

Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes. June 12, 2018

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

Attendees: Tony Laing, Alice Filemyr, Jeff Giddings, Carolyn Thurber, Dave and Nancy Fenster, Maribeth Evans, Mike Cannon, Yvonne Pennington, Pat Astill

Minutes of the Previous Business Meeting: Approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report: Submitted by Alice Filemyr.

1. May expenses included AVA event fees for the Westminster traditional event.
2. At the August Business Meeting, Alice Filemyr will present the June, July, and Annual reports.
3. Tony Laing and Dave Fenster volunteered to be the Audit Committee. They will try and meet for the audit after the scheduled Kentlands Wednesday walk in August.

Membership Report – Carolyn Thurber:

1. One new member family, Total 181 families. This new member has been attending the Wednesday walks.
2. Carolyn Thurber stated that she will send out an email regarding upcoming membership renewals.

Publicity Committee Report – Diane White

1. Tony Laing and Jone Parr have sent information about upcoming events to Diane White for publicity.

Wellness Committee Report – Jean Francis/Jone Parr:

1. No information

Sales Committee Report – Brigitte DeHart:

1. Brigitte DeHart emailed Tony Laing stating that she had not sold anything in last month.

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

1. Next walk is tomorrow at 9am at the Montgomery Agricultural History Farm Park in Derwood.

Club Group Walks – Maribeth Evans:

1. Tony Laing discussed leading the Georgetown 10K YRE as a possible July club walk.

Old Business:

1. **May, June, July Edition of the Club Newsletter is online.**
 - a. Deadline for submissions to the next edition is July 15, 2018.
2. **Combining the Men's and Women's Dinners**
 - a. June will have separate Men's and Women's Dinners. Men's: La Mexicana. Women's: Villa Maya.
 - b. There will be a combined Dinner on July 31.
3. **Status of the Airports Special Program – Mike Cannon**
 - a. Mike Cannon brought 3 copies of the Airports Special Program proposal.
 - b. Carolyn Thurber volunteered to be alternate POC for the Special Program.
 - c. According to Mike's budget for the Special Program, based on a goal of 100 participants, there would be \$180 profit for the club.
 - d. Mike was unsure whether a separate bank account (from the main SVSVC bank account) was needed for the Special Program. Alice Filemyr stated that a second account is not needed. That she will reimburse and track all deposits and expenses from the main bank account.
 - e. Mike Cannon stated that he will attend the July MVA meeting to discuss the Special Program with Bob Schmick (MVA President) and Mike Green (AT Regional Director).
 - f. Mike Cannon will send Jeff Giddings an email with possible email redirector names.
4. **Status of Sanctioning the full Appalachian Trail in Maryland**
 - a. Completed. The Seasonal event will open for OSB registration on June 17 for walks starting July 1.
5. **Club Master Calendar – Tony Laing**
 - a. Alice Filemyr asked to have the March 1st Shed payment moved to a new line "as billed".
6. **Possible bus trips for next year**

- a. Requirements: Stay away from the AVA Convention in June and at least 2 walks from the same starting point.
 - b. Mike Cannon suggested Valley Forge National Park, in Pennsylvania.
 - c. Yvonne Pennington suggested a Pennsylvania multi-event weekend.
 - d. Pat Astill suggested that we advertise this trip to other clubs to try and fill the bus.
 - e. Discussion of this topic will resume at the September meeting.
7. **Possible presentation at Asbury Methodist Village**
- a. Tony has not heard anything from Asbury Methodist Village regarding this presentation. He will continue to try to schedule a talk with them.
8. **Other**
- a. Three clubs in Northern Virginia may be folding. The Leesburg club YREs would become available - would SVSVC want to take them on? Mike Cannon volunteered to service at least one box or we could sanction them as Online Start Box events.

New Business:

1. Carolyn Thurber stated that many volksmarchers are not using event/distance books or sending them because they don't want the awards (pins, patches, and certificates). She suggested that the AVA have a way for the individual to select which awards they wish to receive (if any). This would save AVA money and reduce waste. Yvonne Pennington suggested that the certificate could be sent by email as a PDF. There was a suggestion that if people don't want certain awards that they send the books in with a Post-It note stating that they only want certain awards (or none).
2. The Delaware club has reserved a block of rooms at the Henlopen Hotel for the Sea Witch Festival.
3. The next MVA meeting will be July 7 at the Severna Park YRE.
4. There was a discussion about using plotaroute.com to help plot event routes and the accuracy of the distances generated. Alice Filemyr said that she would check to see if a club account could be established on plotaroute.com.

Status of SVSVC Sanctioned 2018 Events:

1. **June 2 - October 13: Takoma Park and Silver Spring – POC Maribeth Evans**
 - a. Open.
2. **September 29, 2018: Oktoberfest, Frederick, MD – POCs Jone Parr, Alison Andrews**
 - a. Carolyn Thurber passed around a volunteer sign-up sheet and had the brochure.
3. **October 13, 2018: Muddy Branch Greenway Trail, Gaithersburg, MD – POC Jone Parr**
 - a. The brochure is available. There was no volunteer sign-up sheet.
4. **November 17, 2018: Underground Railroad @ Woodlawn Manor – POCs Tony Laing and Dave Fenster.**
 - a. Tony Laing passed around the volunteer sign-up sheet for this event.
5. **November 23, 2018: REI Opt Outside – Seneca Creek – POC Jone Parr**
 - a. Carolyn Thurber stated that she will give REI notice that this event is taking place.

Status of SVSVC Sanctioned 2019 Events:

1. **C&O Canal / Winter Wonderland - January 9 – POCs Jone Parr and Carolyn Thurber - sanctioned**
2. **Apr 13, 2019: Croydon Creek Nature Center – POC Jeff Giddings - sanctioned**
3. **Nov 9, 2019: Possible Seneca Creek Moonlight Walk – POC Jone Parr**
 - a. It was reported that Seneca Creek State Park has something else scheduled for that date.
4. **Other Possible events:**
 - a. **Olney Indoor Pool** - possible route checking in progress.
 - b. **Bethesda Trolley Trail** - Need a start point. Neil Dorian can not provide one. Kennedy Shriver Aquatic Center could be a start but there is ongoing construction in the area.
 - c. **Frederick Oktoberfest** Will it be sanctioned for next year?

Door Prize Drawing Winner: Maribeth Evans (on her birthday!)

Meeting Adjourned: 8:39 pm