

ILLINOIS TREKKERS MEMBERSHIP MEETING

November 1, 2018

Call to Order: 6:35pm per Diane Prost, President

1. **Special Guests:** none
2. **New Members:** none
3. **Secretary's Report:** Vickie Ridgeway. Dee Wojtysiak made the motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting (October 2018) pending corrections to the title of the book recommended by Louis Krummel. Should be Undaunted Courage by Stephen Ambrose. Trudy Duffman 2nd. Motion passed
4. **Treasurer's Report:** given by Dee Wojtysiak, Treasurer. Muriel Barber made the motion to approve the report pending audit. Nikki Wilcoxon seconded the motion. Motion passed.
5. **Committee Reports:**
 - A. **Volkssport Committee:**
 - Sites of Wood River Walk October 20, 2018, POC: Vickie Ridgeway
 - a) Thanks to all who helped make this event a success!
 - b) We had 38 walkers.
 - c) Winners of the Bicentennial pins were Ron Romain from Washington, MO (a first time walker), Trudy Duffman, and Linda Badger.
 - d) Many positive reports from the walk, on the Halloween decorations of the residents, and Camp DuBois (tour was available for part of the day) and of course, the warm reception and food from Madison's Tea & Banquet Center, our starting point.
 - e) A check was sent from donations collected at the check in and made out to Camp DuBois in the amount of \$50.00 for the use of their park for the day. Camp DuBois is supported by private donations.
 - The Way of Lights Walk November 13, 2018 POC: Diane Prost
 - a) Nikki Wilcoxon & Sue Bacon Girl Scout registration
 - 1) We now have 731 Girl Scouts and adults signed up. 3 more troops Are awaiting confirmation.
 - 2) Boy Scout Troops also signed up.
 - b) Volunteers
 - 1) 60s Chicks Show Choir and Director, Rebecca Biethman, will be Available to help with Christmas caroling while the Scout leaders Are checking in their troop members from 5:30-6:30pm.
 - 2) Belleville West Golden Key Club Members, possibly. Teacher/sponsor Has asked for volunteers for that night.
 - c) Publicity
 - 1) Posters available to post in Metro East
 - 2) Mentioned in Belleville's 2018 Christmas Tourism Brochure
 - d) Patches
 - 1) So far, numbers of patches ordered greater than numbers of Scouts
 - 2) idea for next year's patch demonstrated
 - e) Worksheet available for signup
 - 1) Lunch as a group at the Shrine restaurant before setup at 3:00pm.
 - 2) Girl Scouts will be registering from 4:30-6:30pm
 - 3) Others -Open registration from 3:30-6:30pm
 - 4) Greeters will help with collecting sheets after walk
 - **Christmas Party Walk December 8, 2018**-Nikki Wilcoxon, POC

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- a) **Walk** will start at O'Fallon YRE, start point **Schnucks, 907 E US Highway 50**, at 10:00am. Registration will begin at 9:30am.
- b) **Lunch** will be held at **O'Charley's, 1313 Central Park Drive, O'Fallon, IL**
 - 1) Time: 12:15pm
 - 2) Bring unisex gift =or< \$15.00
 - 3) Reservations required. Please contact Nikki Wilcoxon via phone or Email (njwilcoxon@aol.com) **before Thursday, December 6, 2018.**
 - 4) Motion made by Nikki to donate \$5/Trekker member towards their Luncheon purchase. 2nd by Leonard Wojtysiak. Motion carried.
- **New Year's Eve Walk December 31, 2018**– Diane Prost, POC
 - a) **Walk** will be in Millstadt.
 - 1) Registration time 4-5:00pm. Motion to start at 4-5pm by Muriel Barber, 2nd by Leonard Wojtysiak. Motion carried.
 - 2) **Start location** changed for easier access for sign up to **Laundramat 200 West Mill Street, Millstadt, IL** (across from the middle school and Next to China King)
 - b) **Dinner** will be at **Smokin K's BBQ, 548 E Washington St, Millstadt, IL**
 - 1) **RSVP by December 15, 2018 to Diane.**
 - 2) Table arrangement discussion, decided to use 1 long table
Vs several small individual tables.
 - 3) Buffet \$14.99 each with upgrade option (approximately \$30.00)
For Prime Rib or Lobster.
 - Regular Buffet includes chicken and Pork
 - Cocktails at 6:30pm; those not walking are able to come
In earlier.
- Individual incentive program: **Walk 200k in Illinois to Celebrate Illinois Bicentennial**
 - a) Can be downloaded or printed from Illinois Trekkers' website
 - b) October Awards: John Manfredi, previously mentioned in October meeting notes, Diane Prost, Diane Gebhart, Louis Krummel, Dee Wojtysiak and Leonard Wojtysiak.
 - c) Remember to hand in your sheets to Dee Wojtysiak before December 31, 2018
 - d) Developed Ideas for 2019 to include Missouri
 - 1) Possible suggestions: 19 events for 2019
 - 2) Work 2-3 traditional events
 - 3) Attend 1 meeting – including Volksmarch committee meetings,
Way of Lights, etc.
 - 4) All the YRE's
 - 5) Grand prize to be determined for one who completes most events/year
 - 6) Substitutions for inability to attend meetings will be made on an individual
Basis, contact Board Meeting.
- Possible Ideas for 2019 traditional walks
 - a) Greenville, IL- Vickie Ridgeway will investigate the possibilities of setting up
a walk here, maybe last of June
 - b) Nashville, IL- Diane Prost has volunteered to be the POC for this walk.
 - c) O'Fallon Family Sports Park

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- d Mascoutah, IL Annual Ice Cream Social has been discontinued. Considering Seasonal or YRE.
- e) Shiloh, IL
- f) Freeburg Soup Walk – Trudy Duffman to explore opportunities for a late March date
- g) Orchard Walk - Leonard and Dee Wojtysiak to explore possibilities
- h) Millstadt Tin Man Halloween Walk October 26, 2018 – POCs Susan Hodgson and Jackie McKay
- 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, Report by Trudy Duffman
 - o Next Mid America Conference June 12-14, 2020 in Dayton, OH. Biannual. Decisions were made by Committee preconference.
 - o Approximately 70 members attended walks. 3 scheduled walks.
 - o Raffle baskets went over well. Both Diane Prost & Trudy Duffman won!
- B. Meeting Location for March 2019 will be at Faith Lutheran Church in O’Fallon.
- C. There will not be a meeting scheduled for February 2019.
- D. Susan Jones has volunteered to do the Treasurer’s audit. Dee and Susan to schedule a time To get together-still pending.

7. Reports on Year-Round Events:

Our Lady of the Snows: Jackie McKay	Walkers: October=9	YTD=111
Belleville Downtown, Historic Districts & Richland Creek		
Greenway: Susan Hodgson	Walkers: October=10	YTD=102
Belleville YMCA Packy & Sue Botula	Walkers: October=11	YTD=79
	Bike: October=0	YTD=7
Columbia: Jackie McKay	Walkers: October=10	YTD=107
Edwardsville	Walkers: October=7	YTD=62
	Swim: October=0	YTD=20
Maryville: Vickie Ridgeway	Walkers: October=4	YTD=97
	Bike: October=0	YTD=21
Glen Carbon: Susan Hodgson	Walkers: October=5	YTD=95
St. Clair Square Mall: Trudy Duffman	Walkers: October=14	YTD=75
Millstadt: Jackie McKay	Walkers: October=4	YTD=75
O’Fallon: Nikki Wilcoxon	Walkers: October=2	YTD=71

8. Opportunities for service:

- B. Volunteers to work at traditional events

9. New Business

- A. Election of officers, effective January 1, 2019
 - o President: Trudy Duffman
 - o Vice President: Nikki Wilcoxon
 - o Treasurer: Dee Wojtysiak
 - o Secretary: Vickie Ridgeway
- B. Congratulations to our new officers!

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10. President's Report

- A. Death of Shirley Renner on October 15, 2018.
 - Celebration of Life December 1, 2018 at 10:00am at Holy Family Catholic Church, Cahokia, IL
 - Club donation for Memorial. Nikki Wilcoxon made the motion to give the same Amount given to Charlie Upton's memorial earlier this year. Dee Wojtysiak 2nd the motion. Motion carried. Dee will update club of amount next Meeting.
 - Her son, Frederick, and wife, Sue, Renner are also members.
- B. AVA Mid America Regional Director (Andy Bacon) and Deputy Director (Cheryl Elser) Contact Cliff Terry.
 - Terms expire June 2019. Be thinking of someone to nominate.
- C. Diane Prost's Interview for TAW and Marie Weber. Watch for this in upcoming issues.

11. Items from the Floor

- A. Nikki Wilcoxon suggested that we do a Bike/Walk weekend event on the new trail Made from the land donated by Eckert's. Should be available Spring, 2019
- B. Trudy Duffman stated that she had brought in some New Balance coupons, (\$10 off) Available for the taking.
- C. Darleen Kraemer brought in some extra 2019 calendars she has received for anyone Interested.
- D. Diane Prost asked Leonard Wojtysiak to review procedures re: accessing Trekker email. Leonard Wojtysiak to report back next meeting.
- E. Diane Prost wanted to thank everyone for all their support during her tenure as President as this will be her last meeting in that capacity. Luckily, she will Continue to remain a vital part of the club by managing the Illinois Trekker Activity website. We all thank you for your service, Diane. Great job!

12. Attendance Drawing: Muriel Barber won the Attendance Prize this month.

13. Next Meeting: January 3, 2019 @ 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 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.

14. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm. Motion passed.