

ILLINOIS TREKKERS VOLKSSPORT CLUB MEETING MINUTES January 5, 2017

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 6:30 p.m. by President, Diane Prost
2. **GUESTS:** None
3. **NEW MEMBERS:** None
4. **SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Susan Hodgson – Attached to the Footnotes for November 3, 2016. Motion made by Dale Gerlach to approve minutes as written. Motion passed.
5. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Dee Wojtysiak - Balance as of January 1, 2017 – Checking, \$2,942.11. Motion made to approve report by Bill Malina pending audit. Motion passed.
6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
 - A. **Volkssport Committee:** Diane Prost, Acting Chair:
 - 1) Individual incentive program: **Tour De Metro East.**
 - a) Awards for completing the challenge – Mark Ohl
 - b) 2017 brochures available tonight
 - c) Can be downloaded or printed from Illinois Trekkers' website.
 - 2) Step into Spring-Moody Park: Darleen Kraemer. Set for March 25, 2017. Dogs are not allowed in Moody Park. Susan will help with brochure. Trudy will help with worksheet.
 - B. **Special Activities Committee:** Nikki Wilcoxon, Chair. Nikki reported that the Christmas party and Richland Creek 5K walk was a success. We had nice weather for the day. 25 members attended and exchanged presents at the luncheon party held at Tavern on Main. Diane made a possible suggestion for next year's Christmas Party – Smokin K's at Millstadt? She and Jackie McKay walked this past Tuesday, January 3, 2017 who had asked Diane about the possibility of this site for next year's event. We are asking for more input from our members and committee members.
 - C. **Refreshments:** Darleen Kraemer, Chair. Darleen provided refreshments this evening for Jeannie Cox.
7. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. **Volkssport Committee Meetings.** Start thinking of ideas for 2017 and 2018 walks.
 - B. **Way of Lights Walk:** Dale Gerlach, POC. Dale thanked everyone who worked at the Way of Lights Walk. There will be a new place to start next year- in the church with 1 room for the girl scouts and 1 room for the other walkers. We were blessed with excellent weather for this event but as we cannot always guarantee this in the future, an inside check-in we think will be more appropriate. Susan Bacon reported to Dale that there were 356 girl scouts with 404 others. 889 paid for the event. 772 signed up that night.
 - C. **New Year's Eve Walk and Dinner:** Susan Hodgson, POC. Susan reported that there was good weather for 30 walkers that did the 5K and attended the dinner. Seven members did

the 10K. Joe Burgoon won the \$25 raffle for the gift card to 4204 Brewing Company where we had dinner.

D. Mid-America Conference.

- 1) Next year's Mid America Conference date has been changed to October 27, 28, 28 & 29, 2017
- 2) It will be held in Evansville, Indiana. Not in Michigan as reported earlier due to a conflict with a home football game.

8. REPORTS ON YEAR-ROUND EVENTS (YRE'S):

<u>Our Lady of the Snows</u> : Dale Gerlach –	Walkers:	9 - December;	122 – YTD
<u>Richland Creek</u> : Nikki Wilcoxon –	Walkers:	33 – December;	206 – YTD
<u>Belleville YMCA</u> : Packy and Sue Botula –	Walkers:	2 – December;	136 – YTD
	Bike:	0 – December;	12 – YTD
<u>Maryville</u> : Vickie Ridgeway -	Walkers:	0 – December;	116 – YTD
	Bike:	0 – December;	16 – YTD
<u>Fenton</u> : Tom and Cindy Stucky-	Walkers:	6 – December;	59 – YTD
<u>Glen Carbon</u> : Susan Hodgson -	Walkers:	4– December;	159 – YTD
<u>St. Clair Square Mall</u> : Trudy Duffman -	Walkers:	26 December;	201 – YTD

9. OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE:

- A. **Editor for Footnotes.** Susan Bacon has resigned. Looking for a volunteer.
- B. **Volunteer to work at traditional events**
- C. **Members for Committees: Discussion**
 - 1) Need Chairman for Volkssport Committee
 - 2) Need Members for Volkssport Committee
 - 3) Volunteer to do Sales- Trudy Duffman has volunteered to manage Sales for this year.
 - 4) Walk Sanctions- Susan Hodgson

10. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Millstadt YRE
 - 1) Walk box is at third cash register by the produce.
 - 2) All IGA staff know where the box is located.
- B. Trekkin' Tuesdays
Discussion regarding no weekly designated leader as Trudy has resigned from this position. (Trudy is undergoing surgery later this month.) Leonard cautions displaying walks on the website calendar if no one takes responsibility. Diane will not be available as POC for the next couple of months, either. For the time being, if you want to walk with others, contact them, pick a YRE of your choosing. Have fun and remember is all about fun, fitness, and friendship.
- C. Facebook.
 - 1) Privacy. Members only discussion vs Open to Public. Leonard is in process of updating Facebook, Twitter and other accounts associated with our website. A discussion that the club post only events associated with Illinois Trekkers and its members.

- 2) More discussion after this update.
- D. 2017 Illinois Trekkers' membership form available
 - 1) Reminder to renew your membership
 - 2) Leonard reports that an online renewal form is in the works for the website.
- E. March meeting Dee & Diane both out of town
 - 1) No quorum
 - 2) Informational meeting only
- F. Footnotes
 - 1) Do you want to continue to receive Footnotes
 - 2) What should be included
 - 3) Discussion regarding continuance of Footnotes and a volunteer for a replacement editor. In the meantime, Minutes will still be sent to Leonard for printing for members.

11. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- A. Diane will be out of town for February and March meetings.
- B. NEC Meeting January 20-22, 2017 in Bentonville/Rogers, Arkansas
 - 1) Online Start box program has successfully completed its first year of hosting events. In California, it worked very well.
 - 2) Now testing 4- events across country.
 - 3) Problem with interface and may have to stop until problem resolved
 - 4) 69-page document available for review. Ask Diane for access.
 - 5) Problems with website due to updates to system. This has included sanctioning events.
- C. No soup walk this year.
- D. Emphasis should be put on making AVA events more accessible and easier to walk for our aging members. Please check skill levels. We wish to avoid hip and pelvis breaks recently seen.
- E. With departure of two AVA employees, the lack of knowledge and importance of cross training realized. Let Diane know if have any problems. Susan Hodgson has not received her Centurion patch.
- F. The Big Give this year will be May 4, 2017. Five grants were denied. They are reworking the budget.
- G. AVA purchased project management software to tract implementation of progress the strategic plan
- H. Start thinking about ideas for 2018 walks
- I. POCs need to let me know dates for Three Mile Thursdays
 - 1) Our Lady of Snows (Dale=POC) will be in April
 - 2) Richland Creek (Nikki=POC) will be in May
 - 3) June is open
 - 4) Maryville (Vickie=POC) will be in July
 - 5) Belleville East (Packy and Sue=POC, volunteered by Trudy) will be in August
 - 6) September is open
 - 7) St. Clair Square Mall (Trudy=POC) will be in October

12. REVIEW OF AVA HEADQUARTERS' CHECKPOINT:

Link available on IL Trekkers website or can have it emailed to you.

13. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR:

A. Just checking on if there will be a new checkpoint at St Elizabeth once the hospital has officially moved to its new location

B. Leonard wanted to point out that on our website's calendar, details of start time of an Illinois Trekker event and location via google maps can be accessed just by clicking on the date.

C. Trudy mentioned that St. Charles now has a YRE via the Topeka Sunflower Sod stompers. February 25, 2017 is their Group Kickoff. Comfort Suites, 1400 South 5th Street, St. Charles, Missouri. Remote start. Parking is limited at Comfort Suites, but will be available at a Katy Trail State Park trailhead, just a short drive from Comfort Suites.

D. Illinois Trekkers received a thank you from DeAnn Brown for the \$25 gift certificate she and her husband received to the Shrine restaurant for The Walk to Lindau, Germany drawing. They look forward to another walk in 2017!

E. Diane suggested that we send a condolence/sympathy card to Tori, an AVA member who recently lost her daughter.

14. ATTENDANCE DRAWING:

Bill Malina was the winner!

15. NEXT MEETING:

February 2, 2017 @ 6:30 pm in the Kinsella Room at the Fairview Heights Library. The Fairview Heights Library is located at 10017 Bunkum Road; Fairview Heights, IL. When you reach 10017 Bunkum Road, turn right onto Library Drive and continue to the library parking lot behind the library. Enter through the door on lower level at the back of the library.

16. MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:52 p.m.

Submitted by Vickie Ridgeway
Illinois Trekkers Secretary