

# KEYSTONE STATE VOLKSSPORT ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes for April 18, 2015

## **Introductions**

The walkers in attendance introduced themselves and which club they were representing. See attendance at the end of this report.

## **Secretaries Report**

Carol Talaga, the KSVa Secretary had sent the February 7, 2015 meeting minutes via email, so they could be read before the meeting. No corrections or additions were submitted. Dave Brown made a motion to accept the minutes and Pam Copenhaver seconded the motion. The motion was carried and the minutes were approved.

## **Treasurers Report**

Pat Eby, the KSVa Treasurer submitted the February 2015 and March 2015 bank balance reports. The association has a positive balance. Dave Brown made a motion to accept the minutes and Pam Copenhaver seconded the motion. The motion was carried and the minutes were approved. (See attached sheets.)

Additional information, Marcy Lucas the KSVa Vice-President has been added as a cosigner to the checking account as a backup if Pat or the association needs someone to deposit or write checks.

## **KSVa Sponsored Events**

KSVa 20/10 Award Challenge – Bev Molnar

The 2014 KSVa 20/10 Award Challenge had 64 participants complete it.

The 2015 KSVa 20/10 Award Challenge is well underway. A total number to date was not submitted.

KSVa Pennsylvania State Parks and Forests Challenge – Tom Jackson

One person has completed the program.

Due to weather conditions, the start date was pushed for the four walks in the west and the two in the northern counties.

The walk in Troy, Bradford County has a local start point at the Dandy Mini-Market. This has been changed on the web site.

KSVa Pennsylvania 67 County Program

Nine walkers completed the program. Three new books were sold.

## **KSVa Sponsored Walks**

Michaux State Forest – Tom Jackson

Walkers 6

Mont Alto State Park – Tom Jackson

Walkers 5

Pine Grove Furnace State Park– Tom Jackson

Walkers 8

Erie, PA Seasonal – Pat Eby

Walkers 2

Shepherdstown, WV Year Round – Pat Eby

Walkers 0. Maybe due to the weather. We should consider changing this to a seasonal.

Harpers Ferry, WV Seasonal – Pat Eby

Walkers 0. This walk just started.

### **Club Reports**

Cumberland Valley Lead Foot Club – Tom Jackson

A seasonal swim from Memorial Day to Labor Day will be set up at Caledonia State Park. The event fee will be \$5.00.

Liberty Bell Wanderers – Dave Brown

2015 Traditional Events

- Saturday April 18 & Sunday April 19 - Wyomissing (near Reading) event so far has had 81 walkers.
- Saturday May 16 – Lorimer Park Remembrance Walk
- Saturday August 29 – LBW 31st Annual Picnic will be at Quakertown Nochamixon State Park

2015 Bus Trip

- Thursday May 28- Sunday May 31 – Niagara Falls

Four Event Walk Weekend

- October 23-25, 2015, four walks will be held at the following parks: Evansburg State Park, Fort Washington State Park, Norristown Farm Park and Tyler State Park

Nittany Nomads – Bev Molnar (Reported by Louise Clouser)

Have started group walks on Monday evenings.

Penn Dutch Pacers - Pete Byrne

Will be having a tradition event walk on May 30<sup>th</sup> at Overlook State Park in Lancaster City.

Susquehanna Rovers - Sue Wheeler

2015 Traditional Events - Still collecting food items for pets at our traditional walks.

- Saturday May 16 & Sunday May 17 – Mannsville, Perry County. A pre-walk will be held the first or second week of May
- Saturday September 26 & Sunday September 27 – Loyalsock State Forest, Sullivan County.
- Saturday October 10 & Sunday October 11 – Linglestown, Dauphin County

York White Rose Wanderers – Pam Copenhaver

Rail Trail Group walks will start in May

- May 7, Walk #6
- June 6, Walk #5
- July 9, Walk #4
- August 6, Walk #3
- September 10, Walk #1 or #2

2015 Traditional Events

- Saturday June 27 – Smith Village Walk
- Saturday August 15 – Gifford Pinchot State Park

#### 2015 Bus Trip

- Lighthouses and Walks – May 15, 16 & 17 to Philadelphia, Cape May and various lighthouses along New Jersey coast.

#### Four Event Walk Weekend

- November 14, 15, 16 – Gettysburg Haunted Weekend. Swim will be Saturday only from 2:00 PM to 4:30 PM

### **New Business**

#### Atlantic Regional Meeting – Tom Jackson

The meeting has been cancelled. The election will be handled through email.

#### An additional PA club

A new club is starting in Everett, Bedford County. It will be called the Penn Mary Walkers. The officers are former German Volkssporters. They are working on getting their non-profit charter completed. It has a cost of \$75.00. They are requesting startup funds. Need help line for Secretary and Treasurer Positions. If we could donate from the other clubs stuff for them to set up a walk, it would be greatly appreciated. They would like to have a traditional walk in July or August 2015 in Bedford using the Nittany Nomads old year round walk route. If the Nittany Nomads sanction the event the new club can do the work and get a feel for how to run an event.

#### AVA National Donation Day

May 5<sup>th</sup> is San Antonio's Big Gift Day. AVA is encouraging clubs to donate to AVA Headquarters. There will be a matching gift of up to \$30,000 from a private donor. Donations can be done online or mailed into AVA headquarters. More details in Regional Ramblings

#### Customized Slugs

Can be ordered for any traditional event.

#### KSVA Special Programs

The state parks are from 2015 to 2016. We should be thinking of a new program for 2017.

#### Appalachian Trail Headquarters

The Point of Contact Jane Snurr requested a donation be made to the Appalachian Trail Headquarters for holding the walk box for two events. Pam Copenhaver made the motion to donate \$100. Dave Brown second the motion. The motion carried and was approved.

#### County Walks

Find out which counties are needed by club members.

#### YRE Renewals

The walk is renewed if you can change the dates in the system, but you have to make the change manually.

#### Closing

Thank you to the Liberty Bell Wanderers for finding us a location hosting the meeting

The next KSVA meeting will be at the York's Gifford Pinchot walk on August 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM.

(Note: The meeting date was changed in July to the Liberty Bell Wanderers Quakertown walk on August 29<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM.)

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM

Attendance:

Tom Jackson, Atlantic Region Director

Marcy Lucas, KSVA Vice-President

Pat Eby, KSVA Treasurer

Pam Copenhaver, York White Rose Wanderers President

Jim Copenhaver, York White Rose Wanderers Member

Dave Brown, Liberty Bell Wanderers President

Louise Clouser, Susquehanna Rovers Member

William Rhoat, Susquehanna Rovers Member

Alice Eckardt, Susquehanna Rovers Member