

Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes. September 11, 2018

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

Attendees: Alice Filemyr, Jeff Giddings, Carolyn Thurber, Joyce Laing, Maribeth Evans, Pat Astill, Yvonne Pennington

Minutes of the Previous Business Meeting: Approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report: Submitted by Alice Filemyr.

1. Sales income was for presale of 2019 Starting Point books.
2. Miscellaneous expenses was for the yearly P.O. Box payment.

Membership Report – Carolyn Thurber:

1. One new member family, for a total of 184.
2. Carolyn Thurber sent out 3rd membership renewal notice. She received one negative response.
3. She expects the membership to drop by 20 member families when new list is published.

Publicity Committee Report – Diane White

1. Tony Laing reported that Diane White has sent out publicity information for the Frederick Oktoberfest and Muddy Branch Trail events.

Wellness Committee Report – Jean Francis/Jone Parr:

1. Tony Laing reported that he has received his Get-Well card and appreciated it.

Sales Committee Report – Brigitte DeHart: No sales were reported.

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

Club Group Walks – Maribeth Evans:

1. Maribeth Evans stated that she needs volunteers to lead the September and October walks.
2. It was suggested that the pre-walk for Frederick Oktoberfest be used for the September group walk. Carolyn Thurber said she will check with Jone Parr on this idea.
3. It was also suggested that the pre-walk for the Muddy Branch Trail event be used for the October group walk.

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. No information from Mike.
 - b. Carolyn Thurber has sent Mike Cannon the form showing that he is the POC for this Special Program and she (Carolyn) is the alternate POC.
3. **Club Master Calendar**
 - a. Tony Laing had no changes for the calendar.
4. **Possible bus trips for next year**
 - a. Renate Sabulsky has proposed Richmond, VA to Dave Fenster as a destination for the bus trip. Tony Laing stated that he will have Dave Fenster follow up with Renate.
 - b. Yvonne Pennington proposed using a bus trip to go to a distant traditional event.
 - c. Keep this item on agenda another month.
5. **Presentation at Asbury Methodist Village**
 - a. Tony Laing heard back that they will schedule him for Thursday, May 7, 2019.
6. **Invitation Ocean City and Bethany Beach Walk**
 - a. There was an unsolicited invitation that the Sugarloafers attend the Ocean City and Bethany Beach Walk on September 16, 2018.
 - b. It was determined that the date was too close in the future to set up a bus trip and fill the bus before the event. Also, the walks were to be YREs only.

7. **Sales Position Replacement for Brigitte DeHart**

- a. Carolyn Thurber reported that she has a couple of ideas. She and Jone Parr will follow up on these ideas.

8. **Other**

- a. none.

New Business:

1. **Proposal for December 1 bus trip to the Scottish Walk in Alexandria, VA.**

- a. It was decided that it would be too expensive and too close by to warrant a bus trip.
- b. Tony Laing suggested that the club could create carpools to the event if desired.

2. **September Checkpoint**

- a. Posted online.

2. **Other**

- a. There was a discussion of the new AVA event fee proposal. Nothing was decided since the final wording of the proposal is unknown.
- b. The AVA Atlantic Region is looking for a new Regional Director (RD) and Deputy RD. The election for these positions are in March 2019. Both the RD and DRD say they will stand for re-election if there are no other candidates. Both will not be eligible for re-election in 2021.

Status of SVSVC Sanctioned 2018 Events:

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

- a. Club group walk on the Takoma Park trail was fun.

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

- a. All set and all volunteer slots filled.

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

- a. Carolyn Thurber thinks the volunteer sheet has not been started yet.

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

- a. The Brochure was available at the meeting.

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

- a. This will be a group walk doing a YRE trail.

Status of SVSVC Sanctioned 2019 Events:

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

- a. No information.

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

- a. Jeff Giddings and Alice Filemyr have mapped out a slightly different 10K trail and have walked it a couple of times.
- b. The 5K trail will be the same as the previous years.

Possible 2019 Events:

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

- a. Carolyn Thurber reported that SVSVC is on the Seneca Creek State Park calendar. But Jone Parr wants to talk to the new Park superintendent before proceeding with the walk.

2. **Other Possible events:**

- a. Olney Indoor Pool - no information.
- b. Bethesda Trolley Trail - no information.
- c. Frederick Oktoberfest - assuming it will be repeated.
- d. North Branch Stream Valley
- e. Lake Hallowell, Olney

Door Prize Drawing Winner: Joyce Laing

Meeting Adjourned: 8:12 pm