

Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes. September 13, 2016

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

Attendees: Heather Coxon, Alice Filemyr, Jeff Giddings, Jone Parr, Yvonne Pennington, Mary Lou Wirdzek, Jan Nickens

Minutes of the August Meeting: Approved as written.

Treasurer's Reports for August:

1. The income is from the YRE quarterly reporting.
2. The miscellaneous expense is the Post Office box rental.

Membership Report: No update.

Wellness Committee Report:

1. Carolyn Thurber hurt her ankle. She is in a boot and on crutches.
2. Jone Parr will arrange to have a get well card sent to Carolyn Thurber.

Sales Committee Report: No update.

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

Club Group Walks:

1. Maribeth Evans is the POC, September 25, Cabin John Trail YRE starting at Montgomery Mall.

Old Business:

1. **30th Anniversary of the Club Planning Committee – Tony Laing**
 - a. Some of the anniversary Give-Aways (Mints, insect repellent, sun screen, credit card holders) have been bought.
 - b. The anniversary celebration will be held November 18, 2017.
 - c. Tony will rent a room in the Bauer Drive Community Center for the celebration.
 - d. The Lake Needwood YRE will be used for the celebration walk.
 - e. The club needs to inform MVA to reserve the celebration date.
 - f. There will be no sales table at the Oktoberfest event.
 - g. The anniversary coffee mugs will be available for sale at the Seneca Creek Moonlight event.
2. **August, September, October Newsletter is on line. OCTOBER 15 is Deadline for next edition**
3. **Atlantic Region Ramblings #29 – June 4 Volksmarch Video on Montgomery County Cable**
4. **August AVA "Checkpoint" is online**
5. **MVA Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 15, Havre De Grace, MD at 10 AM in the Library.**
6. **2017 AVA Biennial Convention will be in Billings MT June 7-9, 2017**
7. **OASIS Presentation.**
 - a. Tony Laing will present "The Who, What, When, Where, Why of Volksmarching."
 - b. It will be at the Montgomery Mall October 13 2016, 10:30 am - 12:00 noon.
8. **Possible Bus Trips in 2017**
 - a. Jackie Johnson used to organize the previous club bus trips. Tony Laing will talk to her about contacts.
 - b. Possible locations, Philadelphia and NYC.
9. **Alice Filemyr has taken over the MVA C&O YRE box for the last quarter of this year.**
 - a. The walk box is to be delivered to Oktoberfest walk event.
 - b. The C&O trail is to be sanctioned by the MVA as an online event in 2017.
10. **Rockville Sister Cities organization has asked the club to plan an event in Rockville for them.**
 - a. The event will be held on April 22nd, 2017. The Rockville Swim Center start point was arranged for by the City of Rockville.
 - b. Alice Filemyr has paid the AVA sanctioning fee for this event.

11. Next year's event bookmark

- a. It will be available at the Seneca Creek Moonlight event or the New Year's Eve/Day events.

12. Starting Point Orders.

- a. Carolyn Thurber has asked Heather Coxon to coordinate the orders of the books while she is on vacation. Carolyn will coordinate the orders of the books occurs after she gets back.

13. Present for Diane White.

- a. Yvonne Pennington suggested a 30th Anniversary coffee mug.
- b. Alice Filemyr researched the AVA Recognition Awards. She feels that the Commendable Service award is the most appropriate and gave the forms to Tony Laing.
- c. Other proposed gift ideas were; a gift certificate and a special T-shirt.

14. Other

- a. Jone Parr mentioned that the Brownie troop that had participated in some club events last year will not be doing any of our events this year. This is because the Brownies are concentrating on other awards and badges.

New Business:

1. Club Email List Status – Jeff Giddings

- a. A new announcement email list has been set up using the resources available from the Club's web site host.
- b. Maribeth Evans has been sent instructions on how to maintain the list.
 - i. She has successfully deleted some members that no longer want to receive the club's announcements.
 - ii. In discussions with her, she seems pleased with the ease of use and maintenance of this list.
- c. Other club members could be allowed to send emails via this list.

Status of Planned Events:

1. July 1 to September 30: Silver Spring/Takoma Park Seasonal Walk: POC Maribeth Evans

- a. There are 3 trails for this event including a Sligo Creek trail.
- b. So far, 65 people have signed in the event log book.

2. October 1: Octoberfest – Frederick, MD: POCs Jone Parr, Yvonne Pennington, Pat Astill

- a. A group has walked the new trail, and loved it.
- b. Everything is set for the event.

3. October 17 – December 30: Fall Colors, Holiday Lights Seasonal Walk – Kensington, MD: POC Maribeth Evans

- a. Several evening group walks will be planned.

4. Three regular events have been sanctioned for 2017

- a. Yvonne Pennington volunteered to be a POC for an event.
- b. The Underground Railroad walk is a possibility for next year.
- c. Tony Laing will contact Montgomery General hospital to see if they will allow an event to be hosted on their property.
- d. Jone Parr will work to sanction more walks for next year..

Door Prize Drawing Winner: Tony Laing

Meeting Adjourned: 8:27 pm