

VCWP 3/12/2011 Meeting Minutes (Cold Spring)

1) Treasurer's Report (Andrew Schmidt)

- a) 1 member renewal & 1 new membership paid at meeting
- b) Balance: \$1111.74 (rolling revenue over expenses \$330.55)
- c) Dues notices and brochures mailed to members not in attendance at the February meeting

2) Old Business

- a) Betty Green reported that the VCWP Incentive book was approved. Sample was shown and explained. Copies were made on card stock by MWR and Nancy will pick them up on Monday. For those wanting to get started on their books before the next meeting: send SASE to Betty (greeting card size to fit incentive book) or download and print from VCWP website. (Info will be available via newsletter &/or email notification)

Suggestion was made to get NERD to post or story to TAW (AVA newspaper)

- b) Joan Kimmel reported that the May 14 West Point and May 15 Newburgh traditional walks have been sanctioned. Starting point needed for the Newburgh walk (? Gully's when back in place). Joan needs help with the route layout.
- c) Dorothy Basini will meet Tater Tours group Mon, May 16th at West Point.
- d) Nyack event walk sanctioning application has been completed for September 11th. This is the same day as Nyack Street Fair. (The Ft. Montgomery group walk will be moved to another date) Peggy Goetz has been working on getting the hospital as YRE start point. If YRE start point not in place by Sept 11 will try to set event start at city park (as in the past) or at Nyack Beach State Park on the Hudson.

3) Calendar

- a) Two group walks per month, one with breakfast meeting and one just walk
- b) March 20: Rhinebeck

April 3: Breakfast meeting (Park Restaurant, Highland Falls) & group walk Cornwall

April 16: group walk @ Walkway Over The Hudson (WOTH) with the Liberty Bell Wanderers. Walk registration at the Gateway Diner in Highland at **9:30 AM** (no breakfast meeting). (secretary's note: anyone wanting to support the diner walk box / start point may want to eat at the diner)

May 14 /15 : West Point and Newburgh event walks

Tater Tours: May 17: WOTH (CIA tour & lunch) May 18: Hyde Park

May 22: Breakfast meeting (possibly at Foodies) & group walk Fort Montgomery

October 13 & 14: 2 different bus tours from Walking Adventures International (WAI) will be walking at West Point

4) New Business

a) National Convention June: delegates approved.

Nancy & Farrell authorized to spend \$25 on item to donate for silent auction.

b) Joan Vorbach got press releases for today's walk printed in the *Times Herald Record* and *Poughkeepsie Journal*. Thank-you Joan!!

c) AVA News: original plan was to discuss Strategic Plan Initiatives at today's meeting . AVA upheaval at last NEC meeting in February. AVA president and VP resigned over the "firing or lack of approval of previous hiring" of executive director, Nicole Rodgers. Current leaders appear to want less AVA direction and stronger local clubs. Quality of traditional events also part of the issue.

d) Andrew reported that Farrell suggested a club picnic in August. A walk is scheduled on August 14th. We could have a picnic after the walk at Round Pond or South Dock. Farrell will check on cost of renting a shelter.

e) Donna Sullivan suggested getting a start point in Cornwall for the Cornwall YRE. She will contact The Fiddlestix Café.

5) Meeting adjourned. 22 walkers registered for walk at Depot Restaurant at 11:15. Several walkers ate lunch at the Depot after the walk (great to support the walk box start point).

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Green