

## VCWP 4/22/2012 Meeting Minutes (Fort Montgomery YRE)

### 1) Treasurer's Report

- a) Awaiting receipt from City of Newburgh for application fee of \$50.
- b) AVA Certificate of Tax Exemption Status 2012 is available for those who need it for tax deductions. Walk fees are not eligible, but members may want to claim club dues and donations.
- c) Current balance: \$1614.59
- d) Over the last rolling 12 months, the rolling income is \$3237.00 and expense is \$2758.24, for a positive \$478.76 for the last 12 months.
- e) Betty recently ordered AVA supplies: New Walker Kits, Insert Cards, Event Books, Distance Books, AVA Start Cards, and AVA Business Cards for a total > \$200 (before discount and shipping & handling) as well as some free "Grabber" AVA Brochures. The invoice and supplies have not yet been received or paid for.

### 2) Old Business

- a) West Point MWR event brochure needs to be modified to include AVA walkers start after MWR runners, approximately 9 AM (registration begins as early as 8 am). It was noted that walkers will begin after runners also for the August Rte 218 event.  
Volunteers to mark 10K & 5K trails: Mike & Betty, Tom N, and Brenda. (Tom N not present at meeting)
- b) Betty researched cost of getting new smaller club patches. Prices vary with quantity ordered and options selected. 2+1/2" patches would cost less than \$4 (perhaps less than \$3 depending on options)  
Some discussion ensued about whether to keep same logo or possibly change. Also may want new patch for 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2013.
- c) Joan Kimmel requested volunteers to help pre-walk Wappinger's Greenway walk trail route. Several members expressed interest, dependent on date chosen.
- d) Newburgh Traditional Event – Betty made contact with Mount Saint Mary College – tentatively approved that we can walk on the campus. Form to be completed. Contact search began with security and ended with auxiliary services.

### 3) New Business

- a) AVA National Convention: Monday, April 29 thru Friday, May 3, 2013 at the Orlando Airport Marriott, 7499 Augusta National Drive, Orlando, Florida 32822-5015. (This is updated info since the meeting.)
- b) Tom N & Andrew S plan to walk the Great Saunter in Manhattan (32 miles) with the Shorewalkers Club May 5. Let them know if anyone else is interested.
- c) Betty suggested we have a page in the walk box binders with images of available club patches and pins and cost. YRE walkers could order at time of submitting start cards with SASE and payment.  
Betty also suggested distributing the AVA "Grabber" Brochures to local libraries to advertise our club. Several members expressed interest. She will provide club labels for the brochures when they arrive with AVA supply order.  
Betty set up a brochure holder at the local Curves in Monroe.
- d) New Paltz walk event has been sanctioned. Gail Vorbach communicated route info and brochure to Mike G.

### 4) Club Calendar (upcoming)

- a) April 28 - Participation with PAW at Princeton Communniversity event next Saturday. The ESCV Olana event is also that day in Hudson, NY.
- b) May 12 – MWR event; Nancy has the stamp; brochure will be modified as noted above 1)a.
- c) **Next Group walk:** 6/2/2012 Cornwall; \*\*\*Summer Hours\*\*\* Breakfast Meeting at the Park restaurant 8am; registration by 9:15 at West Point Visitor's Center, short drive to Cornwall to start walk. Meeting TBD after the group walk to discuss 2013 calendar / YRE sanctioning.

### 5) VCWP 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee report:

- a) Donna reported that she had met with Doris & Dorothy to get started with the planning. Donna submitted an impressive written Proposal for the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. She had contacted several different clubs. Their anniversary celebrations ranged from multi-day events, boat rides, elaborate catered dinners to doing nothing.
- b) There are many considerations to be taken into account, not least of which is budget.
- c) A meeting of the VCWP 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee will be held in May – date to be determined.
- d) Due to time constraint with it being time to begin the group walk, further discussion was limited.

- 6) Meeting adjourned. Meeting was held at the Fort Montgomery Visitor's Center. Breakfast was carry out from Foodies in Fort Montgomery or BYOB (bring your own breakfast).  
16 attendees at meeting, 11 paid walkers & 2 free walkers.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Betty Green*