

# Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club

## Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes. April 10, 2018

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

**Attendees:** Tony Laing, Alice Filemyr, Jeff Giddings, Jone Parr, Carolyn Thurber, Janet Brown, Dave and Nancy Fenster, Pat Astill

**Minutes of the February Meeting:** Approved as written.

**Treasurer's Reports for February and March:** Submitted by Alice Filemyr.

1. The large miscellaneous income and expenses in March are for the bus trip to Harrisburg.

**Membership Report – Carolyn Thurber:**

1. 4 new members, Total 179 families.

**Publicity Committee Report - Diane White**

1. No information.

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

1. Ed Wolford passed away 2 weeks ago. Jean Francis has sent a card to Janis Wolford.

**Sales Committee Report – Brigitte DeHart:**

1. Alice Filemyr reported a deposit of over \$100 from Brigitte DeHart for the Westminster walk event.

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

1. Kenwood Seasonal is scheduled for tomorrow, April 11.

**Club Group Walks – Maribeth Evans:**

1. Jone Parr reported that Maribeth Evans needs POCs for May, June, July, August, September, and October.
2. Carolyn Thurber volunteered to lead the Silver Spring/Takoma Park Seasonal in July.
3. Dave and Nancy Fenster volunteered to lead the Kentlands walk in October.

**Old Business:**

1. **February, March, April Edition of the Club Newsletter is online.**
  - a. Deadline for submissions to the next edition is April 20, 2018.
2. **AVA Free Credit coupons**
  - a. There was a discussion regarding the coupons and whether or not we should return them to AVA.
  - b. It was agreed that Maribeth Evans will report them when we get them.
3. **Atlantic Regional Conference, Sterling, VA - March 16-18, 2018**
  - a. There will be an article in the SVSVC newsletter regarding this event.
4. **Annual Meeting at Asbury Methodist Village, March 25, 2018**
  - a. Tony Laing felt that the Annual Meeting was relatively successful.
  - b. 30 walkers attended the pre-meeting walks, and there were several new people attending the walks and the meeting.
  - c. There were left over sodas, but just the right amount of food and coffee.
5. **Combining the Men's and Women's Dinners**
  - a. The April Dinners: Mens - Not Your Average Joe's; Women's - Baronessa.
  - b. The May Dinner will be a combined Men's and Women's event.
6. **Other**
  - a. Mike Cannon is working on a special program for airports. He has had a Patch designed and the drawing was passed around.
    - i. Carolyn Thurber has created a mock-up of the event book.
    - ii. Pat King said she will help Mike Cannon with the special program.
    - iii. Carolyn Thurber suggested that 100 books, 100 patches be ordered initially.
    - iv. There will be a \$300 fee to AVA for special events if this special program is approved by AVA.
    - v. SVSVC would sell the event books for \$10/book and the club would keep all proceeds from the special program books.

- b. Jone Parr has found a new Start point for the Montgomery Village walks. The start box will be hosted by the Sunrise at Montgomery Village, 19310 Club House Rd, Montgomery Village, MD 20886, in front entrance vestibule under the bench.

#### **New Business:**

1. **AVA Checkpoint Online** - The April edition has been posted.
2. **Possible overnight bus trip to Richmond in September or October**
  - a. Because of the expense no one at the meeting was in favor of going forward with this trip.
3. **Club Master Calendar**
  - a. Several comments were made on spreadsheet Tony Laing presented and will update it.
4. **Other**
  - a. Jeff Giddings brought up sanctioning of the full Appalachian Trail (AT) in Maryland. Most members at the business meeting were in favor of sanctioning this as a separate YRE. Alice Filemyr will write up and submit the AT as an Online Start Box (OSB) YRE for next year. If approved Jeff Giddings will send an email to Jim McDonald to post it to the MVA website.
  - b. Tony Laing is preparing to do a Volksporing presentation at Asbury Methodist Village.

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

1. **April 21, 2018: SVSVC Bus Trip to Harrisburg.**
  - a. Currently 23 walkers have signed up for the trip. SVSVC needs 34 participants to break even. The bus will hold up to 47 people.

#### **Status of SVSVC Sanctioned 2018 Events:**

1. **April 7, 2018: Westminster Breakfast Walk – POC Ward Parr**
  - a. 78 people attended the event, 72 walked for credit. 6 walked for free. Approximately, 60 walkers had breakfast at the church.
2. **June 2 - October 13: Takoma Park and Silver Spring – POC Maribeth Evans**
  - a. Ready.
3. **September 29, 2018: Oktoberfest, Frederick, MD – POC Jone Parr, Alison Andrews**
  - a. The brochure has been sent to Bob Schmick for approval.
4. **October 13, 2018: Muddy Branch Greenway Trail, Gaithersburg, MD – POC Jone Parr**
  - a. The brochure has been sent to Bob Schmick for approval.
5. **November 17, 2018: Underground Railroad @ Woodlawn Manor – POCs Tony Laing and Dave Fenster.**
  - a. Jone Parr needs the brochure before she leaves on vacation.

#### **Status of SVSVC Sanctioned 2019 Events:**

1. **Possible Seneca Creek Moonlight Walk – POC Jone Parr**
  - a. Nov 9.
2. **Other suggestions**
  - a. Mike Cannon suggested an event at the Black Hills Regional Park. Jone Parr stated that the park administration charges a lot to rent a pavilion.
  - b. Germantown walk event that started at the IHOP was suggested. Carolyn Thurber stated that the last event was not well attended.
  - c. Tony Laing suggested the Olney Indoor Pool as a start point. Jone Parr stated that 2 5km loops have been wheeled from that start point.
  - d. Another suggestion was redoing Bethesda Trolley Trail. One factor is finding a start point that will allow people to park and walk-off for the event.

**Door Prize Drawing Winner:** Tony Laing

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:48 pm