

ILLINOIS TREKKERS MEMBERSHIP MEETING

October 4, 2018

Call to Order: 6:40pm per Diane Prost, President

1. **Special Guests:** none
2. **New Members:** none
3. **Secretary's Report:** Vickie Ridgeway. Leonard Wojtysiak made the motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting (September 2018) pending corrections to the dates of the heading. Dee Wojtysiak 2nd. Motion passed
4. **Treasurer's Report:** given by Dee Wojtysiak, Treasurer. Muriel Barber made the motion to approve the report pending audit. Vickie Ridgeway seconded the motion. Motion passed.
5. **Committee Reports:**
 - A. **Volkssport Committee:**
 - Cahokia Mounds Ancient History Walk September 15, 2018 POC: Susan Bacon
 - a) We had 59 walkers.
 - Sites of Wood River Walk October 20, 2018, POC: Vickie Ridgeway
 - a) 2-5K Loops are available. Camp DuBois (a nature trail) and a residential trail incorporating a former Wood River Museum House Tour and a few surprising extras came to light as we toured the town.
 - b) The Museum is open that day and it is strongly encouraged to attend to learn more of their fascinating city history
 - c) Camp DuBois is a privately supported Camp. The last weekend of October, a reenactment of Lewis and Clark Winter camp has been held for several years. The camp will be open October 20, also, for us to tour. Donations for the camp's maintenance would be highly appreciated by the Camp-a jar will be available at our walk's checkin.
 - d) Madison's Tea and Banquet Center will be open to the public that day for breakfast and lunch. (It is not normally open on Saturdays, and we are greatly appreciative of their efforts).
 - e) Louis Krummel gave us a brief history regarding the Louisiana Purchase and Lewis and Clark's camps on the east side of the Mississippi river. He recommended the book Lewis and Clark by Stephen Ambrose, which talks of their expeditions. Diane Prost, Leonard Wojtysiak and Darleen Kraemer also contributed. What a wonderful session!
 - The Way of Lights Walk November 13, 2018 POC: Diane Prost
 - a) Nikki Wilcoxon & Sue Bacon Girl Scout registration
 - b) Volunteers-National Honor Society; in progress
 - c) Posters available to post in Metro East
 - d) Patches
 - e) Discussion re: new rules surrounding Community Walks, AVA sanctioning vs IVV sanctioning. The intent is to help encourage walker event participation. Please refer to your AVA newsletter and website for more information.
 - Christmas Party Walk-Nikki Wilcoxon, POC
O'Fallon. Site details in progress, time to be held: 12:00 Noon
 - New Year's Eve Walk – TBD
 - Individual incentive program: **Walk 200k in Illinois to Celebrate Illinois Bicentennial**
 - a) Can be downloaded or printed from Illinois Trekkers' website
 - b) Awards: John Manfredi and Linda Erlenbush

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- c) Remember to hand in your sheets to Dee Wojtysiak before December 31, 2018
- d) Need Ideas for 2019 to include Missouri
 - 1) Possible suggestions: 19 events for 2019
 - 2) Work 2-3 traditional events
 - 3) Attend 1 meeting
 - 4) Grand prize to be determined for one who completes most events/year
- o Possible Ideas for 2019 traditional walks
 - a) Greenville, IL
 - b) Nashville, IL- Diane Prost has volunteered to be the POC for this walk.
 - c) O'Fallon Family Sports Park
 - d) Mascoutah, IL Ice Cream Social June?
 - e) Shiloh, IL
 - f) Soup Walk
 - g) Orchard Walk at Braeutigam Orchard
 - h) Millstadt Tin Man Walk
 - i) Chester, IL with Popeye Picnic September 7, 2019
 - A) Popeye's 5K Run/Walk free event now part of 2018 picnic
 - J) Any other sites? Others open for suggestions...
- o Need volunteers to be POC's for 2019 traditional events

6. Old Business

- A. Mid America Conference October 26-28, 2018 in Dundee, Michigan
 - o Brochures available tonight
 - Correction to hotel telephone number: 734 529-5100
 - o Basket donation theme-Illinois Bicentennial.
 - o Diane Prost, President is attending event. Anyone else interested in attending with Diane? Let her know.
- B. Meeting Location for March 2019-Leonard and Dee Wojtysiak in charge of location. There will not be a meeting in February as there will not be an officer quorum that month.
- C. Susan Jones has volunteered to do the Treasurer's audit. Dee and Susan to schedule a time to get together.
- D. Mapometer – no longer uses Google maps
 - Susan Bacon had recommended **plotaroute.com**. One can pay for the premium to avoid Excessive advertising, but not necessary. It has different settings. Will pick up trails, can pick biking, walking or running and gives out designated mileage or Kilometers.
- E. Nominating Committee
- F. Start time change for Tuesday and Saturday morning group walks – 0900am, register at 0845am.

Reports on Year-Round Events:

Our Lady of the Snows: Jackie McKay	Walkers: September=10	YTD=102
Belleville Downtown, Historic Districts & Richland Creek		
Greenway: Susan Hodgson	Walkers: September=13	YTD=92
Belleville YMCA Packy & Sue Botula	Walkers: August=16	YTD=57
	Bike: August=0	YTD=7
Columbia: Jackie McKay	Walkers: September=7	YTD=97
Edwardsville	Walkers: September=0	YTD=55
	Swim: September=2	YTD=20

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Maryville: Vickie Ridgeway	Walkers: September=20	YTD=93
	Bike: September=4	YTD=21
Glen Carbon: Susan Hodgson	Walkers: September=18	YTD=90
St. Clair Square Mall: Trudy Duffman	Walkers: August=2	YTD=76
Millstadt: Jackie McKay	Walkers: September=6	YTD=70
O'Fallon: Nikki Wilcoxon	Walkers: September=9	YTD=69

7. Opportunities for service:

- A. Volunteers to work at traditional events

8. New Business

A. Nominating Committee for new President. Diane Prost has been President of our Club for 4 years now, is asking for a break. She will continue to manage the website and be a part of the Volkssport Committee to help alleviate some of the upcoming officer's duties. Dee Wojtysiak (Treasurer) Vickie Ridgeway (Secretary) and Nikki Wilcoxon (Vice President) have said they will continue their duties another year. Any Volunteers?

11. President's Report

- A. Volkssport Committee Meeting to be scheduled ASAP to prepare for Way of Lights Walk.
- B. AVA Calendar. Anyone with pictures from our walks in April this past year, send to Andy Bacon.
- C. Death of Trudy's brother, Jim Metzger. Flowers sent to Trudy from Illinois Trekkers.
- D. Interview for TAW with Marie Weber by Diane Prost.
 - o Thoughts to mull over with the Committees -
 1. Increasing cost of walk to \$5/walk, difficulty for those on fixed incomes
 2. Eliminating Free walkers
 3. Semantics used...walk is free, registration fee to participate is what is paid for, A safe trail, advice where to eat lunch afterwards, etc.
 4. Length of trails 20K, 30K, 5K or less, 6K, 10K, etc.; getting Credit for whatever length of trail they walk.
 5. Getting youth and younger adults involved in walks today. Physical fitness.
 6. Trail directions to follow on your cellphone (App), smartwatch or Fitbit; Embracing Technology. Battery length.
 7. Remote starts. Who monitors trails? How often?
- E. Officers to be elected in November.

12. Items from the Floor

- A. Trudy sent a Thank you note.
- B. Possible interview with Alton Radio Station re: Wood River walk. Details as to date and Time to be determined.

13. Attendance Drawing: Louis Krummel won the Attendance Prize this month.

14. Next Meeting: November 1, 2018 @ 6:30 pm in the Conference Room at the Fairview Heights Library. The Fairview Heights Library is located at 10017 Bunkum Road; Fairview Heights, IL. When you

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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 back of library.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 7:56pm. Motion passed.