

Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club  
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes. February 16, 2016

**Meeting Called to Order:** 7:30 pm

**Attendees:** Diane White, Alice Filemyr, Jone Parr, Heather Coxon, Tony Laing, Yvonne and Dave Pennington, Pat Astill, Carolyn Thurber

**Minutes of the January Meeting:** Adopted as written.

**Treasurer's Report:**

1. Debits included the AVA sanction fees for the IHOP and Java Junction events, and also the 4th quarter YRE fees.

**Membership Report:**

1. No new members this month.
2. John Lass' membership information was changed.

**Wellness Committee Report:**

1. Alice Filemyr thanked the club for her get well card.
2. Pat Bursley was sent a condolence card on the death of his daughter.

**Sales Committee Report:** None presented.

**Wednesday 5K Walks:** The February walk schedule has been sent out.

**Club Group Walks:**

1. February 27th - Alison Andrews is leading the walk.
2. March - Montgomery Village for the Annual Meeting.

**Old Business:**

1. Club Award System - Yvonne Pennington and Mike Cannon
  - a. Jone Parr suggested to Yvonne Pennington that most of the awards be dollar-off coupons for SVSVC sales items.
  - b. Distribution of award categories will take place at the Annual Meeting.
  - c. Awards to be retroactive to January 1, 2016.
  - d. A spreadsheet or database will be used to track volunteers and their award levels.
2. Atlantic Region Conference; March 18-20, 2016 - Yvonne Pennington
  - a. Tom Jackson sent an email regarding the need for more donations for the Silent Auction.
  - b. Carolyn Thurber is organizing a meeting at the Conference to discuss starting a new club in the Hagerstown area.
3. C&O Carderock, Cabin John MD - POCs Jone Parr, Maribeth Evans, and Carolyn Thurber
  - a. 136 walkers total; 114 credit walkers. 22 free walkers.
  - b. The C&O Carderock event has been sanctioned for 2017.
4. Annual Club Meeting in 2016 - Diane White
  - a. March 13, 2016, at the Rosborough Center in Asbury Village.
  - b. The group walk leaders are Carolyn Thurber and Jone Parr.
  - c. An initial email has been sent out to club members notifying them of the Annual Meeting and asking for RSVPs to Diane White.
  - d. Maribeth Evans will send a reminder email about a week before the Meeting.
  - e. Lee Powell is to get sandwiches from Subway.
  - f. Maribeth Evans is to get fruit/vegetable platters from Safeway.
  - g. Pat Astill reported that there are sufficient paper products and table cloths in the shed.
  - h. Setup time is 12:00 pm, Meeting to begin at 3:30 pm. Clean up time is 5:30 pm.
5. Members of the Nominating Committee - Diane White

- a. Yvonne Pennington and Jone Parr have volunteered to be the Nominating Committee for the Annual Meeting.
6. Additional Club Donations - Diane White
  - a. Alice Filemyr provided a list of donations made in 2015.
  - b. Jone Parr suggested that the SVSVC make a donation to the National Park Service/C&O Canal, or the organization that is funding the new Lock signs along the C&O Canal. She suggested that the club donate for new 3 new lock signs at approximately \$45 for each sign. She will get more information regarding the organization to receive the donation and the total cost of the signs.
  - c. Yvonne Pennington requested that the SVSVC provide a donation to the VFW, for last year's use of their hall. \$100 was settled on as the amount of the donation. Diane White made a motion that the SVSVC make a \$100 donation to the VFW for previous support of our club.. The motion was seconded and passed without dissent.
7. Other
  - a. Jone Parr brought up the topic of the SVSVC 30th anniversary in 2017.
    - i. She said that a committee is needed to decide on giveaways, a birthday cake and awards for the completion of 10, 20 or 30 walks.
    - ii. The committee needs to have decisions made by October to put the information in the Nov./Dec./Jan. SVSVC Newsletter, and everything can be finalized for next January.
    - iii. The request for committee members will be made at the 2016 Annual Meeting in March.

#### **New Business:**

1. Atlantic Region Ramblings From Tom Jackson - Diane White
  - a. Diane White read extracts from the Atlantic Region Ramblings #20, #21, #22 and #23.
  - b. Alice Filemyr asked if Atlantic Region Ramblings could be posted on the SVSVC website.
  - c. Diane White will ask Tom Jackson if the SVSVC can post the Atlantic Region Ramblings on the club's website.
2. Other
  - a. Alice Filemyr is to ask Bob Schmick; if the New Germany and Frostburg walks are not generating sufficient revenue with an online start box, can they be sanctioned as "pay as you go".
  - b. Jeff Giddings is to create a link to the AVA checkpoint on the SVSVC website.

#### **Status of Planned Events:**

1. Cherry Blossoms, Spring Flowers; Mar 12- May 9 - POCs Maribeth Evans and Joan Peterson
  - a. Brochures are available and posted on the club's website.
  - b. The start box is ready to go.
  - c. The walk's start point, Starbucks, is ready for the box.
2. Washington Grove/Olde Towne Gaithersburg; April 23 - POCs Joan Meunier and Jone Parr
  - a. The POCs will check out the trail and instructions next week.
  - b. The event brochure is available and posted on the club's website.
  - c. The next MVA meeting will be at the Java Junction, the event start point.

**Door Prize Drawing Winner:** Pat Astill

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:50 pm