

1) Treasurer's Report

- a) Dues notices were sent out for the 2nd half of the year.
- b) Bank balance currently \$1758.35. Largest balance since 2006.
However, AVA portion of the walker fees for the bus tour groups hasn't been paid yet. (AVA gets \$1.25 out of each \$3 walker fee.)
"In the black": \$553.67
- c) Andrew completed the revalidation forms required by the USMA. VCWP is an official West Point Club through 2013.

2) AVA Recognition Awards published at the Biennial Convention, Des Moines, Iowa

- a) Meritorious Service Award (Northeast Region):
Farrell Patrick: VCWP: Prior President, current Vice-President, activities coordinator, liaison with USMA – MWR/Security, Rotary Club
Nancy Patrick: VCWP: Current President, POC numerous events, liaison West Point Community Fair
- b) Certificate of Service Award (Northeast Region):
Joan Vorbach: 5 Years of Service - Joan has coordinated the VCWP annual Christmas Brunch for several years.
- c) Certificate of Appreciation (Northeast Region):
Mr. Thane Kelley – US Army DMWR
The Park Restaurant – Highland Falls, NY
The Delamater Inn – Rhinebeck, NY
The Eveready Diner – Hyde Park, NY
The USMA Visitor's Center – West Point, NY
- d) Publicity Contest Award, Websites:
1st Place - VCWP: <http://www.ava.org/clubs/WestPoint/>

3) Old Business

- a) Nyack Event Walk (Sept 11): Starting Point will be at the Nyack Hospital
Joan Kimmel will prepare the brochure.
- b) Highland Rail Trail - Hudson Valley Ramble September 17th: Andrew will finish the instructions and needs someone else to do the pre-walk to make any clarifications.

4) New Business

- a) West Point Community Fair: table staffed by the Patricks and the Greens
Several people stopped by the table and picked up Volkssport info and VCWP YRE brochures. Contacts were established for the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Puppies Behind Bars, and The Greater Hudson Valley Family Health Center (Newburgh)
- b) The Greater Hudson Valley Family Health Center is holding a Community Health Fair

on August 6 (11am-2pm), at the Kaplan Family Pavilion, 147 Lake Street, Newburgh, NY (www.ghbfhc.org). The Patrick's might be able to represent VCWP at the fair.

- c) New Club Shirts: Nancy mentioned several clubs at the convention have colorful club T-shirts (eg: Georgia club: large peach with legs and walking staff). She checked with MWR – no staff artist available. Recommendation for a private business that does art work was made. We must be careful not to violate USMA copyright/trademark rights.

Donna Sullivan volunteered that she can use her sewing machine to embroider club logo on shirts. Club members provide their own shirts: Embroidery would probably work best on polo. Betty will send digital image to Donna. Donna will see if it works out and how much to charge for supplies (thread, needles...)

- d) Betty made AVA/VCWP business cards available to club members to hand out to interested walkers (great PR when out on a walk and someone asks what the walk is about). Also, AVA info cards with VCWP sticker were made available to distribute at MD offices, libraries, etc. Nancy recommended that Betty order 500 more business cards from AVA.

5) Calendar

- a) Group Walk – Long Branch, NJ YRE Sunday, July 31. Walk starts at 10 AM – some members may want to carpool (some are driving down the day before). Allow ample time for beach traffic. PAW picnic after the walk at Donna Coulson's. See club calendar / email for details and RSVP – bring non-perishable snacks.
- b) Vermont Walks Columbus Day weekend. Walk will include new bridge connecting NY & VT. A few members have already made reservations to stay in the Ticonderoga / Crown Point area for the weekend.
- c) West Point Octoberfest: last weekend of Sept. Friday evening mostly adult activities. Saturday family oriented activities. Last year VCWP staffed an info booth after doing WP YRE. We'll swap our group walks: WOTH on Aug 14 and WP Sept 24th to accommodate the Octoberfest.
Joan Kimmel pointed out that there is also a Middletown, RI event walk on Sept 24th.
- d) Reminder: Hudson River Boat Ride with Rotarians: August 28th. No RSVP needed. Bring own food and drink. Board boat at 5:30 (South Dock, West Point)
- e) December 17: Switch group walk of NYC to Village walk to include new High Line trail instead of lower Manhattan walk. We will do lower Manhattan in the spring.
- f) Remainder of calendar as posted on website.

6) Meeting adjourned. 12 walkers walked the Rhinebeck YRE

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Green