

Minutes – October 7, 2017

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

Old Business

No club officer will be present for the October 28th group walk of the Highland Falls YRE, which coincides with the Highland Falls Fall Festival.

The club will publicize that the Highland Falls Fire Co. will hold a pancake breakfast on November 12th. (There is no walk associated with this.) Nancy will look into the next pancake breakfast, to be held near Easter, and perhaps we can have a walk (group walk of the Highland Falls YRE) in conjunction.

Shirt and Cap update – Andrew will follow up. It was decided that the suggested color for shirts, caps, and any other items, will be yellow, but that they can be ordered in any color the purchaser wishes.

Business Cards – Joan will look into the AVA checkpoint mentioning that the club logo can be put on the business cards.

New Business

The holiday party will be Dec. 3rd. Andrew will be in touch with Joan V.

The trail instructions for the New Paltz YRE will be updated by Sharon Applegate, who did a GREAT job leading the guided walk. Sharon wants to update the route to go by the park by the new bridge. Andrew will ask her if she would like to be the POC for the YRE.

We agreed to start using MAILCHIMP to send out our newsletters, as it makes the distribution much easier because we have 290 addresses on our email distribution list. We will give people the opportunity to opt out if they have any privacy concerns. We will let them know mailchimp's privacy policy, which shouldn't be any problem.

October AVA patches – they cost \$2.50 each, and there are no returns. We will be having walks at Nyack on 10/8 and at Highland Falls 10/28. It was decided that we won't order any patches this year.

#OptOutside Black Friday walk suggestion for 11/24 - Andrew will check with the Walkway people. If OK, we'll do a guided walk of the Walkway Over the Hudson. If it's not OK, we'll do a guided walk of the Rhinebeck YRE.

Discussion about the 2019 Albany Convention – VCWP had been asked by ESCV if we would sponsor a walk on the last Sunday. But the Niagara club wanted that date to host a walk, as people will be driving west as they leave the Albany area. We agreed to let the Niagara folks have that date. We will still need to make sure our YRE boxes are well supplied with lots of trail instructions.

ESCV had sent out a survey about what the fee for the convention should include. Andrew will send them a copy of the registration from the Orlando convention, which Joan provided.

Treasurer's report – Andrew reported that our balance is now \$979, which is the lowest it has been since 2013. We took in \$819, but we spent \$1296. \$200 of that was in Meet Up fees. We decided we will stop using Meet Up as it has not been cost effective for us. \$580 were for sanction fees. This was broken down to \$40 per YRE, \$30 each for 2 traditional events, and \$20 for seasonal events. \$930 came in for walking fees. We spent \$155 in donations, and took in \$38 from event donations.

401K program – We agreed to hold off putting out publicity about this program.

AVA Release of liability for minor participants – We all think this is an unnecessary burden and can be managed just by a new column on a start card or log sheet. Andrew will be in touch with AVA HQ about this.

Discussion about the calendar for walking events in 2018 – We came up with the following schedule:

Sunday, January 7, 2018 - 1:00 PM - Cornwall YRE Group Walk

Sunday, January 21, 2018 - 1:00 PM - Nyack YRE Group Walk

Saturday, February 3, 2018 - 10:00 AM - Highland Falls YRE Group Walk

Sunday, February 25, 2018 - 1:00 PM - New Paltz YRE Group Walk

Saturday, March 10, 2018 - 10:00 AM - Beacon YRE Group Walk

Saturday, March 24, 2018 - 10:00 AM - West Point YRE Group Walk

Saturday, March 31, 2018 - 10:00 AM - Quarterly Club Meeting, Highland Falls Library

Sunday, April 8, 2018 - 10:00 AM - Cold Spring YRE Group Walk

Saturday, April 28, 2018 - 9:00 AM - Traditional Event; location TBD

Saturday, May 12, 2018 - 9:00 AM - Cornwall YRE Group Walk

Saturday, June 2, 2018 - 10:00 AM - Barryville Seasonal Group Walk

Saturday, June 16, 2018 - 10:00 AM - Quarterly Club Meeting, Highland Falls Library

Sunday, June 24, 2018 - 9:00 AM - Beacon YRE Group Walk
Sunday, July 1, 2018 - 9:00 AM - Highland WOTH/HVRT Rail Trails YRE Group Walk
Sunday, July 15, 2018 - 9:00 AM - Rhinebeck YRE Group Walk
Saturday, August 4, 2018 - 9:00 AM - Cold Spring YRE Group Walk
Sunday, August 19, 2018 - 9:00 AM - Hyde Park YRE Group Walk
Saturday, September 15, 2018 - 9:00 AM - New Paltz YRE Group Walk
Saturday, September 22, 2018 - Goshen Traditional Event (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, Highland Falls Library
Saturday, October 27, 2018 - 10:00 AM - Highland Falls YRE Group Walk
Sunday, November 4, 2018 - 10:00 AM - West Point YRE Group Walk
Saturday, November 17, 2018 - 10:00 AM - Nyack YRE Group Walk
Sunday, December 2, 2018 - Annual December Holiday Party
Sunday, December 9, 2018 - 11:30 AM - Annual New York City (Mid-Town) YRE Guided Group Walk

Respectfully submitted, Joan Kimmel, Secretary