

Keystone State Volkssport Association
June 18 2016
Cove Outlook Park, Mt. Joy PA

KSVA President Joan Lampart called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm, thanking the Penn Dutch Pacers for hosting in conjunction with today's *Six Parks & A Cemetery* event.

Present: Vice President - Marcy Lucas; Treasurer - Pat Eby; Secretary - Carol Talaga;
Penn Dutch Pacers - Maria Roshon; Susquehanna Rovers - Sharon Miller; York White Rose Wanderers - Pam Copenhaver; Appalachian Trail – Jane Holmes; Atlantic Regional Director - Tom Jackson; Guests: Bill Rhoat – Susquehanna Rovers and Susan Osborn, - Baltimore Walking Club

Secretary

Carol noted that the last meeting began at 1:05, not 2:05. Pam moved to approve the corrected minutes of February 6, and Maria seconded; motion carried.

Treasurer

February through May monthly reports were distributed and filed for audit. The balance as of May 31 is \$6465.08. Pat questioned whether the Pay for Participant fee for the five snow shoe participants is a savings to KSVA, but Tom pointed out that with this non-traditional fee structure KSVA is not charged the usual \$20.00 sanction fee. Expenses for the barbecue at the 40th Anniversary celebration were \$402.58, vs a budgeted \$500.00.

Vice-President

Marcy would like to promote the KSVA 20-10 Award via club websites and newsletters, and be aware of Club meeting schedules. Three clubs do not have active websites or regular newsletters, namely Cumberland Valley Lead Foot, Nittany Nomads, and Penn Mary Walkers.... Marcy is updating the AVA/KSVA Special Challenge Programs checklist for 2017, to include 2016 programs as well, because participants are granted a grace period after the deadline to earn the award.

President

Of growing concern is the status of our Cumberland Valley Lead Foot Club. Anne Gale, who is serving as both President and Treasurer, has been ill. Reports to KSVA have not been submitted since the 2nd quarter of 2015; furthermore, the Club has not filed with the IRS the e-post card to maintain non-profit status. The Club sponsors two walks – Caledonia State Park which is also a swim, and Chambersburg. Lorraine and Tom Jackson have assisted Jane as points-of-contact for the State Park. Lorraine has offered to assume responsibility as President, when she retires in February. Joan asked if anyone from KSVA could help Anne now with reporting or has ideas for maintaining the Club.

Joan was unable to attend the 40th anniversary celebration due to a lingering case of pneumonia. She thanked the York White Rose wanderers for hosting this successful event. Clubs are asked to file their 2017 walks soon with Joan; include as much information on the sanction request as you can.

Dave Brown and Joan will meet with Jeanne Marie Clancy at the Chester County Library in Exton on July 6 at seven p.m. to tell her and the general public about starting a Volksmarch club. Anyone wishing to join them is welcome.

Other KSVA Business:

Nominating Committee / Louise Clouser The slate 2017-2018 is: President – Marcy Lucas, Vice-President – Jane Holmes, Secretary – Carol Talaga, and Treasurer – Pat Eby. The election will take place during the September meeting, at Pat's request, to meet the publication deadline for the annual *Pennsylvania Year-Round and Seasonal Events* directory which she compiles.

Speaking of the **directory**, please review and update your pages; send to Pat by the end of October. The directory is limited by the printer to 60 pages; walks sharing a start point are listed on the same page to conserve space. Let Pat know if you want to continue listing the state parks walks by park name, or by the town in which they are officially located, as some have suggested. We need a consensus on the arrangement.

By-Laws / Louise Clouser: no report

KSVA SPONSORED EVENTS

Event / PoC	#	Comments
20/10 / Marcy	3	As of today
20/10 last year / Bev Molnar	2	Last report was 8/29/15 - seven completed. Bev resigned as President of Nittany Nomads and has chosen not to submit a year end report.
State Parks & Forests-- completed Tom Jackson	42 1	First time [patch features a whitetail deer Second time [patch features a ruffed grouse]
State Parks -- participated	2	Ansonia -- Tioga State Forest seasonal
	0	Ansonia -- Tioga State Forest seasonal bike
	2	Troy -- Mt. Pisgah State Park seasonal
	18	Michaux State Forest
	5	Biglerville -- Michaux State Forest -- Piney Ridge Road snowshoe
	5	Fayetteville -- Michaux State Forest -- Smokey Zimmerman XC Ski Area snowshoe
	13	Mont Alto State Park
	11	Pine Grove Furnace State Park
Shepherdstown Jane Snurr	Credit/free	49 paid but 26 had free coupon / 2 free
Erie Presque Isle State Park / Pat Eby	15	Seasonal -- began April 1
Harper's Ferry WV Jane Snurr	18	
67 Counties Sharon Miller	19	
Appalachian Trail- Jane Holmes	Begins 1/1/17 to 2021	Jane circulated the completed Level I and II embroidered patches [inventory is 50 each] and also a draft of the special program booklet. At the meeting the decision was to print 50 booklets, but Joan later suggested that the order be increased to 100.

CLUB REPORTS

Cumberland Valley Lead Foot: no report

Liberty Bell Wanderers: Group walks are on summer hiatus as of June 9. Back by popular demand in August are four non-sanctioned but AVA-approved "Cool" walks. These feature sylvan settings, an earlier start time, and a shorter trail length. Brochures for our 32nd annual picnic at Nockamixon State Park and for the walk at the Kennett Square Mushroom Festival can now be downloaded from the Club website.

Nittany Nomads: no report but brochure for Fall Foliage Weekend from September 23-25 is available

Penn Dutch Pacers:

September 17 - Camp Mack Scout Reservation walk in Newmanstown
December 10 - Ephrata / Akron walk, start point at Ephrata Isaac's

Plans for 2017 include:

Dropping: Manheim, Millersville and New Holland

Keeping Susquehannock State Park as is

Combining: the separate North and History walks in Lititz into a single walk

Combining Lancaster City West and Historic-Downtown into one walk-new route featuring Thaddeus Stevens

Adding two Mount Joy walks – covered bridge and today's Six Parks & a Cemetery. Also adding a bike route here.

Adding a YRE in Strasburg and one in Lancaster County Park

Adding an Amish-themed walk with a start near Intercourse

Penn Mary Walkers: no report

Susquehanna Rovers :

Carlisle Barracks Octoberfest at Army Heritage Education Center in Carlisle - October 8-9

Hershey Holiday Walkfest – November 25-26

York White Rose Wanderers:

Annual picnic with memorial bench dedication at John Rudy County Park on July 20

East Berlin Borough Park 5k or 10k, August 20

REGIONAL DIRECTOR

1. Please go ahead and start reviewing your YRE's for 2017. Our goal is to have the events renewed or new ones added by August 15. That will give Joan and I two weeks to approve them and work out any problems.
2. The Commendable Service Award replaced the Certificate of Service Award effective June 1. As Club Presidents you should be presenting this Award frequently.
3. June 25 is the deadline for submitting articles for the next edition of *The American Wanderer*.
4. AVA biennial convention in Billings MT – have club members send me their email addresses so I can include them on "Convention News Emails".
5. A memorandum of understanding has almost finalized with Navigators USA, a co-ed youth program with chapters in Media, Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh. The relationship between AVA and Navigators is very similar to the one with the Girls Scouts regarding awards criteria.
6. Anticipate an AVA National Program starting in 2018 focusing on the Appalachian Trail. We probably need at least two out and back 10k walks. I recommend one be Pine Grove because of the AT Museum; one could be further East.
7. There was more discussion about the current budget than I have seen in previous years. AVA is expected to lose about \$60,000 for the fiscal year [July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016]. We approved a balanced budget [where projected revenue slightly exceeds expenses] for the next fiscal year. I personally think the projected revenue is being very optimistic.

Motion to Adjourn – made by Sharon Miller at 3:45 p.m. The Nittany Nomads will host our next KSVa meeting on Saturday September 24 at the Super 8 Motel during the Penn State Fall Foliage weekend. The Rovers will host late Fall at the Hershey Walkfest.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Talaga, Secretary