

# ILLINOIS TREKKERS MEMBERSHIP MEETING

April 4, 2019

1. **Call to Order:** 6:30pm per Trudy Duffman, President
2. **Special Guests:** none
3. **New Members:** none
4. **Secretary's Report:** Vickie Ridgeway. Nikki Wilcoxon made motion to approve the minutes. Diane Prost, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed
5. **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.
6. **Committee Reports:**
  - A. Volkssport Committee- Diane Prost, POC
    - 3-Mile Thursday Evening Walks
      - O'Fallon starts us off on our evening walks Thursday, April 11, 2019 @ 5:45pm.
    - New Seasonal Walk Kick Off for Mascoutah on April 25, 2019 @ 0945am.
    - Way of Lights Traditional Event – Update
      - Working on Contract. POC has traditionally signed contract once Sue Bacon has approved jargon. Suggested that President also sign contract.
    - Traditional Walks
      - Millstadt – Discussing costume contest. Business participation? Working with Friends of the Water Tower.
  - B. Individual Incentive Program 2019 – special non-AVA program for members to participate in local IL/St. Louis area YRE's, Traditional Events, attend at least one meeting and work at one sanctioned event. 19 completed requirements for a FREE Walk Coupon.
    - Diane Prost has finished her program challenge, Muriel Barber close...
7. Discussion brought up re: lack of traditional walks in near future. If extended circumstances are preventing one from finishing program; please bring attention to Board Member. It will be taken under consideration for approval.
8. **Old Business**
  - A. Trudy Duffman is registered for the AVA Convention in Albany, NY. Illinois Trekkers paid for her registration fee-\$340.00. She will represent the Illinois Trekkers and vote at the meeting representing the Illinois Trekkers Volksmarch Club.
    - Andy Bacon sent out his Regional Newsletter today which included Convention information.
  - B. July Club Meeting – Members voted to hold the meeting on Thursday, July 11. There will be no walk July 4.
  - C. The Big Give Fundraiser-The Illinois Trekkers voted to donate \$100.00 to the fundraiser. As of today, the amount raised is \$66, 892.00. Open to individual donors through April 3-. Goal is \$78,000.00.
9. **New Business**
  - A. **Guided Traditional Events: Presentation given by Dee Wojtysiak**

Suggested Illinois walks for 2019 include Nashville (August), Chester (September) and New Year's Eve (site to be determined). After presentation, Motion was made by Vickie Ridgeway to include Nashville, Chester, and the New Year's Eve Walk as Guided Walks for 2019. Diane Prost 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

    - Hand-out provided to those present on Advantages & Disadvantages.
      - Less volunteers needed at time of event. More time to socialize. All start at same time as a group (may need help with slower walkers), New Program in area. Sanctioning Fee good for at least 3 walks per calendar year. Guide to lead walk and a "Sweeper". An AVA 75-mile radius restriction to other club's events already scheduled. Less sanctioning fees vs traditional. Less time spent on marking the trail. May need more preWalk publicity.
      - For more information, contact Dee Wojtysiak and/or your Board Members.
  - B. Traditional Event in St Louis-Saturday, April 6 hosted by the St. Louis-Stuttgart Volksmarch Club.

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- C. Traditional Event in O'Fallon, IL on Saturday, April 13 hosted by the Gateway Milers-Breakfast (\$7.00) (Bunny Hop with prizes in Easter eggs along the trail).
- D. Possible Guest speakers in the future. ½ hour program. Suggestions include speakers from OASIS, (geared for Senior Citizen topics of interest) or another suggestion was having a bike clinic. Send in your suggestions for subjects in which you might be interested. Discussion re: time limits- before meeting, after, think about it and report back.
- E. Candance "Candy" Purcell died on March 29, 2019. She was a long-time member of the AVA and the Chief Financial Officer at the AVA for more than 20 years until she retired.

## 10. President's Report:

- The weather is getting warmer and spring seems to be here. Let's get out and walk the local YRE's together. We now will schedule Tuesday morning, Thursday evening and Saturday morning walks. If you plan to walk on another day of the week and want company, let Diane or Trudy know. It is fun to share the trail with friends.
  - We will keep start times @ 0945am in May.
- Update on one of our members: Sue Bacon. She is recovering well from a Total Knee Replacement. The club received a thank you card from Sue for her terrarium given as a "Get Well" gift.

## 11. Items from the Floor:

- Anniversary Committee Volunteers, thus far: Joyce Bevirt, Mark Ohl, Ernestine Gilbert
- Discussion re: Challenge for next year: walk, swim, bike.

## 12. Attendance Drawing: Dee Wojtysiak won the Free Walk.

## 13. Next Meeting: The June meeting will be held 6:30pm in the Conference Room at the Fairview Heights Library, 10017 Bunkum Road, Fairview Heights, IL 62208.

## 14. Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

## Reports on Year-Round Events:

Belleville Downtown Historic Districts		
Sue Hodgson	Walkers: March=7	YTD=19
Columbia: Jackie McKay	Walkers: March=0	YTD=10
East Belleville YMCA Packy & Sue Botula	Walkers: March=2	YTD=25
	Bikers: March=0	YTD=0
Edwardsville Parks: Vickie Ridgeway	Walkers: March=0	YTD=22
	Swim: March=1	YTD=6
Glen Carbon: Sue Hodgson	Walkers: March=2	YTD=10
Maryville: Vickie Ridgeway	Walkers: March=12	YTD=16
	Bikers: March=0	YTD=0
O'Fallon: Nikki Wilcoxon	Walkers: March=6	YTD=22
Shrine: Jackie McKay	Walkers: March=2	YTD=18
St. Clair Square Mall: Trudy Duffman	Walkers: March=20	YTD=39