for the next NEC meeting.
3. **Bus Trip to the Daffodil Festival, Gloucester, VA - April 6, 2019**
 - a. Brochures are available and this bus trip is open to all walkers. The main focus is to fill the bus.
 - b. Alice Filemyr volunteered to take brochures to the Hampden walk event in Baltimore.
 - c. Alice Filemyr is taking checks for the trip now, and has one already.
4. **Presentation at Asbury Methodist Village - March 7, 2019**
 - a. Carolyn Thurber will be joining Tony Laing at the presentation.
5. **Annual Meeting - March 10, 2019**
 - a. Diane White has arranged to use the Hefner Venue at Asbury Methodist Village from 11am to 6 pm.
6. **Nominating Committee**
 - a. Nancy Fenster stated that all current officers have agreed to retain their position.
7. **YRE at Brooke Grove**
 - a. Tony Laing stated that he stopped at Panera to see if they would host a walk box. The Assistant Manager asked for other places that have hosted YRE boxes. It was suggested that Starbucks and McDonalds host boxes for SVSVC.
 - b. Tony Laing will also ask Harris Teeter and the embedded Starbucks if they will host a YRE box.
8. **Other**
 - a. Carolyn Thurber stated that the Starting Point order has arrived. She will distribute them to members that ordered them when possible.
 - b. Carolyn stated that she ordered 2 extra Starting Point books and 1 is spoken for.

New Business:

1. **December Checkpoint** online.
2. **Group Works**
 - a. Group Works is an online club-oriented website. It is envisioned that this site will help improve communications between volksmarch clubs and possibly between club officers and their members.
 - b. The SVSVC Club Officers have been signed up. However, it is felt by several officers that this will not be an immediate help for SVSVC.
3. **Other**
 - a. Maribeth Evans suggested Matthew Henson Trail as a possible OSB YRE. There was some discussion regarding start points along the trail. Maribeth said she will do more research regarding distance, start points and bathrooms.
 - b. Alice Filemyr stated that the Annapolis Amblers will not allow free walkers as of Jan. 1, 2019, and that their annual dues will increase from \$10 to \$15.
 - c. Jeff Giddings stated that the club website has been updated with all currently sanctioned traditional events.
 - d. Pat Astill said that the Freedom Group is having a booth at the WRC Channel 4 Health and Fitness Expo. The Convention was rescheduled from March and is now January 12-13th. Pat was looking for a Maryland club to have a volksmarch event that would coincide with the convention. SVSVC is having a worker's walk on the Jan 12 that could be used as an event for the Expo.
 - e. The Box Tenders meeting will be Thur. Dec 27, 2018 at Fuddruckers in Rockville.

2018 SVSVC Sanctioned Events:

1. **November 17, 2018: Underground Railroad @ Woodlawn Manor – POCs Tony Laing and Dave Fenster**
 - a. Tony Laing reported there were 105 walkers, up 1 more from the previous tally because of a start card issue.
2. **November 23, 2018: REI Opt Outside – Seneca Creek – POC Jone Parr**
 - a. REI contributed no walkers for this event. There were 9 walkers from SVSVC and 1 from another club.

2019 SVSVC Sanctioned Events:

1. **C&O Canal / Winter Wonderland - January 9 2019 – POCs Jone Parr, Carolyn Thurber, Maribeth Evans**
 - a. Ther brochures are available and being distributed.
 - b. The Sign Up list is out and approximately 20 have signed up already, Some needed volunteer slots for the event not yet been filled. Tony Laing volunteered to do any position necessary.
2. **Croydon Creek / Glenview Mansion - Apr 13, 2019: – POC Jeff Giddings**
 - a. Jeff Giddings stated that the brochures will be available for distribution at the Box Tenders meeting.
3. **Frederick Oktoberfest - Sep 28, 2019: – POC Allison Andrews, Jone Parr**
 - a. This event has been sanctioned.
4. **Muddy Branch Greenway Trail - Oct 12, 2019: – POC Jone Parr**
 - a. This event has been sanctioned.
 - b. Paul Hlavinka , Jone Parr, Alice Filemyr, Jeff Giddings have walked the proposed trail twice.
5. **Seneca Creek Moonlight Walk - Nov 16, 2019: – POC Tony Laing, Jone Parr**
 - a. This event has been sanctioned and has been on the Seneca Creek State Park calendar for over a year.
 - b. The Friends of Seneca Creek Bronze membership has been renewed.

Door Prize Drawing Winner: Pat Astill

Meeting Adjourned: 8:16 pm