

Minutes – March 31, 2018

The quarterly club meeting was held at the Highland Falls Library, 298 Main St., Highland Falls, NY 10928 at 10 AM. Attending were Nancy Patrick, Joan Vorbach, Andrew Schmidt, Tom Nisonger, Rita DeMaria, Jessica Ruit, Lucas Ruit, Ellexis and John Cook, and Joan Kimmel.

Old Business

Hats & Shirts (yellow hats preferred) – Andrew still needs to follow-up with Land's End

Business Cards – Joan still needs to follow-up with AVA (Last year's checkpoint mentioning that the club logo can be put on the business cards)
We won't do personal ones but will try to get our QR code on the card.

Andrew sent the Albany club (October 2017) the registration forms and information that he and Joan Kimmel provided for their usage/consideration in the 2019 Albany Convention.

New Business

Andrew reported that our current balance is 1,295.77, which is much better than \$962.70 which it was at the end of December (primarily due to \$330.00 dues this quarter, and \$90.10 donations)

Our 12 month Income was \$1,448.01 and expenses were 1,601.27 - a difference of \$153.27 (vs. \$379.80 a quarter ago)

36 family units renewed for 2018 (i.e. paid club dues). This translates to 90 "members". 17 family units have not yet renewed

MailChimp weekly email system is underway with 271 subscribers.

Audit passed (1/12/18) with two issues related to cash basis vs. accrual basis of accounting (having checks written but not cleared by the bank at the end of the fiscal year). This is especially true for walks with Online Start Boxes (OLSB).

The club donated \$26.89 to AVA Big Give campaign 3/15/18 (\$25.00 + \$1.89 to Pay Pal).

The club donated \$25.00 each to NY State Park (earmarked WOTH, Ft. Montgomery) and Hudson Highlands Nature Museum, 12/17

Andrew emailed Sharon from New Paltz 1/23 and 3/15 concerning her 2017 suggestion to re-do the New Paltz walk due to the new bridge that might be an attraction but never heard back, so this item is being dropped.

We ordered 15 patches for World Walking Day to be used in conjunction with our 12 May Cornwall walk; club members to be first-come, first-serve recipients

The 2018 Incentive Book is on the web. We decided not to make any card stock hard copies. Only 1 person (Carol Hollar) finished the program last year and a pin was sent to her.

Peggy Goetz ordered 7 club badges for members.

We discussed doing a walk in Kinderhook on 9/22 for the Hudson River Valley Ramble. Andrew had been in touch with Theresa Kennedy of Albany ESCV about this. Goshen had been listed on the calendar as a traditional event for that day. Joan had agreed to be POC for the event, but subsequently changed her mind.

The President's position will be open as the Patrick's will be leaving the area.

We need a new POC for the Ft. Montgomery walk, as well as for West Point and Highland Falls. Joan Vorbach agreed to be the new POC.

We discussed the possibility of an online start box for the Ft. Montgomery walk as its visitor's center is closed on Monday and Tuesday, and on the other days doesn't open until 10 AM. Andrew will talk to Mike to see if we can have both a traditional start box at the visitor's center and an OLSB.

It was noted that our walks that do have OLSB had 16 walkers for the Barryville walk and 7 for the Southampton walk during the year.

Andrew will take inventory of start cards, insert cards, etc. to see if we need to order more supplies.

The summer picnic will take place at the visitor's center at Ft. Montgomery after a group walk on August 4th. Nancy will reserve the patio when she brings the start box over. The picnic will be Bring Your Own Lunch; the club will provide a watermelon.

There will be a traditional event the third Sunday in August on Route 218, when the highway is closed to automobiles.

We will need a West Point coordinator when Farrell leaves, in case there are any issues that need to be discussed. Patty Wing was suggested as she had worked at West Point.

There was some discussion as to whether we should keep the starting boxes for the WP and HF walks at the market, or should we return them to the WP Visitor's Center now that it has reopened. We decided to leave them at the market (as they helped us out), but we may want to revisit this before the next Starting Point deadline.

John mentioned possibly doing an upper NYC walk.

He also mentioned having a generic Appalachian trail walk. Joan will find out what the Pennsylvania club did.

The calendar for the remainder of the year is:

Sunday, April 8 - 10:00 AM - Nyack YRE Group Walk

Saturday, April 28 - 9:00 AM - Traditional Event – CANCELLED

Saturday, May 12 - 9:00 AM - Cornwall YRE Group Walk (w/Church soup event?)

Saturday, June 2 - 10:00 AM - Barryville Seasonal Group Walk

Saturday, June 16 - 10:00 AM - Quarterly Club Meeting

Sunday, June 24 - 9:00 AM - Beacon YRE Group Walk

Sunday, July 1, 2018 - 9:00 AM - Highland - Walkway over The Hudson & Hudson Valley Rail Trail YRE Group Walk

Sunday, July 15, 2018 - 9:00 AM - Rhinebeck YRE Group Walk

Saturday, August 4, 2018 - 9:00 AM – Fort Montgomery Group Walk & Club Picnic

Sunday, August 19, 2018 - 9:00 AM – Route 218 Traditional Event

Saturday, September 15, 2018 - 9:00 AM - New Paltz YRE Group Walk

Saturday, September 22, 2018 - (time TBD) – Goshen (or Kinderhook) TE
(Hudson Valley Ramble Event)

Saturday, September 29, 2018 - 11:00 AM - Southampton YRE Guided
Group Walk (Sat scheduled, Sun severe rain Date)

Sunday, September 30, 2018 - 11:00 AM - Southampton YRE Guided Group
Walk (Sat scheduled, Sun severe rain Date)

Saturday, October 6, 2018 - 10:00 AM - Fort Montgomery Seasonal Group
Walk

Saturday, October 13, 2018 - 10:00 AM - Quarterly Club Meeting

Saturday, October 27, 2018 - 10:00 AM - Highland Falls YRE Group Walk
(w/Fall Festival?)

Sunday, November 4, 2018 - 10:00 AM - West Point YRE Group Walk

Saturday, November 17, 2018 - 10:00 AM - Highland - Walkway over The
Hudson & Hudson Valley Rail Trail YRE Group Walk

Sunday, December 2, 2018 - Time TBD - Annual December Holiday Party

Sunday, December 9, 2018 - 11:30 AM - Annual New York City (MidTown)
YRE Guided Group Walk

Respectfully submitted, Joan Kimmel, Secretary