

1) **Treasurer's Report**

- a) Current balance \$1369.45
- b) Rolling 12 month deficit of \$183.78. Deficit related to traditional event expenses (shortfall total of \$227 for five events: West Point/MWR, New Paltz, Storm King/Route 218, Newburgh, and Hudson Valley Rail Trail). However, several new walker kits were sold at these events and we may expect some increased participation in club walks.
- c) VCWP received a nice thank you note from ESCV for our memorial donation. A \$25 donation was made to the West Point/Highland Falls Rotary Club in appreciation of the free evening boat ride on the Hudson enjoyed by our club members.

2) **Old Business**

- a) Joan Kimmel requested volunteers to pre-walk the Wappingers Falls event trail route.
- b) Wappingers Falls event walk October 14: the longer walk will be more rugged as it goes through the woods.
- c) Some VCWP members participated in the Tater Tours memorial walks in Doylestown, PA and lower Manhattan/Brooklyn September 15 & 16.

3) **New Business**

- a) Private organizations associated with West Point who use West Point as part of the club name must change the name so as not to imply the organization is part of West Point. For example, our name would at the minimum have to change "..... of West Point" to "..... at West Point". This brought up a discussion of using this as an opportunity to change the name to something more easily understood by the general public, especially when searching for walking clubs. Name suggestions should be submitted to the club email address by December 1, 2012. West Point requires the name change no later than July 2013, but the 25th Anniversary in 2013 necessitates any name change before 25th memorabilia items are ordered.
- b) Joan Kimmel made a presentation to a group at Marist College (CLS) which offers classes and trips for members 55+. CLS is interested in walking the West Point Year Round as a group (~ 50 walkers) Thursday, May 30, 2013. CLS charges a participation fee for their trips. It is not known if part of that fee will go to VCWP. Joan will explore combining the walk with lunch at West Point (? Thayer, Grant Hall or the West Point Club).
- c) Slate of Officers for 2013:
Nancy Patrick – President, Joan Kimmel – Vice President, Betty Green – Secretary, Andrew Schmidt – Treasurer.
Any new nominees welcome!! Vote will be held at October 28th club meeting. Someone recommended calling the Webmaster position an officer, but a change in club by-laws would be required to do this. Mike Green agreed titling the position as officer is not necessary and agreed to continue serving as club webmaster.
- d) VCWP 25th Anniversary Committee meeting Thursday 9/27 at Donna Sullivan's home in New Windsor.
- e) 2013 Calendar planning meeting Wednesday October 10, 6:30 PM at the Patrick's home in Fort Montgomery.

4) **Club Calendar (upcoming)**

- a) October 28 – Walkway over the Hudson YRE Group Walk and Breakfast meeting. ("Leaf Peeper group walk")
Summer hours are over: breakfast meeting at 9am and walk at 10:15am
- b) November 3 – Central Valley Group Walk 10:15am
- c) November 18 - Cold Spring Group walk 10:15 and lunch / meeting at the Depot 12:30
- d) December 9 – Holiday Party (Joan Vorbach organizing lunch/brunch plans)
- e) December 15 - Group Walk of PAW Central Park YRE (Changed from mid-town due to holiday congestion of mid-town area)

5) **Meeting adjourned.** Meeting was held at the Eveready Diner, Hyde Park.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Green