

Keystone State Volkssport Association
Lancaster Free Public Library
December 8, 2018

KSVA President Marcy Lucas called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m. Other officers present were: Vice President - Jane Holmes; Treasurer - Pat Eby; Secretary - Carol Talaga. Clubs represented were: Cumberland Valley Lead Foot Club – Tom Jackson; Liberty Bell Wanderers – Carol Talaga; Penn Dutch Pacers – Jane Holmes; Susquehanna Rovers - Bill Rhoat.

Secretary

Minutes for our previous meeting on September 15, 2018 were distributed in October and posted on KSVA.net. They were approved without comments or corrections.

I am grateful for the opportunity to have served as KSVA Secretary for the past four years. My successor Ann Doerffel and I are co-operating to assure a smooth transition. Ann now has the paper archives of our minutes, in a large loose-leaf binder; the collection is far from being complete. The minutes that we have located are identified in a table – see February 2016 meeting.

Treasurer

Reports for September, October, and November were circulated and filed for audit. The balance as of 30 November is \$7,163.20. Income for the Fall Foliage Festival at State College was \$1,1069.00, and expenses were \$566.75, yielding a profit of \$502.25. Walker counts for each of the four events were: Stone Valley – 63; Pearls of Penn Valley – 93; Town and Gown – 86; North State College – 82.

Vice President

Registration at today's Downtown Lancaster event was a disappointing 37. Jane's experience with attracting newcomers via Meetup shows that this population is less interested in clubs, record books, or long drives.

President – Marcy Lucas

- 2019 YRE or Seasonal Events
 - Do any additional need to be sanctioned?
 - Please review your club's events on the AVA data base, make sure you have added special programs.
 - Review your stamps and edit them to say what you want.
 - Starting YRE booklet, will send you pages to review, will ask you to add details, fill in your blank spaces, this is the place to advertise. Let me know how many copies each club wants for distribution. Plan is to submit booklet to publisher by Friday December 14; printed product is due in a week. I will distribute to club presidents before year's end. As usual, 800 copies will be printed.

- 2019 Traditional Events
 - Consider calendars of Maryland and Virginia clubs before setting your own dates.

KSVA Sponsored Events

Event / PoC	#	Comments
Participation State Parks & Forests Tom Jackson	14	Mount Alto State Park
	11	Biglerville – Michaux State Forest – Piney Ridge Road Snowshoe Pay per Participant Sanctioning ended March 31
	5	Fayetteville – Michaux State Forest – Smoke Zimmerman XC Ski Area Snowshoe Pay per Participant Sanctioning ended March 31
	22	Pine Grove Furnace State Park
	5	Waterville Tiadaghton State Forest seasonal walk ended September 30
	22	Waterville Tiadaghton State Forest seasonal bike ended September 30
Awards State Parks & Forests Tom Jackson	69	First award patch features a deer – one completed in 2018
	24	Second award patch features ruffed grouse – two completed 2018
Shepherdstown Jane Snurr	35	<i>Jane wishes to retire as point-of-contact for Shepherdstown and Harpers Ferry in 2020. Alternatives are transfer to the Antietam Pathfinders of Maryland or to on-line start box.</i>
Erie Presque Isle State Park Pat Eby	77	
Harper’s Ferry WV Jane Snurr	113	
67 Counties Sharon Miller	22	Since inception, no change since 3 rd quarter meeting.
Appalachian Trail Jane Holmes	51	3 rd quarter Great numbers! The 51 paid walkers = 14 YRE “A” Award Patch Sales; 37 AT booklets sold; 6 completed booklets [five levels 1&2 and one level 1].

Fall Foliage Festival – Tom thanked everyone who helped, especially YWRW for the two socials; Susquehanna Rovers & LBW for start/finish; LBW for walk directions at Stone Valley and for the printing; and CVLFC for the Pearls walk directions.

Regional Director

Mike Green is attending today's meeting of the Virginia Volkssport Association. His three-page report will be emailed today to the KSVa distribution list.

Club Reports – events and other news

Chester County Red Rovers (Marcy Lucas)

Club is adding three year-round events in 2019: Elverson / Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site, Malvern, and Paoli.

Cumberland Valley Lead Foot Club (Tom Jackson)

Lorraine is planning a traditional event in Fayetteville to coincide with the town's popular chicken dinner; it is scheduled on the first Sunday in April.

Liberty Bell Wanderers (Carol Talaga)

Elected to our Executive Board, 2019-2021 are: President – Dave Doerffel, Vice President – Betty Green [second term]; Treasurer – Carol Evans; and Secretary Anne Doerffel. Our latest traditional event on November 10 at Angelica Creel Park had 37 walkers and seven bikers.

Traditional events in 2019, the club is dropping Easton and adding Perkasie [Bucks County]. The biking option at Easton will be offered instead along the Delaware & Lehigh trail near the Bethlehem North walk. LBW has agreed to assume responsibility for the West Point Volkssport's event at Lackawaxen, Pike County; registration is via online start box. Hatboro was to be discontinued because the starting point was moving to Willow Grove; the move of the YMCA is now delayed to the fall, so we are retaining this walk at least until then. King of Prussia [shopping mall] has proved popular enough to offer year-round.

Mon Valley Trailblazers (Marcy Lucas)

Mon Valley does not wish to be included in the Pennsylvania booklet, however, opting to compile their own brochure with details of their ten year-round events. KSVa will list MVT year-round and seasonal events, in the YRE booklet, similar format as in the 2018 booklet.

Penn Dutch Pacers (Jane Holmes)

Planned traditional events are Lititz Fire & Ice, February 16; Susquehanna Rivertowns April 26-28; Fall Harvest walk in Elizabethtown Masonic Village, probably in September; Christmas walk, location and date to be discussed. Our trailmaster Dave Barber does not want to continue next year due to his forthcoming Scout leadership responsibilities.

Susquehanna Rovers (Bill Rhoat)

Planned traditional events are Rivertowns, April 26-28; Capital Area Greenbelt Weekend, June 1-2. With the closure and remodeling of the Hershey Recreation Center next year, Karn's market along Route 322 will be the starting point for the Hershey year-round in 2019.

York White Rose Wanderers

Planned traditional events are York Winter Walk & Swim, February 2 [no Sunday]; Rivertowns, April 26-28; in June Gettysburg pre-convention guided walks in morning and afternoon; Jacobus in August; October 5-6, Club anniversary celebration at Naylor's Wine Cellar in Stewartstown; November 8-10, Gettysburg Weekend.

NEW BUSINESS

Atlantic Region Conference in April 2020

The next meeting will be held as usual at the York Winter Walk & Swim in the HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital, from one to three p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Talaga, Secretary