

Keystone State Volkssport Association (KSVA)
(American Volkssport Association – AVA)
Meeting Minutes
August 3, 2019
Caledonia State Park
Fayetteville PA

Marcy Lucas called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

Attendance:

Marcy Lucas, KSVA President
Tom D'Aprile, KSVA Vice-President
Pat Eby, KSVA Treasurer
Ann Doerffel, KSVA Secretary
Jeffrey Giddings, AVA Atlantic Region Deputy Director
Lorraine Jackson, Cumberland Valley Lead Foot Club, President
David Doerffel, Liberty Bell Wanderers, President
Bill Rhoat, Susquehanna Rovers Volksmarch Club, President
Pam Copenhaver, York White Rose Wanderers, President
Tom Jackson, KSVA Event Point of Contact
Alice Filemyr

Absent

Mike Green, AVA Atlantic Region Director
Betty Green, Liberty Bell Wanderers, Vice-President
Jane Snurr, KSVA Event Point of Contact
Nancy Stenger, KSVA Webmaster
Jeanne Clancy, Chester County Red Rovers, President
Lori Lamberski, MonValley Trailblazers, President
Jane Holmes, Penn-Dutch Pacers, President
Bob Schmick, Maryland Volkssport Association, President
Chris Kelley, Virginia Volkssport Association, President
Joan Lambert, KSVA Ex-Officio Member
Carol Talaga, KSVA Ex-Officio Member

1. Secretary Report – Ann Doerffel
 - a. Approval of April 27, 2019 Meeting Minutes with the following corrections:
 - i. Replaced Jeffrey Giddings with Dolores Grenier (Jeff became Atlantic Region Deputy Director on July 1, 2019) in the list of attendees
 - b. Correction made to Addendum of May 18, 2019
 - i. 1b – change to Susquehanna Rovers
 - ii. 5b – Mon Valley Trailblazers brochure was approved

Motion made by Lorraine Jackson

Second made by Pat Eby

2. Treasurer – Pat Eby
 - a. See attached report

- b. Will be submitting IRS Form 990E – Federal Income Tax Form for Nonprofits
- c. Read the Thank You from AVA for our donation to the Big Give

3. Vice-President – Tom D’Aprile

- a. Spoke about the Pennsylvania County Program
- b. There are 18 counties with no sanctioned walks
- c. Tom shared the Minnesota State County Booklet
- d. Ideas suggested include the following:
 - i. Asking clubs to sponsor a walk in a county that does not currently have one
 - ii. Will work with Sharon Miller on this program
 - iii. Possibly do a Traditional Event (TE) Weekend and then transition walks to Year-Round Event (YRE) status
 - iv. Clubs were asked to review old walk directions to see if there are any county walks
 - v. Possibility of incorporating county program in club bus trips

4. President – Marcy Lucas

5. Atlantic Region (AR) Director – Mike Green

- a. See attached report

6. KSVA Seasonal Events, Year-Round Events & Challenges

Event / POC	Number of Participants	Comments
Appalachian Trail YRE / Jane Holmes	7 as of 6/30/19	
Erie Prisque Island State Park April 1-October 31 / Pat Eby	7	
Harper's Ferry, WV April 1-December 31 / Jane Snurr **	20	
Shepherdstown, WV YRE / Jane Snurr **	10	
NOTE: ** Tom Jackson will take over as POC on 1/1/20		
State Parks & Forest Participation - Tom Jackson		
Biglerville-Michaux State Forest / Piney Ridge Road January 1-March 31	13	Snowshoe
Fayetteville Michaux State Forest Smoke Zimmerman XC Trail January 1-March 31	4	Snowshoe
Mont Alto State Park Replaced with a walk in Michaux	9	Walk; dropping on 12/31/19; will be State Forest on 1/1/20

Pine Grove Furnace Appalachian Trail /YRE	9	Walk
Waterville Tiadaghton State Park April 15-September 30	5	Walk; drop in 2020
Waterville Tiadaghton State Park 1		Bike – change to remote start box or drop in 2020; will coordinate with Dave Brown

State Parks & Forest Awards - Tom Jackson

First Award		Features a deer; Total to Date: 69
Second Award		Features a ruffed grouse; Total to Date: 24
67 Counties Award Sharon Miller		Total to Date: 22

NOTE: The programs will run through 12/31/19

7. Club Reports

- a. Chester County Red Rover, Jeanne Clancy, President
- b. Cumberland Valley Lead Foot Club, Lorraine Jackson, President
 - i. Adding a Bike Ride on the Cumberland Rails to Trails; it is 28 miles round trip
- c. Liberty Bell Wanderers, David Doerffel, President
 - i. September 14, 2019 – 35th Anniversary Picnic & Walk at Fort Washington State Park
 - ii. September 26–29, 2019 – Bus Trip to Pittsburgh, PA
 - iii. November 2, 2019 – Traditional Event (TE) in Langhorne
 - iv. Dropping Hatboro YRE due to loss of start point (Hatboro YMCA is closing)
 - v. King of Prussia YRE will be going to an online start box; the start point went out of business; Trail Master Pat Graeber has been unsuccessful at finding a new start point
- d. Mon Valley Trailblazers, Lori Lamberski, President
 - i. Brochure approved
 - ii. 2020 YRE's will be added.
- e. Penn Dutch Pacers, Jane Holmes, President
 - i. September 7, 2019 – Elizabethtown Masonic Village; information will be on web site
 - ii. New YRE for 2020 will be in Governor Dick / Mount Gretna
- f. Susquehanna Rovers, Bill Rhoat, President
 - i. Dropping both the walk and bike YREs at Punxsutawney and at Cook Forest State park
- g. York White Rose Wanderers, Pam Copenhaver, President
 - i. October 5–6, 2019 – 35th Anniversary Walk at Naylor Winery
 1. The “A” Award is a stemless wine glass
 - ii. November 8–10, 2019 – Gettysburg Weekend

8. Old Business / Open Issues

- a. National Convention – Next one will be in Madison, WI in 2021
- b. 2020 YRE / Seasonal Event Booklet – Open
- c. Pat Eby has volunteered to produce it again
- d. AR Director Mike Green has made a spreadsheet from the AVA database that Marcy Lucas thinks she can manipulate in Word to make a smaller version
- e. Talked about making it available online

- f. Having clubs print their own copies as needed
- g. October 2020 State College Weekend
- h. Once school starts and the football schedule and family weekend dates are available the hotels will open rooms
- i. Atlantic Region ** Conference – this was discussed at the Saturday May 18, 2019 after the Wander Around West Chester Walk
 - i. Proposed dates: April 24–26, 2020 (Combine with Susquehanna River Walk Weekend)
 - ii. Pat Eby will produce brochure
 - iii. Projected Attendance: 150 – 200 people
 - iv. Proposed Start Point: Columbia Crossing River Trail Center
 - 1. Wrightsville Walk start point may change due to bridge construction
 - 2. Clock Museum maybe a good place to host a Meet & Greet
 - 3. Walks are sanctioned under each club
 - v. To Do:
 - 1. Find a hotel, possibly the Heritage
 - 2. Still in negotiations
 - a. Budget
 - b. Theme
 - c. Award
 - 3. Marcy showed us several different awards she has received including a soapstone coaster

** The Atlantic Region of the American Volkssport Association include:

Delaware	Maryland	New Jersey	Pennsylvania
Virginia	Washington, D.C.	West Virginia	

9. New Business

- a. Northern Virginia Volksmarchers – Helen Garamone
 - i. Information is online at <http://mdvolks.org/Atlantic/>
 - ii. Two walks available over 2 days first weekend in December 2020
Start times: 8 a.m. to Noon
 - iii. Walk A sponsored by Great Greenbelt Volksmarchers
http://clubs.ava.org/gen3/data/event_details_mcg.asp?eventid=113854
 - 1. Holiday Extravaganza Weekend (Old Town Scottish Walk.) For the 49th consecutive year, Old Town Alexandria will hold the Scottish Christmas Parade and welcome more than 100 marching units--including Scottish clans, bagpipe bands, dancers, dignitaries, Scottie Dogs and more. Our trails allow walkers to easily stop and view the parade.
 - 2. Parade starts at 11 a.m.
 - 3. Great Greenbelt Volksmarchers (MD) Sponsoring An Additional Walk As Part Of The Holiday Extravaganza Weekend.
 - iv. Walk B sponsored by the Northern Virginia club:
http://clubs.ava.org/gen3/data/event_details_mcg.asp?eventid=113778
 - 1. Alexandria Holiday Weekend Extravaganza (National Harbor Walk) will go over the American Legion Bridge into National Harbor to walk around the area with its holiday lights and events. Northern Virginia Volkssports Sponsoring an Additional Walk as Part of the Holiday Extravaganza Weekend. You will be able to pick up the trail from the Old Town Scottish Walk trail or drive a short distance from the hotel to a park underneath the American Legion Bridge

10. Next Meeting on November 2, 2019 at the Liberty Bell Wanderers Traditional Event in Langhorne (If that is not possible, then we will meet during the Gettysburg Weekend

11. Adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

- a. Motion Made by Bill Rhoat
- b. Second by Lorraine Jackson

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann M. Doerffel
Secretary
Keystone State Volkssport Association