

**VCWP 7/22/2012 Meeting Minutes (Rhinebeck YRE)**

**1) Treasurer's Report**

- a) Current balance 1207.66
- b) Rolling 12 month deficit of \$550. There was over \$300 in inventory replenishment (start cards, event & distance books, New Walker kits, etc.). Andrew will further evaluate.
- c) 29 members have renewed so far this year. 11 members have reminders outstanding. July reminders will go out for renewals due in 2<sup>nd</sup> half of calendar year.

**2) Old Business**

- a) Betty contacted the catering manager at Billy Joe's Ribworks on Newburgh waterfront regarding social/meal after the Sept. 8 Newburgh Guided Event walk. The various options were presented. The lunch package was chosen at a cost of ~\$20 per person (including tax & gratuity). Meal options chosen were Chicken Caesar Salad; Carolina-style pulled pork sandwiches and Smoky Beef brisket sandwiches. French fries or cole slaw, ice cream, and unlimited sweet tea, fountain drinks, coffee, tea & decaf coffee included. Minimum of 15 diners needed to confirm. RSVP and payment due to VCWP by Friday August 24<sup>th</sup>.
- b) Non-VCWP walks: will not be on calendar as group events but can be "WP-Info". Members who want to attend non-VCWP events may want to arrange carpooling.
- c) Reminder: NO Round Pond event on Aug 11.
- d) AVA Biennial Convention in Orlando, FL April 29-May 3 – hotel reservations may now be made (see AVA website for details)
- e) 2013 Starting Point books may be ordered directly from AVA by August 1 (date extended by AVA). The club will not be doing group orders. Books ordered via AVA will be delivered to individual addresses.
- f) Betty proposed a donation be made to ESCV re the memorial to the 3 women who were killed by an out of control car last year. Members voted to make a \$10 donation.
- g) 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee meeting is scheduled for August 14<sup>th</sup>. Donna Sullivan (chair) will not be able to attend. It was suggested that this meeting be postponed. Betty will contact Donna. (Update Aug 14<sup>th</sup> meeting postponed – new date TBD)
- h) New Paltz event was very successful. 40 walkers: 11 walkers from Germany. (Thank you Gail Vorbach & Cora Seats!)

**3) New Business**

- a) Re August 26<sup>th</sup> Rotary Run/VCWP walking event at route 218 (Storm King). Farrell suggested VCWP make a donation to the West Point/Highland Falls Rotary Club as VCWP will share facilities (porta-pots, signage, etc). A \$25 donation was voted and approved.
- b) The American Wanderer (TAW) newspaper of the AVA had a form on page 13 for AVA Associate or Lifetime members to vote on whether they want to receive TAW electronically or by mail. Deadline is August 31<sup>st</sup>
- c) Tater Tours will be doing two memorial walks on 15 & 16 September. Some VCWP members might be interested in joining the Tater group for one or both of these walks. Walks are In memory of Joanne Labbe: Doylestown, PA; in memory of Ed Branges: lower Manhattan / Brooklyn Bridge. The actual tour will leave from near Baltimore on Saturday and go to Doylestown. Included in the price is a tour of Mercer Museum. The walk in the afternoon goes past Victorian homes, beautiful flower gardens, James Michener Art Museum and Mercer's two concrete castles and tile works; Civil war monuments, graves and home of COL W.W.H. Davis. Overnight in Willow Grove at Hampton Inn. Sunday is NYC walk. Bus pick up will be on Brooklyn side for departure back to Maryland. Cost is Single: \$275; double: \$225; triple: \$200. One payment only due on 15 August. Breakfast included prior to departure on Saturday; refreshments for the trip; all taxes and tips. After tour expenses, donations will be made to Hospice Care Units. This tour is being advertised by email only, not in Tater brochure. Contact Mary Ptacek at [mtptacek@msn.com](mailto:mtptacek@msn.com) if interested.
- d) Saturday, August 11th: PAW (Princeton Area Walkers) is holding their annual pool party (Rain Date Sunday, August 12th after 1 pm). Contact Donna Coulson at 'dccoulson@comcast.net' if interested.
- e) 2013 YRE sanctioning and calendar meeting should be held after 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee meeting.
- f) Annual election of VCWP officers is usually held in October.

**4) Club Calendar (upcoming)**

- a) August 25th – Beacon YRE Group
- b) August 26<sup>th</sup> – Storm King / Route 218 event

**5) Meeting adjourned.** Meeting was held at the Eveready Diner, Hyde Park. 7 meeting attendees & walkers at Rhinebeck YRE..

Respectfully submitted,

*Betty Green*