

1) Treasurer's Report

a) \$1363.86 balance at end of April 2011. (Our best quarterly ending balance since 2007.) Rolling revenue over expenses \$511.70. This does not include the Tater Tours walkers in May. \$250 in dues received thus far for 2011. b) The stamp for the Fort Montgomery walk box was missing. Replacement cost was \$25 plus \$18 overnight delivery fee.

2) Old Business

a) Nancy Patrick brought up that a few months ago there was discussion regarding paying for the Convention walks for the delegate for the convention. There has been past precedent for this since Steve Lowe was delegate many years ago. Vote of members present: 6 for, 2 against, 1 abstain.

b) VCWP May 14 West Point Walk Event and May 15 Beacon Walk Event - weather prediction for both days was poor. Attendance was fairly low, but the weather did hold off during the walks. Betty shared that a nice thank you was received from Valerie Kirley regarding these walks. (Betty also sent a thank you to Valerie for the delicious cookies.)

c) Joan Vorbach, Brenda Presnal and Joan Kimmel were instrumental in meeting the Tater Tours walkers for their walks of our West Point, Hyde Park and Rhinebeck YREs.

d) Andrew said he was in contact with Peggy Goetz regarding the start point for the Nyack Event in September.

e) Reminder that we used to set out a donation jar for events. The donation jar income supports our donations to the organizations of the sites for some of our walks (such as Scenic Hudson, Walkway over the Hudson).

3) New Business

a) A thank you letter was received with suggestions for changes in walk instructions for the West Point 7K and Highland Falls 10K YREs. Mike Green will take the comments into consideration in adjusting the walk instructions for these walks.

b) Add emergency VCWP contact phone numbers on walk instructions.

c) Walking Adventures International (WAI) is bringing two different bus tours to West Point (Mon, Oct 12 and Wed, Oct 14). The Patricks will meet the bus tours and be in charge if any "social events" will be scheduled for the tours and VCWP.

d) Farrell suggested we allow up to \$5 for carrots for the Army Mules for tour groups coming to West Point. Joan & Brenda bought carrots for the Tater Tours walk of West Point this past week and should be reimbursed.

e) There was some discussion of whether VCWP meetings should be scheduled separate from the pre group walk breakfasts, as time seems rushed. Because of time constraint this discussion was not brought to conclusion.

4) Calendar

a) Joan Kimmel mentioned a few events being held by nearby states. She will give a list to Andrew to publish in the next newsletter.

b) Andrew will update the club calendar on the website and changes will appear in the next newsletter.

c) A few specific calendar notes:

Our next Group Walk / Breakfast meeting is in two weeks, June 4 @ Hyde Park

June 12 Highland Falls Group Walk, no meeting

National Convention end of June

No Mills-Norrie event

July 16 Rhinebeck Group Walk: summer hours. Joan Kimmel will see if we can meet at Bread Alone in Rhinebeck at 8 AM.

July 31 suggested Group walk at Long Branch YRE - Andrew will contact Maureen Penta (Princeton Area Walkers).

August 14 West Point Group Walk 9:15 AM

August 27 Cold Spring Group Walk 11:15 AM

August 28 Rotary Boat Ride from West Point South Dock - Free - meet at 5:30 PM

(bring your own food & drink)

September 11 – Nyack Event (POC – Peggy Goetz)

September 17 - Ramble Event - Hudson Valley Rail Trail in Highland

(Andrew – POC)

Mike Green stated that he and Betty will not try to sanction a Newburgh Event walk for September.

5) Meeting adjourned. The breakfast at Foodies was delicious! 12 walkers registered at the Fort Montgomery State Historic Site. It was a cloudy, comfortable day for walking.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Green