

Keystone State Volkssport Association  
20 May 2018  
Burke Park, Malvern PA

KSVA President Marcy Lucas called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m., thanking the Chester County Red Rovers for hosting it at their Historic Malvern & Paoli Battlefield traditional event. Other officers present were: Vice President – Jane Holmes; Treasurer - Pat Eby; Secretary - Carol Talaga. Club representatives & members: Chester County Red Rovers – Jeanne Clancy; Cumberland Valley Lead Foot Club – Lorraine Jackson; Penn Dutch Pacers – Jane Holmes; Susquehanna Rovers - Bill Rhoat; York White Rose Wanderers – Pam Copenhaver; Atlantic Region Director – Mike Green; State Parks poc Tom Jackson. Guests - Jim Copenhaver.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**Secretary**

The York minutes were emailed on February 28 for review and comment. The motion to approve was made by Jeanne and seconded by Pat; motion carried.

**Treasurer**

February, March and April reports were circulated and filed for audit. The balance as of April 30 = \$6053.07.

**President** Marcy distributed traditional events sanctioned for 2018, in chart format. She is available to sanction in June from June 17 to June 22 and then after July 9 until the end date.

**KSVA SPONSORED EVENTS**

Event / PoC	#	Comments
State Parks & Forests /Tom Jackson #1 award	69	patch features a whitetail deer
#2 award	23	patch features a ruffed grouse
	9	Mount Alto State Park
*	11	Biglerville – Michaux State Forest – Piney Ridge Road snowshoe Pay per Participant Sanctioning
*	5	Fayetteville – Michaux State Forest – Smoke Zimmerman XC Ski Area snowshoe Pay per Participant Sanctioning
	12	Pine Grove Furnace State Park
	1	Waterville Tiadaghton State Forest seasonal walk [started April 1]
	0	Waterville Tiadaghton State Forest seasonal bike same
Shepherdstown Jane Snurr	10	credit
Erie Presque Isle State Park / Pat Eby	6	credit [started April 1]
Harper's Ferry WV Jane Snurr	41	24 credit and 17 free [started April 1]
67 Counties Sharon Miller	22	completions
Appalachian Trail- Jane Holmes	6	credit 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter 34 booklet and 13 YRE patches sold

\* Since the snow conditions where Tom Jackson lives are often different than only a short distance away, he sends an email out when the weather forecast looks like there will be enough snow to snowshoe. After the snow has fallen, he follows that up with another email confirming that they actually received enough snow. The emails are sent to everyone who has expressed an interest in snowshoeing.

## CLUB REPORTS

Chester County Red Rovers Jeanne attended the Atlantic Region Conference at which the Red Rovers donated a gift basket in support for their silent auction. The Red Rovers held a membership meeting on March 26<sup>th</sup>. All Kinds of Fast, a running/walking shoe store in Phoenixville, provided a speaker. He answered questions about socks and sneakers for comfort and injury avoidance. The Red Rovers voted to donate \$100.00 to the Big Give. The Red Rovers placed a display about volkssporting and the Club in the lobby bulletin board at the Chester County Library in April. I'm not sure how effective it was but many brochures were taken....Jeanne planned the 10k and 5k walks in Malvern/Paoli Battlefield on May 20<sup>th</sup>. The next traditional walk at Wolf's Glen County Park in Atglen was sanctioned for September 22. Our YRE's had the following number of walkers in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter: Coatesville / Hibernia Park = 0; Downingtown = 19 credit 2 free; Phoenixville = 17 credit 1 free; Pottstown / Warwick County Park = 2 credit.

Cumberland Valley Lead Foot Lorraine has no plans yet for a traditional event. Tom noted that the seasonal swim at Caledonia State Park begins on Memorial Day weekend.

Liberty Bell Wanderers September 15 Annual Picnic in Fort Washington State Park; October 13-15 chartered bus to Cape May and Maryland Eastern Shore with walks in Cape May New Jersey, Easton and Salisbury in Maryland, ride on Cape May Lewes Ferry, afternoon in St. Michael's with harbor boat tour and riding the Monster Mile at Dover International Speedway on our own bus. November 10 bike and walk at Angelica Creek Park in Reading.

### Mon Valley Trailblazers

1. First quarter participation numbers totaled 12.
2. Second quarter participation numbers for April and May so far totals 36.
3. Our traditional event in April at Cedar Creek Park had 15 participants, but that total is included in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter numbers.
4. We have made a few changes for the June 9 Ohiophyle traditional event: elimination of the Baughman trail as it is too difficult and addition of a second day guided group event at Confluence YRE on the following day, Sunday June 10.
5. We are waiting for approval from the Raccoon Creek State Park officials. Once we get the Letter of Authorization for a seasonal event this year and then becoming a YRE for 2019, they are going to build a shelter to house our start box for when the Interpretive Center is closed. There are multiple trails in this state park and we are looking forward to a partnership with them. The seasonal will run from July 1 through December 31, 2018.
6. We are in the process of having weekly group events at our YRE's.
7. Our membership has increased to 11 trailblazers.

Penn Dutch Pacers Attendance this year averaged 24-30 at YRE's. Traditional event counts are 200 for Fire&Ice and 133 at Columbia / Rivertowns weekend. Remaining 2018 events are: Sunday September 21 Willow Point / National Hunting and Fishing Day Expo Stevens / Kleinfeltersville and a Christmas time walk on December 8. Proposed next year: Fire & Ice, a summer walk in Amish country and Elizabethtown / Masonic Village in autumn.

Susquehanna Rovers traditional events: June 3 exhibit table and 3k community walk at Capital Area Greenbelt Association Tour de Belt [bike race] Weekend in Harrisburg; June 16 Appalachian Trail Community Festival, Duncannon and November 23-24 Hershey Walkfest. The Rovers are sponsoring a pre-convention walk in Scranton at the Steamtown National Historic Site; it will also be a seasonal walk, April through June.

York White Rose Wanderers June 8-10 there is room for one more on our Thousand Island bus trip; August 4-5 John McCoy Memorial Walk, Dillsburg. Next year: Gettysburg June 5 pre-convention traditional walk; August in Jacobus; early October at Naylor Winery; November - Gettysburg Weekend

## REPORT of ATLANTIC REGION DIRECTOR

The following items are of particular interest: [1] Director's Toolbox <http://nodegreen.com/atrd> helps to create quality directions and maps. Directions should carry a copyright notice and include emergency contact information; [2] At traditional events, unaccompanied walkers under 18 need an AVA waiver signed by parent or guardian which can be downloaded via [http://www.ava.org/Youth/AVA\\_Youth\\_Waiver\\_Release\\_2.6.2018.pdf](http://www.ava.org/Youth/AVA_Youth_Waiver_Release_2.6.2018.pdf) ; [3] avoid taking or posting photos of youth at any AVA event; [4] every club in the Atlantic Region is expected to support OptOutside on November 23 either by promoting the Hershey Walkfest or by sponsoring a guided group walk of their own. [5] When registering for a YRE/Seasonal it is no longer necessary and considered unsafe to provide your home address. Continue to list address on start cards, however. [The full two page report was distributed at today's meeting and the next day by e-mail.]

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### UNFINISHED KSVa BUSINESS / OPEN ISSUES

Foliage Festival of Walks – Tom noted that the Super 8 State College is filled to capacity. Pam commented that although 29 have registered for the Friday night pizza party and 31 for Saturday's Meet & Greet, up to 100 can be accommodated. Pre-walks are of interest to those attending the FreedomFest|DC the same weekend.

Mon Valley Trailblazers - the request by Lori Lamberski on February 11 regarding a \$250.00 grant from money given to KSVa by the disbanding Washington DC area club was not approved. In accordance with our Bylaws, KSVa has already given the Trailblazers a \$500.00 start-up grant. The donation from the DC club will be put into a budget line item for future start-up grant requests.

### NEW BUSINESS

KSVa Elections Intentions of current officers: Marcy and Jane would like to be replaced but will remain in office if no other candidates emerge; Pat is willing to serve again while Carol wishes to exit the Executive Board. Therefore the offices up for election are: President, Vice-President, and Secretary

What you can do: Approach individuals in your club or publicize at meetings, by email, in your newsletter, for example: The Keystone State Volkssport Association is looking for candidates for President, Vice-President and Secretary. Term is two years beginning January 1, 2019. We meet quarterly along with representatives from the seven member clubs, usually at traditional events in southeastern Pennsylvania. Elections will take place at the next KSVa meeting at the LBW picnic, September 15 in Fort Washington State Park. For more information please write or call [carol.talaga@aol.com](mailto:carol.talaga@aol.com) or 215 576-0617.

Atlantic Region Conference 2020 Tom has been in contact with the Cumberland Valley Visitor's Bureau regarding a host hotel and Marcy has gone to the Carlisle Comfort Suites and her sister hotel near the PA Turnpike to determine the feasibility of having the Conference in the Carlisle area. Marcy has also been in contact with the York County Convention and Visitor's Bureau. Instead of the usual mid-March date, April is safer weather-wise. April 17-19, one week after Easter, is our target. Thus far it does not conflict with other events of interest to walkers. Marcy will contact the Maryland and Virginia Volkssport Associations as a courtesy, to reserve this time.

We adjourned at 3:20 p.m. Next meeting is Saturday 15 September at the Liberty Bell Wanderer's annual picnic at Fort Washington State Park. Visit <http://www.mdvolks.org/brochures/20180915pa.pdf>

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Talaga, Secretary