

VCWP 4/3/2011 Meeting Minutes (Cornwall YRE)

1) Treasurer's Report

- a) No report as the meeting was early in the month and the official bank balance statement remains unchanged from last month.

2) Old Business

- a) VCWP May 14 West Point Walk Event held in conjunction with MWR 5K/10K walk/run at West Point. MWR will set up Canopy, Table & Chairs.

Mike & Tom will set out trail markers (esp. for Flirtation Walk). Betty & Mike to get the event stamps.

- b) Betty Green explained the VCWP Incentive book, as reported at last month's club meeting. Books will be available at club meetings and can be printed from the club website link.
- c) 2011 National Physical Fitness and Sports Month (May) patches will be pre-ordered for club members who requested them.
- d) Convention Registration booklets were made available for anyone interested in attending the National Convention in Iowa in June.
- e) The Nyack September Event walk and Nyack Seasonal Event sanctioning were discussed. The Nyack Hospital will be the starting point for the 2011 seasonal event and 2012 YRE. Start point for the September Event walk to be determined.

3) New Business

- a) National Convention in June: will cast ballot for those running for National Office, as there is no opposition. Doug from ESVC running for NERD.
- b) Rotary Boat Ride: Sunday, August 28th. Be at West Point South Dock by 5:30, departs at 6PM. (Ride is about 2 hours long) May bring guests, must bring own food & drink. The ride is free! No RSVP required
- c) Fort Montgomery: staff there told Farrell & Nancy we can have a party on site (beautiful veranda). Proposal that we do a walk (optional) & picnic in September – date to be determined.
- d) May 22 - Fort Montgomery Group Walk. Breakfast will be at Foodies in Fort Montgomery.

- e) AVA has instituted a new trail rating system effective 2012. We will need to change all of our YRE and seasonal trail ratings. The new system incorporates numbers & letters to indicate elevation changes as well as terrain.
 - f) Newburgh Walk Event (May 15): Mike & Betty looked at route possibilities. A safe route is possible. However, those afraid of wandering off of the planned route by accident may be skittish. Mike & Betty recommended we do "guided walks". We would walk as a group for either 5K or 10 K. If we include part of the campus of Mount Saint Mary we would not have to include walking on the Newburgh Beacon Bridge (which really isn't that pleasant). Washington's Headquarters was still closed for the season, and we have not been able to contact them about opening their grounds for the walk registration / start point. Another option may be the community park on the waterfront (near the public restrooms).
 - g) Pictures of club events and walks have been requested for use by the AVA Convention. We need to check with Andrew S and Tom S about providing some pictures. Nancy & Farrell purchased the VCWP donation for the AVA Convention Auction: A foot care goodie bag with a VCWP Hat Pin. Total was \$18 plus shipping.
- 4) Meeting adjourned. Walkers registered at the West Point Museum and drove to the walk start in Cornwall. It was a beautiful, breezy day.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Green