

Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club  
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes. January 10, 2017

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

**Attendees:** Alice Filemyr, Jeff Giddings, Carolyn Thurber, Jone Parr, Brigitte DeHart, Pat Astill, Dave and Nancy Fenster, Maribeth Evans

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

**Treasurer's Reports for December:** Submitted.

1. Debits included:
  - a. Sanctioning fees for the AT Seasonal, Frederick Oktoberfest and Lake Frank events.
  - b. Bus trip deposit.
  - c. Starting Point books payment to AVA.
  - d. "Live To Walk Shoe" pin awards for turning in a 10 20 30 walk book with 10 credit stamps.

**Membership Report – Carolyn Thurber:**

1. 2 new members for 170 total.
2. 1 new member from the Montgomery Magazine article.

**Wellness Committee Report - Jean Francis:**

1. No information.

**Sales Committee Report – Brigitte DeHart:**

1. No information.

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

**Club Group Walks:**

1. January 22 at Montgomery Mall. Walk Time: TBD

**Old Business:**

1. **AVA Online Startbox – Alice Filemyr**
  - a. AT Seasonal is set up and ready for registration two weeks before April 1 start.
2. **SVSVC 30th Anniversary Planning Status – Tony Laing**
  - a. Celebration scheduled for November 18 2017.
  - b. The event may be catered by Urban BBQ.
  - c. Tony Laing will write an article for the next club newsletter calling for more volunteers.
3. **2017 Annual Meeting Status – Tony Laing**
  - a. Tony Laing will write an article for the next newsletter with details of the Annual Meeting.
  - b. The 10 km walk will start at 12 noon, the 5 km walk will start at 1 pm, the meeting will start at 3:30 pm.
  - c. Pat Astill is coordinating the refreshments for the meeting.
  - d. Jone Parr volunteered to be on the Nominating Committee. She will get another volunteer for the committee.
4. **Philadelphia Bus Trip Status – Tony Laing**
  - a. Deposit has been placed on a 47 passenger bus for April 29th..
  - b. Tony Laing spoke with Jackie Johnson and has a draft of the newsletter article describing the trip.
  - c. It was decided at the meeting to charge \$45 per person for the trip.
  - d. Participants are to meet the bus at the Georgia Avenue Park and Ride at 9 am. The bus is scheduled to return by 9 pm.
  - e. Sign up for the trip will be March 1 - April 15.
5. **Club Newsletter for February, March, April**
  - a. Submission deadline is January 15.
  - b. Alice has submitted an article regarding the AVA OLSB.
  - c. Tony Laing submitted an article regarding AT trail to the Washington Monument.

6. **“10, 20, 30 in 2017” Sugarloafers’ Walk Program – Carolyn Thurber**
  - a. Two prizes have been identified, a third still needs to be identified.
  - b. Carolyn Thurber will write an article for newsletter.
7. **Other**
  - a. Club Donations to other organizations
    - i. A motion was made to renew the membership to Seneca Creek State Park Friends Group (\$100) and donate \$300 to the Adventist Rehabilitation Hospital. The motion was seconded and passed without dissent.

**New Business:**

1. **Atlantic Region Ramblings #35 – Tony Laing**
  - a. Has been posted on the SVSVC website.
2. **January AVA “Checkpoint”**
  - a. Has been posted on the AVA website.
3. **February Business Meeting Date Change – Tony Laing**
  - a. It was proposed that the February Business meeting, scheduled for Valentine’s Day, be moved to February 7. This proposal was approved.
4. **Other**
  - a. Jeff Giddings is to add how to get the “10, 20, 30 in 2017” stamp book to our website.
  - b. The US Freedom Walking booth at the Channel 4 (NBC) Health exposition
    - i. Pat Astill did not have any SVSVC event brochures and will need to get brochures next year.
    - ii. SVSVC may want to request a booth next year in conjunction with the Freedom Walking club’s booth. We would need to help staff the booth for both days.

**Status of Planned Events:**

1. **January 14: C&O Canal Towpath at Carderock, Cabin John, MD – POCs Jone Parr, Maribeth Evans, Carolyn Thurber**
  - a. Currently taking pre-registrations. They have not received as many as last year.
2. **March 11 – May 9: Cherry Blossoms in Kenwood, Bethesda – POC Maribeth Evans**
  - a. Box is ready.
  - b. The walk instructions have not been printed yet. They are waiting on a final walk through.
  - c. The Starbucks start point is anxious for the start box arrival.
3. **April 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017: Appalachian Trail Seasonal Walk – POC Alice Filemyr**
  - a. There are two open OLSB questions on this event:
    - i. How the event money will flow back to SVSVC.
    - ii. How AVA reports will be generated each quarter.
4. **Friday April 21:** Jone Parr is coordinating the arrival of the Tater Tour group.
  - a. The Tater Tots will walk the Kenwood Cherry Blossom Seasonal Event.
  - b. Club members are invited to walk with the Tater Tots.
5. **April 22, 2017: Historic Rockville, MD – POC Carolyn Thurber**
  - a. Carolyn Thurber has walked the 5 km route and has typed the walk instructions.
  - b. Brigitta Mullican has gotten permission to advertise this walk in the Rockville newsletter.
6. **May 20, 2017: Lake Frank and Meadowside Nature Center – POC Alice Filemyr, Jeff Giddings**
  - a. Walk instructions are ready and need to be checked.
  - b. Brochure isn’t ready yet.
  - c. A water table will be set up at the second checkpoint near the Nature Center.

**Door Prize Drawing Winner:** Instead of a drawing, all attendees received a chapstick, hand sanitizer and notepad that were purchased for 30th anniversary handouts.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8: 39 pm