

Minutes – June 24, 2017

The quarterly club meeting was held at the Highland Falls Library, 298 Main St., Highland Falls, NY 10928 at 10 AM. Attending were Andrew Schmidt, Jessica Ruit, Nancy and Farrell Patrick, and Joan Kimmel.

Old Business

Shirt and Cap update – Andrew will follow up.

Group walk of Southampton – Instead of doing this on a weekend, we will look into doing it midweek.

Kudos to John Kinkopf for the wonderful trail he designed for the Piermont Traditional event. It was great!

Treasurer's Report – Andrew reported that our current balance is \$1440.76, an increase of \$107.58 over one year ago.

New Business

Revalidated our club for Army Private Organization through June of 2019 – Thanks, Andrew!

Update on the recent AVA Convention – Nancy told us that Walk 'n Mass won 3 awards for publicity: their newsletter (June 2015 edition of Footnotes), a Traditional Event brochure (Brookline), and a Year Round or Seasonal Event Brochure (2016 Walk and Bike).

Discussion of post walk plans for 2019 Albany Convention – The 2019 convention will be held June 9 – 16. Our walk would be on Sunday, June 16th, which is also Fathers' Day. The theme of the convention is going to be Walk through History. Andrew will look into the parking situation at the FDR site in Hyde Park.

Sanctioning of Year Round Events for 2018 – Andrew presented the average number of paid walkers in the last two years for each of our walks. The break even point is 23 per year as the cost of sanctioning is \$40 per walk, and the club gets \$1.75 per walker). They are:

Walk	Avg # walkers per year	Walk	Avg # walkers per year
West Point	45	Rhineback	20
Highland (WOTH)	41	Beacon	16
Hyde Park	27	Highland Falls	15
Cornwall	23	Goshen	14
New Paltz	23	Barryville	N/A
Nyack	21	Ft. Montgomery	N/A
Cold Spring	20	Southampton	N/A

It was decided to renew all the walks, with the exception of Goshen, as we lost our Start Point. We will hold a Traditional Event in Goshen once during 2018 (and possibly every year).

Appalachian Trail Special Program – Betty Green had written us to say that the Appalachian Trail Special Program participants may want to do an optional addition of the Appalachian Trail from Hessian Lake to the Perkins Memorial and back down to Hessian Lake (near the skating rink). The Fort Montgomery walk qualifies for the Appalachian Trail Special Program.

Volksbiking – Betty also relayed the information that Volksbike trails can now be 10km, allowing for a lot more flexibility, perhaps sanctioning them using the per participant method. Tom Jackson mentioned the possibility of using a ‘traveling’ bike stamp for guided bike events, to save on sanctioning costs. However, no one in our club has expressed an interest in hosting guided bike rides. If anyone wants to do anything about bike events, please let us know.

Club picnic – will be held on July 23 after the Cornwall walk, around noon, in Cornwall.

New Special Programs that VCWP would sponsor – Civil Engineering plaques and Labyrinths were suggested, but no action was taken and at this time, the club is not interested in sponsoring a new special event.

2018 Canadian Volkssport Federation Convention – will be held in Halifax, Nova Scotia, May 25 – 27, 2018.

Highland Falls Fall Festival – Farrell will get the exact date of the Highland Falls Fall Festival and we will do a group walk that day. We should have a table. He will find out about dates of breakfasts or dinners held by the Highland Falls Fire Co. that we can take advantage of by scheduling a walk on that day.