

Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes. October 9, 2018

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

Attendees: Alice Filemyr, Jeff Giddings, Jone Parr, Dave and Nancy Fenster, Joyce Laing, Pat Astill, Maribeth Evans

Minutes of the Previous Business Meeting: Approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Submitted by Alice Filemyr.

1. Income mostly from Starting Point sales and third quarter YRE deposits.
2. Minimal expenses because we have not received an invoice from AVA yet. Sales expenses were for books purchased from MVA.

Membership Report – Carolyn Thurber:

1. Four new member families for a total of 188 members.

Publicity Committee Report – Diane White

1. Diane White submitted an article to Bethesda Magazine regarding the Muddy Branch event.
2. There was a lot of free publicity for both the Frederick Oktoberfest and Muddy Branch events from partnerships with the event sponsors; Frederick Rotary Club, AstraZeneca/MedImmune, City of Gaithersburg, and Muddy Branch Trail Alliance.

Wellness Committee Report – Jean Francis/Jone Parr:

1. Get-Well Cards were sent to Tony Laing and Martin Brown.

Sales Committee Report – Brigitte DeHart: No committee sales made in the past month.

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

Club Group Walks – Maribeth Evans:

1. Maribeth Evans will send out an email to the club regarding the October group walk later in the month, possibly the 21st, 22nd, 28th, or 29th.

Old Business:

1. **August, September, October Edition of the Club Newsletter** is on Sugarloafers.org.
 - a. Deadline for submissions to the next edition is October 15, 2018.
2. **Status of the Airports Special Program – Mike Cannon**
 - a. It was reported that that the Special Program proposal was ready for submission to the AVA Board of Directors.
3. **Club Master Calendar**
 - a. The calendar is up-to-date and will be removed from Old Business.
4. **Possible bus trips for next year**
 - a. April 6 Daffodil Festival, Gloucester, VA. Tony Laing presented this festival as a possible destination for a bus trip and the members present thought this was a good idea for a bus trip.
 - b. Tony Laing will contact Jackie Johnson to arrange the bus. He will also contact Bob Schmick to reserve the date and will also write an article for the upcoming newsletter.
5. **Presentation at Asbury Methodist Village**
 - a. Thursday, May 7, 2019.
 - b. Tony Laing will give the presentation about volksporing and the club. Carolyn Thurber has agreed to go along to answer questions about club membership.
6. **Sales Position Replacement for Brigitte DeHart**
 - a. Darla Fera has agreed to be Brigitte's replacement. She will start the transition at the Muddy Branch Trail event.
7. **Other**
 - a. none

New Business:

1. **October Checkpoint** Not yet available.

2. SVSVC 2019 Annual Meeting

- a. The members present agreed to have the meeting at Asbury Village, Gaithersburg.
- b. Tony Laing will contact Diane White to have her contact Lee Storm to arrange a conference room.
- c. Tentative dates selected were March 10 or March 31.

3. Nominating Committee

- a. Nancy Fenster agreed to present the returning officers at the Annual Meeting.

4. Other

- a. The Combined Men's/Women's Dinner for December will be held at That's Amore. The dinner is scheduled to be held December 4. Maribeth Evans volunteered to be the POC for the dinner.

Status of SVSVC Sanctioned 2018 Events:

1. June 2 - October 13: Takoma Park and Silver Spring – POC Maribeth Evans:

- a. More than 60 credit walkers participated in this seasonal. Maribeth Evans did not have the exact numbers from the box yet.

2. September 29, 2018: Oktoberfest, Frederick, MD – POCs Jone Parr, Alison Andrews

- a. 174 walkers participated in this event. 116 for credit and 58 free.
- b. SVSVC was invited back next year. .

3. October 13, 2018: Muddy Branch Greenway Trail, Gaithersburg, MD – POC Jone Parr

- a. Ready for the event.

4. November 17, 2018: Underground Railroad @ Woodlawn Manor – POCs Tony Laing and Dave Fenster

- a. Some volunteers are still needed for this event.
- b. Tony Laing will contact the Woodlawn Manor management to remind them that we are holding this event.

5. November 23, 2018: REI Opt Outside – Seneca Creek – POC Jone Parr

- a. Other clubs in the area are interested in participating in this event with us.

Status of SVSVC Sanctioned 2019 Events:

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

- a. The \$120 National Park Service fee for this event will be reimbursed by the MVA.

2. Croydon Creek / Glenview Mansion- Apr 13, 2019: – POC Jeff Giddings

- a. No work has been done on the event since last month.
- b. Jeff Giddings agreed to have the brochure ready for the New Year's Eve/New Year's Day walk events.

Possible 2019 Events:

1. Nov 9, 2019: Seneca Creek Moonlight Walk:

- a. Jone Parr said that there was a new Park manager and she will talk with them briefly at the Seneca Creek State Park Annual Meeting on October 20.

2. Other Possible events:

- a. Olney Indoor Pool - no information.
- b. Bethesda Trolley Trail - Jone Parr and Carolyn Thurber will try to contact someone in regards to a start point.
- c. Frederick Oktoberfest - Sanctioning of this event is on hold until the sponsor (Frederick Rotary club) have signed the contract with the Fairgrounds.
- d. North Branch Stream Valley - no information.
- e. Lake Hallowell, Olney - Jone Parr asked Tony Laing if Brook Grove would keep a YRE box for us.

Door Prize Drawing Winner: Jeff Giddings

Meeting Adjourned: 8:36 pm