

Treasurer's Report (provided after February bank statement received after March club meeting)

- a) Balance at end of Feb 2012 was \$1668.34, in keeping with expectations.
- b) 4th Qtr 2011 fees recently paid to the AVA: \$247.50
- c) Over the last rolling 12 months, income of \$3235.87 over expenses of \$2679.27 yields account in the black at \$556.60.
- d) Dues receipts have started coming in for the first half of 2012, and club booklets and other information will be in the mail this weekend to all club members
- e) Audit report has been submitted for 2012

1) Old Business

- a) West Point MWR event has been sanctioned for May 12th and brochure approved; draft walk instructions completed
- b) AVA Motions (discussed at previous meeting) NEC vote results:
 1. Motion that all walkers must pay \$3 - failed
 2. Motion to study changing use of rubber stamps to possibly printed stickers - carried
 3. Motion to repeal new rating system - failed
 4. Motion making it not necessary to return stamps for seasonal events >3 months - carried
 5. Motion regarding adding to policy manual protocols to follow to get "Club Challenges" approved - carried
 6. Motion to change minimum time for sanction requests from 90 days to 60 days - carried
- c) VCWP 25th Anniversary planning needs to begin soon
- d) Betty will research cost of getting new smaller club patches. Several members concurred that the current patches are too large to wear comfortably on clothing
- e) No news to report from the AVA IT committee

2) New Business

- a) AVA National Convention April 2013 will be using a professional convention planner.
- b) Newburgh Traditional Event – Mike Green requested authorization to pay \$50 application fee required by the city of Newburgh: unanimously approved; Current plan is to have start point at the Ferry Dock if approved. There is plenty of parking and the ferry doesn't run on weekends.
- c) August 26th Route 218 event is being planned. (Note the date has changed from the original August 12th) Patricks are POC.
- d) NYC St Patrick's Day train schedule will be made available for those interested in doing Lower Manhattan YRE together.
- e) USFreedomWalk Festival October 19th – 21st (held in Arlington, VA / Washington DC); website is now active: <http://www.ava.org/clubs/usfreedomwalk/>. Some VCWP members have attended in the past. It would be great(and fun) if many VCWP members attended this year. (Tom N, Betty & Mike G, and Joan K have attended in the past)
- f) Doris Rogers reported on her recent Tater Tour Volkssport trip in Florida. It sounded wonderful. She said she appreciated that they usually stayed 2 nights in each area.
- g) Joan Vorbach reported on progress of the New Paltz walk. A starting point has been selected. She will give route info to Mike.

- 3) Next Group walk: 3/17/2012 Group Walk of Lower Manhattan YRE (Train info will be sent via email). Some walkers reluctant to go into NYC on St. Patrick's Day may consider original calendar schedule & do West Point instead.

- 4) Meeting adjourned. Meeting was held at the Yankee Clipper Diner in Beacon, NY. 12 members attended the meeting and there were 7 registered walkers.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Green