

VCWP 6/2/2012 Meeting Minutes (Cornwall YRE)

1) Treasurer's Report

- a) No May bank statement is available yet.
- b) The HSBC account has been transferred successfully to First Niagara.

2) Old Business

- a) 25th Anniversary Committee minutes have been posted
 - 1) Nancy & Farrell questioned if a date has been selected for weekend walks and social because Mary Ptacek from Tater Tours may work her NY tour dates to include VCWP anniversary walks. October 4 & 5, 2013 was selected by the committee.
 - 2) Members stated 49ers Lodge (near Delafield Pond on West Point) would be a great venue.
 - 3) 25th Anniversary Budget to be determined after committee plans become more solid. Next full committee meeting is scheduled for August 14th at 6pm.
- b) May AVA Physical Fitness Month patches: need head count of people wanting the patches. Should we do email mass "mailing" to determine interest? (Perhaps these should be ordered by individuals to avoid problems getting patches to those who order.)
- c) 2011 Incentive Book Completion Stars were presented to: Nancy Patrick, Andrew Schmidt, Tom Nisonger, Joan Kimmel, Mike Green, & Betty Green. Awardees not present: Joan Vorbach & Brenda Presnal.
- d) The AVA - IT committee has requested all clubs leave the AVA website by September 2012 due to security concerns. Mike presented two ideas for VCWP to consider. Decision was held until more information available.
Note: after the meeting, Doug Reynolds (NERD) called Mike to discuss and they had an idea to create a website domain that all the NE region clubs could share the cost of using. Meanwhile, Frank Sayers of the Woodland Wanderers club came up with the same idea and actually registered the domain name Mike & Doug had considered that same day! The cost would only be \$10/year for clubs to participate. Mike sent out emails to the VCWP officers for consideration to join this group before the next club meeting.
- e) Joan will need some pre-walkers if she develops a Wappinger's Greenway walk for October 14th.

3) New Business

- a) Starting Point books must be ordered by July 1st. It was decided that individuals should order their own books (same price, but pay shipping) because it is difficult to distribute the books to those who have ordered them. The order form is available on the AVA website.
- b) AVA 2013 Convention Hotel reservations at Orlando are now available for booking. See AVA website.
- c) FYI: The location of the Louisiana State Capital Walk in Baton Rouge has been temporarily changed to New Orleans, Louisiana, effective immediately. This change was necessitated by the inactivation of the Volkssport club in Baton Rouge.
- d) Farrell suggested we have some "progressive walks": multiple walks within the same day, possibly with meals. There was some discussion. At this point the need for there to be a West Point walk for the 25th was discussed. It needs to be different from the usual YRE. Someone suggested checking the West Point cadet parade grounds schedule. Someone also suggested a lecture at either/both the cemetery or Cadet Chapel could be part of that event.
- e) West Point newsletter: Betty hasn't done one for this year yet. Nancy suggested that newsletters include articles from club members regarding walks they have participated in. A quarterly newsletter could list upcoming events. No need to include the entire year calendar, this is available on the website. Andrew sends paper copies of club calendars with request for dues renewals.
- f) The calendar for 2012 listed a VCWP group walk at the Wallingford, CT YRE. Several officers will not be available that weekend. Only 5 members attended the Communiversity event. It was discussed that maybe these neighboring state walks should not be on the VCWP calendar group walks. Maybe such walks could be more casually planned.
- g) Andrew suggested the September HVRT & Newburgh could share a flier and have same brochure format. Betty will see if Billy Joe's Ribworks is available for an evening social.

4) Club Calendar (upcoming)

- a) June 16th – any members who want to walk Wallingford may want to contact each other. Officers will most likely not be present.
- b) July 14th – New Paltz Traditional Event: Andrew will contact Gail Vorbach for brochure he can mail. Current brochure version on website is not Gail's final copy.

- 5) **Meeting adjourned.** Meeting was held at the Park Restaurant, Highland Falls. 7 meeting attendees, 4 paid walkers.
(Despite mist on the way to Cornwall, the walk was dry except for the humidity!)

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Green