

# Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club

## Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes. May 8, 2018

**Meeting Called to Order:** 7:31 pm by President Tony Laing

**Attendees:** Tony Laing, Alice Filemyr, Jeff Giddings, Jone Parr, Brigitte DeHart, Carolyn Thurber, Janet Brown,

Maribeth Evans, Pat Astill, Dave and Nancy Fenster, Mike Cannon

**Minutes of the Previous Business Meeting:** Approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** Submitted by Alice Filemyr.

1. Income surpassed expenses.
2. Bill from AVA came just before this meeting and will be paid this month.
3. The donations came mostly from YREs, and \$22 from the Westminster event.

**Membership Report – Carolyn Thurber:**

1. 1 new family for a total of 180 families.

**Publicity Committee Report – Diane White**

1. Reported by Tony Laing, Diane White has sent out all of the usual publicity for the Silver Spring seasonal event.

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

1. No information.

**Sales Committee Report – Brigitte DeHart:**

1. 1 sale in the last month, a log book.

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

1. May 9, Seneca Creek State Park.
2. Jone Parr asked the question, "Are the Wednesday Walk driving directions used?". The answer was yes, so Jone said she will keep adding driving directions to each walk.

**Club Group Walks – Maribeth Evans:**

1. Still no volunteers for May or June.
2. Tony Laing volunteered to lead the June group walk.

**Old Business:**

1. **May, June, July Edition of the Club Newsletter is online.**
  - a. Deadline for submissions to the next edition is July 15, 2018.
2. **Combining the Men's and Women's Dinners**
  - a. The combined Men's and Women's dinner will be May 29 at the Fontina Grill.
3. **Status of the Airports Special Program – Mike Cannon**
  - a. Mike Cannon passed around card stock that will be used for the log book.
  - b. He said that the Special Program proposal to AVA was mostly complete, but it does not have the required budget or an alternate Point of Contact.
  - c. Carolyn Thurber volunteered to be the alternate point of contact for this Special Program.
  - d. Mike Cannon formally proposed that the SVSVC submit the airport special program to AVA HQ for consideration as a 2020 Special Program. The proposal was seconded and passed without dissent.
  - e. If accepted by AVA, this Special Program will start in 2020, with log books available to be purchased until 2022.
4. **Status of Sanctioning the full Appalachian Trail in Maryland**
  - a. Alice Filemyr reported that Tom Jackson (former Atlantic Regional Director) suggested that SVSVC sanction the full AT this year.
  - b. Alice proposed that the SVSVC sanction this event as a seasonal, running July 1 - December 31.
  - c. Alice will send the sanctioning information to Maribeth Evans for input into the AVA ESR for sanctioning.
5. **Club Master Calendar – Tony Laing**

- a. Tony Laing reported that his goal for the Club Master Calendar was to get all activities with deadlines on a master list that could be used to ensure that these activities were completed prior to the deadline.
  - b. Jone Parr noted that October 1 was the start of the YRE 4th quarter and should be added to the calendar. She also had several more updates to the calendar.
6. **Other**
- a. Tony Laing reported that he could not get in contact with the Asbury Methodist Wellness Committee chairperson, in regards to the presentation about Volksmarching and the SVSVC.

**New Business:**

- 1. **AVA Checkpoint Online** - The May edition is online.
- 2. **Maryland Volkssport Association Meeting – April 28, 2018**
  - a. YRE event participants no longer have to put their full address on the sign-in forms.
  - b. July 7th is the next MVA meeting.
- 3. **Other**
  - a. Carolyn Thurber reported that the Muddy Branch Alliance meeting was held at Constitution Gardens Park, in Gaithersburg, MD.

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

- 1. **Recap of SVSVC Bus Trip to Harrisburg.**
  - a. There were 28 participants on the trip. SVSVC had unreimbursed expenses of \$250 for the trip.
- 2. **Possible bus trips for next year**
  - a. No decision was made to have a trip next year. This will be an agenda item at the next meeting

**Status of SVSVC Sanctioned 2018 Events:**

- 1. **June 2 - October 13: Takoma Park and Silver Spring – POC Maribeth Evans**
  - a. All set for the event opening.
- 2. **September 29, 2018: Oktoberfest, Frederick, MD – POC Jone Parr, Alison Andrews**
  - a. The brochure is almost complete.
- 3. **October 13, 2018: Muddy Branch Greenway Trail, Gaithersburg, MD – POC Jone Parr**
  - a. The brochure is almost complete.
- 4. **November 17, 2018: Underground Railroad @ Woodlawn Manor – POCs Tony Laing and Dave Fenster.**
  - a. The brochure is complete and has been printed. Tony Laing will email an electronic copy to Maribeth Evans for posting on the club's website.

**Status of SVSVC Sanctioned 2019 Events:**

- 1. **C&O Canal / Winter Wonderland - January 9, 2019 – POC Jone Parr and Carolyn Thurber**
  - a. This event has been sanctioned.
- 2. **Nov 9, 2019: Possible Seneca Creek Moonlight Walk – POC Jone Parr**
  - a. No information.
- 3. **Possible Olney Indoor Pool – POC**
  - a. No Information.
- 4. **Possible Bethesda Trolley Trail – POC**
  - a. Neil Dorian - competing commitments.
- 5. **Other suggestions**
  - a. Croydon Creek Nature Center, POC Jeff Giddings. This event will be sanctioned for the end of April 2019.
  - b. Mike Cannon suggested that the Little Seneca Lake event in Germantown, Md. Jone Parr and Carolyn Thurber pointed out that this event was not well attended the last time it was held.

**Door Prize Drawing Winner:** Carolyn Thurber

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:42 pm