

Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club  
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes. February 13, 2018

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

**Attendees:** Alice Filemyr, Jeff Giddings, Dave and Yvonne Pennington, Pat Astill, Maribeth Evans, Jone Parr, Diane White, Carolyn Thurber, Brigitte DeHart, Dave and Nancy Fenster, Mike Cannon.

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

**Treasurer's Reports for January:** Submitted by Alice Filemyr.

1. Expenses included the MVA Q4 fees. This is the last time that MVA fees will be paid for awhile.

**Membership Report – Carolyn Thurber:**

1. 2 new member families
2. Carolyn Thurber reported she wrote an article for the newsletter requesting people to tell friends about the club and get them to join.

**Wellness Committee Report - Jean Francis/Jone Parr:**

1. A get-well card was sent to Heather Coxon for her hip replacement.
2. A get-well card was sent to Elaine Hadidiacos for her cancer treatment.

**Sales Committee Report – Brigitte DeHart:**

1. SVSVC is contributing a coffee mug full of chocolates and book cover to Atlantic Regional Convention Silent Auction.

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

1. Tomorrow's walk will be held at 10am at LakeForest Mall.

**Club Group Walks – Maribeth Evans:**

1. February's walk will be led by Maribeth Evans, on February 19. She will be doing the Sligo Creek YRE, at 10am.
2. The March walk is the Annual Meeting walks.
3. The April walk will be the Harrisburg Bus Trip walks.
4. Maribeth Evans needs volunteers for other months and will pass around the signup sheet at the Annual Meeting.

**Old Business:**

1. **AVA Big Give** - A Motion was made to donate \$100 this year. The motion passed without dissent.
2. **February, March, April Edition of the Club Newsletter is online.**
  - a. Deadline for submissions to the next edition is April 20, 2018.
3. **"10, 20, 30 in 2017" Sugarloafers' Walk Program – Carolyn Thurber**
  - a. 30 people turned in their walk books. Eight people did 10-20 walks, three people did 20-30 walks, Nineteen people did 30 walks.
4. **Combine the Men's and Women's Dinners**
  - a. February's dinner will be a combined dinner at Villa Maya, in the Rock Creek Village Center. The POC is Tony Laing.

**New Business:**

1. **AVA Checkpoint Online** - The February edition has been posted.
2. **AVA White Coupons**
  - a. Alice Filemyr suggested that we report the received coupons in the quarter or event in which they were received but not send the coupons to AVA.
  - b. Yvonne Pennington suggested that the MVA collect all of the coupons from the clubs and send them in at the end of the year in one mailing.
  - c. It was suggested that this issue needs to be promoted to the AVA Board of Directors and AVA Executive Director Henry Rosales.
  - d. Several members suggested that this topic be raised to Mike Green and Henry Rosales at the Atlantic Regional Conference.

3. **Possible overnight bus trip to Richmond in September or October**
  - a. A vote was taken to see if the members that attended this meeting were interested in an overnight trip to Richmond. A majority was interested in doing this trip.
  - b. Yvonne Pennington suggested September 15/16 for the weekend, since it did not conflict with any traditional events or the Richmond NASCAR race in Richmond.
  - c. Alice Filemyr suggested October 27/28, as it did not conflict with any currently sanctioned traditional events. Yvonne Pennington will contact the Delaware club to determine if the SeaWitch weekend will be held and sanctioned. She will inform Tony Laing of the results.
  - d. Tony Laing stated that he will contact Jackie Johnson to get in touch with Erie Bus Co. to get more information regarding the bus rental.
4. **Other:**
  - a. Alice Filemyr passed around a copy of the AVA Appalachian Trail event book. Mike Cannon says that Pennsylvania has their own AT event book.
  - b. Mike Cannon discussed a proposal for a new AVA Special Program; walks that pass close to or into airports or airfields.
    - i. It was noted that 2020 is the first year that is available for a new Special Program.
    - ii. Mike Cannon asked for a volunteer to help him put together the special event package to be presented to the AVA. He has a former roommate that could design the patch.
    - iii. Missy Plotkin had tried twice to get a Special Program approved and may still have the previous submissions for her Special Program. Mike Cannon will contact her for help.

#### **Status of SVSVC Unsanctioned and Other Events:**

1. **March 16-18, 2018: Atlantic Regional Conference, Sterling, VA.**
  - a. The host club is asking for volunteers from other clubs.
  - b. The Silent Auction committee was asking individuals to donate items for the Silent Auction.
2. **March 25, 2018: SVSVC Annual Meeting in Asbury Methodist Village.**
  - a. Tony Laing will ask Lee Powell to bring sandwiches from Subway.
  - b. Maribeth Evans will send out an email to the club membership to RSVP by Tuesday, March 20.
  - c. Tony Laing will make the orange crinkle cookies for the meeting.
3. **April 21, 2018: SVSVC Bus Trip to Harrisburg.**
  - a. Tony Laing stated that it will cost \$1675 for the bus rental, and that the side trip to the second walk's start point is included in that price.
  - b. It was decided to charge \$50 / person for the trip.
  - c. Maribeth Evans will send out an email to the club membership the week of February 18-24 notifying the membership about the trip.
  - d. There will be a trip signup sheet at the annual meeting, and payment will be accepted then.

#### **Status of SVSVC Sanctioned 2018 Events:**

1. **January 13, 2018: C&O Canal/Carderock – POCs Jone Parr, Carolyn Thurber, and Maribeth Evans** A total of 63 walkers attended the event, 55 for credit and 8 for free.
2. **March 11 - May 6 2018: Kenwood Cherry Blossoms, Spring Flowers – POC Maribeth Evans**
3. **April 7, 2018: Westminster Breakfast Walk – POC Ward Parr** Brochure is available.
4. **June 2 - October 13: Takoma Park and Silver Spring – POC Maribeth Evans**
5. **September 29, 2018: Oktoberfest, Frederick, MD – POC Jone Parr, Alison Andrews**
6. **October 13, 2018: Muddy Branch Greenway Trail, Gaithersburg, MD – POC Jone Parr**
  - a. This event is being done in conjunction with the Muddy Branch Alliance, Astrazeneca, and the Gaithersburg Parks and Recreation department.
7. **November 17, 2018: Underground Railroad @ Woodlawn Manor – POCs Tony Laing and Dave Fenster** Tony talked with Woodlawn Manor today.

#### **Door Prize Drawing Winner: Jone Parr**

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:41 pm