

Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes. November 8, 2016

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

Attendees: Heather Coxon, Alice Filemyr, Jeff Giddings, Jone Parr, Brigitte DeHart, Carolyn Thurber, Dave and Nancy Fenster, Maribeth Evans

Minutes of the October Meeting: Approved as written.

Treasurer's Reports for October: Submitted.

1. Event supplies included \$120 for the C&O Canal event's walk permit.

Membership Report – Carolyn Thurber:

1. 11 new members as a result of Tony's talk at the OASIS meeting.
2. The new membership list is available for distribution and will be mailed next week
3. 167 total members

Wellness Committee Report:

1. No report

Sales Committee Report – Brigitte DeHart

1. Nothing new.

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

1. November 9, at Seneca Creek.

Club Group Walks:

1. Sunday, November 27, Jone Parr is the POC.
2. December dates to be announced; Carolyn Thurber, Jone Parr, and Maribeth Evans will lead night walks from the Kensington Safeway.

Old Business:

1. SVSVC 30th Anniversary Planning Status – Tony Laing

- a. The date is set and a room at the Bauer Drive Recreation Center has been reserved.
- b. Carolyn Thurber has asked for a meeting with a representative from Planet Cotton. She has gotten no response yet.

2. OASIS Presentation – Tony Laing

- a. The club has 11 new members as a result of this talk.
- b. New members have been very active in the scheduled Wednesday and Club walks.

3. October MVA Meeting – Jone Parr

- a. Every club should have a website and a Facebook page.
- b. Tony Laing will ask Missy Plotkin if she is still interested in keeping up the Facebook page.
- c. There is a Meetup page - Maryland Walkers. Linda Hassell of the Freestate Happy Wanderers handles this page.

4. Possible Bus Trips in 2017 – Tony Laing

- a. One day round trip to Philadelphia on Saturday, April 29.
- b. Jackie Johnson has contacted a bus company.
 - i. A 47 passenger bus will cost \$1868, or approximately \$40/person.
 - ii. A 56 passenger bus will cost \$2128, or approximately \$38/person.
- c. Deposit for the bus reservation will come from the SVSVC Treasury.
- d. The asking price for the trip will be sufficient to cover the cost of the trip, i.e., the club will not subsidize this trip.

5. 2017 SVSVC Events Bookmark – Jone Parr

- a. All events are set.

6. 2017 Annual Meeting – Jone Parr

- a. The SVSVC Annual Meeting will be held on March 26, 2017, from 12pm - 5pm.

- b. Lee Storm has reserved Conference Rooms A and B of the Rosborough Center at Asbury Village.
 - c. Diane White provided the information from last year's Annual Meeting and helped with the reservation of the conference rooms.
 - d. Tony Laing nominated Diane White for an AVA Commendable Service Award. Tom Jackson upped it to the AVA Meritorious Service Award.
- 7. AVA Online Startbox – Tony Laing**
- a. Alice Filemyr has sanctioned a seasonal walk for the Online Start Box (OLSB).
 - b. MVA is sanctioning the entire length of the C&O canal for OLSB.
 - c. Both of the above are still in progress.
- 8. Other**
- a. Montgomery Magazine, wants to do an article about the SVSVC for next month.
 - i. Tony Laing will invite the reporter to the Seneca Creek Moonlight walk event.

New Business:

- 1. November/December/January Club newsletter is online**
 - a. Deadline for next edition is January 15, 2017.
- 2. November AVA “Checkpoint” is on the AVA website**
 - a. Jeff Giddings will post the link to the Checkpoint on the club's website.
- 3. Atlantic Region Ramblings – Tony Laing**
 - a. The latest Ramblings have been posted on the club's website.
- 4. Combined Men's/Women's Dinner**
 - a. December 6, 2016 at 6pm at the Golden Bull restaurant in Gaithersburg, MD.
- 5. Proposed AVA Annual Meeting Bylaw Changes – Tony Laing**
 - a. These preliminary proposed AVA Bylaw changes do not require the club to vote on them.
- 6. Tater Tour – Jone Parr**
 - a. The Tater Tour will be in town to do the Cherry Blossom Seasonal event on Friday, April 21, 2017.
 - b. Members of the SVSVC will meet the bus and take SVSVC 30th Anniversary giveaways for distribution to the tour participants.
 - c. Brigitte DeHart suggested club pins be used for the giveaway.

Status of Planned Events:

- 1. November 12: Moonlight in Seneca Creek State Park, Gaithersburg, MD – Jone Parr**
 - a. Ready
- 2. January 14: C&O Canal Towpath**
- 3. October 17 – December 30: Fall Colors, Holiday Lights Seasonal Walk – Kensington, MD: POC Maribeth Evans**
 - a. The seasonal event has started.
- 4. April 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017: Appalachian Trail Seasonal Walk – POC Alice Filemyr**
 - a. Alice Filemyr will send the brochure to Bob Schmick (MVA President) for approval and will notify Jone Parr when it is approved.

Door Prize Drawing Winner: Brigitte DeHart

Meeting Adjourned: 8:24 pm