

Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes. January 8, 2019

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

Attendees: Alice Filemyr, Jeff Giddings, Jone Parr, Carolyn Thurber, Kathi Berry, Dave and Nancy Fenster, Yvonne Pennington, Pat Astill, Bessie Thompson

Minutes of the Previous Business Meeting: Approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report: Submitted by Alice Filemyr.

1. The club donations approved in November are included in expenses and the checks have been cashed.
2. Inventory purchases included the payment of the Starting Point books invoice.
3. Carolyn Thurber says that she has sold both extra copies of the Starting Point books.

Membership Report – Carolyn Thurber: Four new membership families for a total of 165.

Publicity Committee Report – Diane White

1. Diane White has sent out the promotional information about the C&O Canal/Carderock Traditional event.

Sales Committee Report – Darla Fera: No information.

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

Club Group Walks – Maribeth Evans: No additional information.

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. This Special Program is on the agenda of the upcoming NEC meeting.
3. **Bus Trip to the Daffodil Festival, Gloucester, VA - April 6, 2019**
 - a. An email has been sent out to our club announcing the trip. Alice Filemyr is now accepting checks.
 - b. It was suggested that the club ask the Columbia club when their workers walk will be and if we would be allowed to attend? Tony Laing volunteered to contact the Columbia club.
4. **Presentation at Asbury Methodist Village - March 7, 2019**
 - a. Tony Laing will do the presentation and Carolyn Thurber will assist.
5. **Annual Meeting - March 10, 2019**
 - a. Jone Parr and Tony Laing have put together the walk information.
 - b. Pat Astill was "graciously agreed" to coordinate the food and beverage items for the meeting.
6. **Nominating Committee:** No new information.
7. **YRE at Brooke Grove and YRE on Matthew Henson Trail**
 - a. No business has agreed to host a walk start box.
 - b. Tony Laing is pursuing some leads to host the box at Montgomery General hospital.
8. **US Freedom Walk Festival at NBC4 Health and Fitness Expo on January 12-13.**
 - a. Pat Astill stated that she and 3 others are trying to cover the entire time of the expo and asked for volunteers to help cover the time. Last year their booth attracted quite a few people.
9. **Box Tenders Meeting held on December 27, 2018 at Fuddruckers**
 - a. Tony Laing attended and Jone led the meeting.
10. **MVA Meeting on December 31, 2018**
 - a. Most of the discussion was regarding the Online Start Box followed by club representative presentations.
 - b. Bob Schmick reminded clubs to restock their YRE boxes in preparation for the 2019 AVA Convention in Albany, NY.

New Business:

1. **January Checkpoint is** online.

2. **New Website Hosting - Jeff Giddings**

- a. Concern with Internet Planners LLC's lack of response to trouble tickets and requests for information regarding the billing for our domain name (sugarloafers.org) has led Alice and I to investigate new domain registration and web hosting services. To ensure that we did not lose the domain name, we moved the registration to Google Domains. This saved the club \$23/year, the difference of \$35 to \$12 per year. The web hosting service comes up for renewal with Internet Planners LLC on July 20th of this year. This service currently costs the club \$65.45/year. Jeff has located a web hosting service in New Jersey that will host verified non-profit organizations for free. It appears to have the same site hosting interface as Internet Planners LLC, as well as email lists, and upgraded site storage. Jeff Giddings made a motion that SVSVC further investigate this new service and re-host their site from Internet Planners LLC, if it meets the Sugarloafers' needs. This motion was seconded and passed without dissent.

3. **Atlantic Region Meeting, March 23, 2019**

- a. The Great Greenbelt Volksmarch Club is again hosting the meeting at the College Park Airport Hangar, at 1:30pm.
- b. The event trail is clear and Yvonne Pennington suggested that people attending the meeting purchase lunch at the market and bring it to the meeting.
- c. Yvonne also asked for volunteers for the post of Regional Director and Deputy Regional Director.

2019 SVSVC Sanctioned Events:

1. **C&O Canal / Winter Wonderland - January 9 2019 – POCs Jone Parr, Carolyn Thurber, Maribeth Evans**

- a. Jone Parr stated that she had been contacted by the National Park Service and was told that our permit for the event had been cancelled because of the government shutdown.
 - i. There will be no workers walk.
 - ii. Carolyn Thurber suggested that we move the start point for the event, most likely Montgomery Mall, where people can do the mall 5K or 10K event or the outdoor Cabin John trail.
 - iii. Another suggestion was to provide credit for a future event.
 - iv. Another suggestion was to try and reschedule the event after the government reopens.
 - v. It was decided to leave the event decisions up to Jone Parr and Carolyn Thurber.
- b. It was suggested that SVSVC contact Bob Schmick to let him know of the status of the event and Jim McDonald to update the status of the event on the MVA website

2. **Glenview Mansion / Croydon Creek - Apr 13, 2019: – POC Jeff Giddings** - Nothing new.

3. **Frederick Oktoberfest - Sep 28, 2019: – POC Allison Andrews, Jone Parr** - No information.

4. **Muddy Branch Greenway Trail - Oct 12, 2019: – POC Jone Parr** - No information.

5. **Seneca Creek Moonlight Walk - Nov 16, 2019: – POC Tony Laing, Jone Parr** - No information.

2020 SVSVC Sanctioned Events:

1. Possible North Valley Stream Park - Tony Laing stated that he had checked out a starting point at Norbeck Grove. It had 91 parking spaces, although a Porta Potty would be necessary.
2. Olney Indoor Pool Park - Tony Laing will still look into this.
3. Jone Parr stated that Ward Parr had volunteered to be the POC for the Breakfast in Westminster event.
4. Jone Parr also stated that the Old Gaithersburg / Washington Grove event had not been done in several years.
5. Kathi Berry said she would look into doing an event in Urbana, MD.

Door Prize Drawing Winner: Pat Astill

Meeting Adjourned: 8:47 pm