

Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes. May 09, 2017

Meeting Called to Order: 7:32 pm by President Tony Laing

Attendees: Alice Filemyr, Jeff Giddings, Maribeth Evans, Dave and Nancy Fenster, Carolyn Thurber, Brigitte DeHart, Yvonne Pennington, Pat Astill

Minutes of the April Meeting: Approved as written.

Treasurer's Reports for April: Submitted.

1. Income includes payments for the bus trip.
2. Expenses includes the annual meeting reimbursements.
3. The bus for the Philadelphia trip cost the club ~\$100, because all of the seats were not filled.
4. Alice Filemyr would like the annual audit of the club's financial records to occur in late July.

Membership Report – Carolyn Thurber: 2 new member families for a total of 181 families.

Wellness Committee Report - Jean Francis: Jone Parr had a card sent to Bill Wright.

Sales Committee Report – Brigitte DeHart:

1. Brigitte DeHart has sales of \$78 so far this year.

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

1. Tomorrow's walk is scheduled to start at the Lutheran home in Rockville.

Club Group Walks:

1. No one has signed up to lead a group walk in May.
2. Sunday, September 17, 2017 was chosen for a group walk of the Appalachian Trail Seasonal, led by Jeff Giddings and Alice Filemyr.

Old Business:

1. **Club Newsletter** for May, June, July is posted on our website.
2. **"10, 20, 30 in 2017" Sugarloafers' Walk Program – Carolyn Thurber**
 - a. No one has turned in their walk records yet.
3. **Move More Montgomery Festival - Saturday May 6**
 - a. Tony Laing, Jeff Giddings, and Karin Mironescu manned the SVSVC table.
 - b. The SVSVC brochure paperweights were a large attraction on the table.
 - c. Tony Laing estimated that there were 20-30 people interested in Volkssports.
4. **Pat Astill will carry our voting delegation at the AVA Convention in Billings MT – June 6-9, 2017**
5. **Election of Officers at the AVA Convention, Bylaw Changes, and Vote for Mascot**
 - a. Alice Filemyr proposed that SVSVC follow the NEC recommendations for the bylaw changes. This proposal was put as a motion before the members present. The motion was seconded and passed without dissent.
 - b. Carolyn Thurber recommended that SVSVC vote for Candice Purcell to be AVA Treasurer. This proposal was put as a motion before the members present. The motion was seconded and passed without dissent.
 - c. Alice Filemyr made a motion that the SVSVC vote for David Bonewitz for AVA President. The motion was seconded and passed without dissent.
 - d. A motion was introduced to vote for none of the proposed AVA mascots. The motion was seconded and passed without dissent.
6. **Other:** None

New Business:

1. **May 2017 Checkpoint is posted on the AVA website.**
2. **AVA Big Give Fundraiser**
 - a. A motion was made to make a club donation of \$100. This motion was seconded, and passed without dissent. Alice Filemyr will send a check to the AVA Big Give Fundraiser.
3. **Other:** None

Status of Planned Events:

1. **March 11 – May 9: Cherry Blossoms in Kenwood, Bethesda – POC Maribeth Evans**
 - a. Maribeth Evans will pick up the start box tomorrow. The walk had less than 80 walkers sign in.
2. **April 1 – December 31: Appalachian Trail Seasonal Walk – POC Alice Filemyr**
 - a. The seasonal walk is open.
 - b. The first attendance report will be generated at the end of June.
3. **April 21: Tater Tour of the DC YREs – POC Jone Parr**
 - a. The Tater Tour had 51 people. Tony Laing led small group on the Embassy Row YRE.
4. **April 22, 2017: Historic Rockville, MD – POC Carolyn Thurber**
 - a. Carolyn Thurber has written and submitted a Newsletter article.
 - b. There were 90 walkers for the event, including 20 pre-walkers.
5. **April 29, 2017: Philadelphia Bus Trip Status – POC Tony Laing**
 - a. Lessons learned:
 - i. Avoid other club's walk event dates if possible.
 - ii. Ensure that the Atlantic Region Director and MVA President are informed as soon as possible upon the selection of the date of the event.
 - iii. Send a bus trip notification to each of the local clubs as soon as possible upon the selection of the date of the event.
 - iv. Create printable sign up form that is posted on the club's website.
 - v. Alice Filemyr suggested that non-SVSVC club members pay an extra \$10 and make that person an SVSVC club member.
 - vi. A separate email list for bus trip members be created on the club's email service.
 - vii. Impress upon people who go on the bus trip that they do not have to start with or remain with a local walk leader.
 - b. Suggestions for the next bus trip:
 - i. Possible trip destinations; Cape May NJ, Gettysburg PA, Harrisburg PA, Lancaster PA, York PA, Richmond VA, Williamsburg VA.
 - ii. Yvonne Pennington will do research on possible Delaware destinations.
 - iii. Tentative date: April 21, 2018.
6. **May 20, 2017: Lake Frank and Meadowside Nature Center – POCs Alice Filemyr, Jeff Giddings**
 - a. An issue has arisen. We will need to pay \$35 for a permit to have a manned checkpoint at the Meadowside Nature Center. Our plan is to skip the manned checkpoint as there is water and restrooms in the Nature Center.
7. **Jun. 1 - Oct. 14, 2017: Silver Spring/Takoma Park Seasonal.**
 - a. Walk box is ready to go.
8. **September 30, 2017: Oktoberfest, Frederick, MD – POCs Yvonne Pennington, Pat Astill**
 - a. The 6km trail is almost sorted out. It will go through Mount Olivet Cemetery.
 - b. The Frederick Visitor Center wants a spiel to post on their website about the walk.
9. **Oct. 15 - Dec. 30, 2017: Kensington Fall Colors/Holiday Lights.**
 - a. Starts immediately after Silver Spring Seasonal ends.
10. **October 28, 2017: Agricultural History Farm Park Derwood, MD – POCs Colleen Biasco, Jone Parr**
 - a. The brochure is complete and Carolyn Thurber will start distribution June 1.
11. **November 18, 2017: SVSVC 30th Anniversary – POC Tony Laing**
 - a. There will be 2 walks available.
 - b. Brigitte DeHart will collect \$15 per person for the catered luncheon.

Door Prize Drawing Winner: Pat Astill

Meeting Adjourned: 8:46 pm