

Keystone State Volkssport Association
3 February 2018
HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital, York PA

KSVA President Marcy Lucas called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m., thanking the York White Rose Wanderers for hosting at today's Winter Walk, Shop & Swim.

Other officers present were: Vice President – Jane Holmes; Treasurer – Pat Eby; Secretary – Carol Talaga. Clubs represented were: Chester County Red Rovers – Jeanne Clancy; Cumberland Valley Lead Foot - Lorraine Jackson; Liberty Bell Wanderers – Betty Green, VP; Penn Dutch Pacers – Jane Holmes ; Susquehanna Rovers –Sharon Miller; York White Rose Wanderers – Pam Copenhaver; Atlantic Region Director – Mike Green; State Parks PoC – Tom Jackson.

Secretary

After the minutes were e-mailed, three changes were submitted: under KSVA Sponsored Events: replace *coupons* with *credit* for the Shepherdstown and Harpers Ferry counts; Club Reports -- Susq Rovers --add Camp Hill to the discontinued events; and New Business #1. Marcy reported that the KSVA annual YRE booklet was to be distributed on Dec 16th at the Elizabethtown event.

Treasurer The November, December and January reports were circulated and filed for audit. The balance as of January 31 is \$4702.06. Also compiled and circulated by the Treasurer: the 2018 list of Year-Round and Seasonal AVA event numbers and the 2018 directory of Clubs and Points of Contact.

President My goal this Winter is to update and improve KSVA.net, working with Mike to include the walk calendar for planning purposes... As in 2017, we have been approached to host a display at the National ParkRx Day at Steamtown National Historic Site in Scranton on Sunday 29 April. We will apply to the AVA to sanction this as an AVA Community Event. Volunteers to assist me would be appreciated. ... Think of walks around the interstate corridors to promote as stops on the way to and from AVA 2019 in Albany.

KSVA-sponsored Year-Round or Special Events & Programs

Event / PoC	#	Comments
State Parks & Forests /Tom Jackson		Program has ended but will continue to redeem books until the patches are gone. No additional patches will be ordered.
1 st Award whitetail deer	69	1 last year, 1 this year
2 nd Award ruffed grouse	22	8 in 2017
*Michaux State Forest	28	Mont Alto State park replaces Michaux in 2018. In 2018 there are two Michaux snowshoe events: - Biglerville – Piney Mountain Ridge Road and Fayetteville – “Smoke Zimmerman” xc ski area
Pine Grove Furnace	21	Qualifies for AVA App. Trail Special Program
Shepherdstown / Jane Snurr	5 / 1	Credit / free 4 th q
	37 / 5	Credit / free total 2017
Erie Presque Isle State Park / Pat Eby	2 / 0	Credit / free 4 th q Closed now.
	3 / 3 / 10	Credit / free / award total for 2017
Harper's Ferry WV / J. Snurr	49 / 8	Credit / free Closed now
	136 / 12	Credit / free total 2017
67 Counties / Sharon Miller		Sharon Miller noted no activity since last meeting – 22 completions up to November.
App. Trail- Jane Holmes	32 / 3	Credit / finished 4 th q
	5 / 100	Award / credit total for year
Funding authorization		Lorraine moved that we donate \$100.00 to the App. Trail Conservancy Pam seconded. Motion carried. [poc Jane Snurr recommended a gift of \$200]

Another 2018 event is the seasonal walk and bike in Waterville on the Pine Creek Trail. The volksbike was sanctioned as an extended distance event so participants can start wherever they wish, go in either direction, and as far as they desire.

UNFINISHED KSVa BUSINESS

By-laws ad hoc: Carol Talaga noted that the Bylaws approved at the last meeting, together with the amended policies, are posted under the Bulletin Board on KSVa.net.

YRE annual booklet – 800 copies were printed and will be distributed after the meeting. The Treasurer circulated an invoice detailing the payment due from each club. Per page charge is \$36.49.

Atlantic Region Conference 2018. As our contribution in lieu of a gift basket we will donate \$100.00 to Silent Auction. The motion made by Jeanne and seconded by Sharon was approved.

Big Give March 22: Motion made by Jane and seconded by Betty to donate \$100.00 to AVA, same amount as last year, was approved.

Fall Foliage Festival – Tom reported that the brochure on display now at the York Walk registration table and will be e-mailed to the KSVa membership. Tom showed us the attractive gold leaf award pin. Encourage your club membership to register early. This biannual event of the now disbanded Nittany Nomads continues, thanks to the cooperation of KSVa member clubs.

CLUB REPORTS

Chester County Red Rovers Bank assets = \$700. Membership = 40 households 2017, 26 so far this year. YRE walk activity = Downingtown = 67; Phoenixville = 64; Pottstown/Warwick = 36. New in 2018 is the Coatesville/Hibernia YRE. Traditional events in planning = Malvern/Paoli Battlefield – Spring; Wolf Hollow County Park - Fall. Group walks = January 21 in Phoenixville when the Locktender's House on the Schuylkill Canal was open to the public, to be repeated for this reason February 18; and the Lititz Fire & Ice February 17. At the January membership meeting Peggy Wadsworth presented a chart connecting local YRE's with free Museum Passes available from Chester County Libraries, which Jeanne circulated today. Presentations at the Chester County Library Fit Fair as well as to the general public at the Phoenixville Library and at four Chester County Library staff meetings have generated interest and new members. Director of the Chester County Library and CCRR member Marguerite Dube was nominated for the VIP Award.

Cumberland Valley Lead Foot: - Tom led a group walk in Chambersburg during their Ice Festival, January 26-27. A physical activity task force has offered to promote the Club and folks marching on their web page.

Liberty Bell Wanderers Dave Brown's mother Leola B. Brown of Newark Ohio passed away on January 27. Memorial contributions may be made to The Main Place, 112 S. 3rd Street, Newark OH 43055 or www.themainplace.org. New walks: King of Prussia Mall, Skippack, and 2 App. Trails. LBW joins the New Hope Nordics for the annual Snowshoe Bus Trip in Stowe Vermont. If you would like to join our bus to the Atlantic Regional Conference contact Doris Simon our Treasurer at dorissimon@msn.com or 215-342-5140, as seats remain. You will need to register on your own for the hotel, diners and walks. Bus departs from the VE Club in Warminster on Friday March 16 at 7 a.m., returning approx. 9:00 p.m. on Sunday March 18.March 24 is the Eugene Maier March Madness Pinochle Tournament at the VE Club.

Mon Valley Trailblazers: submitted by Lori Lamberski 2/1/18; read by Mike Green today
The Mon Valley Trailblazers has accepted the Steel Turtles Club proportionate funds, equipment, events, and materials effective January 1, 2018.

First Quarterly meeting was held on January 15, 2018. Vacant Officer positions were filled as follows: Vice President and Head of Trails Committee-Steve Edson; Membership-Laurel Shaw; and TrailMaster-Karin Cooley. The ESR has been updated to reflect new officers. New membership applications and funds were received increasing the club membership to 7. The new YRE and Seasonal Pamphlet for MVT are in the final stages to be processed and sent to KSVa for approval.

The MVT has selected the Seasonal, Three Rivers Heritage Trails in Pittsburgh, PA as their Opt-Outside event for 2018. It was noted that the date of this event is listed incorrectly. The correct date for the Opt-Outside Event is Friday, November 23, 2018.

The President, Lori Lamberski, and the VP, Steve Edson, will do a presentation of the club to the Greentree Rotary Club on February 15th.

There were three events that were desanctioned from the Steel Turtles Club events, Kittanning, PA, 110233; Connellsville-River Ramble, PA, 110341; and Johnstown-Historic Johnstown, PA, 110371. The sanction fees are to be refunded to the MVT. Not yet received.

The MVT Club is still awaiting the funds to be allocated to them from the Washington DC Area Volksmarching Club that disbanded as of December 31, 2017. The WDCAVC club, according to the KSVa minutes of July 22, 2017, at the Lansdale, PA meeting, voted to send \$250 each to the 2 new PA clubs, the Steel Turtles, and the Mon Valley Trailblazers. Funds not yet received.

Penn Dutch Pacers Jane reported that she has replaced Maria Roshon as President; VP is vacant and the long-time Secretary and Treasurer are both continuing. Recent annual walk totals for 2014 through 2017 are, respectively: 478, 415, 345, and 450. Lititz is the best performing walk.

Steel Turtles submitted by Steve Edson 1/22/18. I started the club due to the scarcity of walks in Western Pennsylvania, having recently moved here from Washington DC where in contrast, there are many walks. I was unaware at the time of the emerging Mon Valley Trailblazers. Consolidating the two clubs should simplify coordination and prevent duplication of effort. A formal application for disbanding, effective January 31, was sent to AVA.

Susquehanna Rovers May 4-6 - Susquehanna Rivertowns Weekend; June 3 - Capital Area Greenbelt; June 16 – Appalachian Trail Community Festival in Duncannon; October 6-7 Oktoberfest at Carlisle Barracks; November 23-24 – Hershey Walkfest. .

York May 4-6 - Susquehanna Rivertowns Weekend; August 4-5 - John McCoy Memorial Walk in Dillsburg. Marcy asked the coordinators from all three clubs to verify that the description of the Rivertowns weekend description on the AVA website is complete.

REGIONAL DIRECTOR

A three page report including news from the January 19-21 AVA meeting in Orlando was circulated on February 4 to the KSVa membership; it is attached to the Secretary's binder.... Mike oriented us by online projection to the AVA Community Event program and to the 401K Invest in your Health incentive to walk 401k in a year. AVA has approved two special programs beginning 2019: carousels and Little Free Library. The requirement that clubs host at least one traditional event per year or pay \$50.00 has been dropped.

NEW BUSINESS

Nominations Elections for our four officers should occur at the 3rd quarter meeting.

Atlantic Region 2020 Carlisle is a top choice due to its selection of relatively inexpensive convention hotels near highway interchanges and to its proximity to walks in Lancaster, Gettysburg, Chambersburg and along the App. Trail. Mike will alert AVA that we will host this event in-mid March.

NEXT MEETING

...is Saturday 5 May at the Susquehanna Rivertowns Weekend. Adjourned 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Talaga,
Secretary