

Keystone State Volkssport Association  
Meeting February 7, 2015  
York, PA

[below minutes have not been approved]

Joan thanked the York White Rose Wanderers for once again arranging the Winter meeting which came to order at 1:15 p.m., with twelve people attending. Two corrections to the November 29 minutes were noted under Club Reports: CVLF is sponsoring *two* not three YRE walks, *and a swim*. Pete Byrne moved to approve the minutes, as corrected and Pat Eby seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasury** – Pat Eby presented monthly reports, September through January. The balance as of December 31 is \$5036.04. If illness or injury, etc. make it difficult for her to sign checks, Pat requested that the Vice-President be designated an alternate check writer/signer. Approved by acclamation.

### **KSVA Sponsored Events**

20/10 Award Program for 2014 – Tom Jackson - Saturday February 7 is the last day to redeem booklets. Pat Strausbaugh at the York Winter Walk sales table has the pins. As of 28 January, 58 had completed the Program. This compares with 66 as of this date in 2013 and 75 in 2012. Bev Molnar is responsible for the 20/10 Program in 2015.

Pennsylvania State Parks & Forests Challenge. – Tom Jackson - Everything is running smoothly for the events that started on January 1. As of January 28, no one has yet completed the program which requires ten events.

Shepherdstown – had 60 walkers last year and Harper's Ferry 40, according to Pat Eby reporting for PoC Jane Snurr.

Erie – per PoC Pat Eby had 74 walkers in 2014. This event has a new start point, The Glass House Inn, near the Park. Ed Pfadt of Erie will help with start box maintenance.

### **Unfinished Business** – Joan Lampart

- Clubs must report changes of officers to AVA. AVA is apparently having problems with the financial reports of some clubs. Tom Jackson is working on this.
- Please follow the twenty-two guidelines on the AVA Event Brochure Checklist [attached]. Joan uses this Checklist when approving brochures. Events should be sanctioned with AVA before submitting the brochure.

### **New Business:** Joan Lampart

AVA National Executive Committee - All clubs should have received Tom Jackson's highlights of the January 30-31 NEC Meeting [attached] via e-mail from Joan. Information should be passed to club members.

Biennial Convention Delegate – Joan plans to attend and would be happy to serve as delegate, as mentioned at the last KSVA meeting. An alternate should be designated in the event that Joan is unable to attend. Pam volunteered. Marcy Lucas motioned to nominate Joan Lampart as the

primary delegate representing KSVA, and Pete Byrne seconded; the motion passed. . Sue Wheeler motioned to nominate Pam Copenhaver as an alternate delegate and Dave Brown seconded; the motion passed.

Convention Registration Subsidy – Should KSVA pay the \$185.00 registration fee for the delegate and alternate? Amy Trommer commented that her Full Convention Registration fee at the 2013 Biennial in Orlando did not entitle her to be a delegate for the Rovers. Sue Wheeler motioned that KSVA contribute at a minimum the Delegate Registration fee of \$185.00, with the stipulation that additional funds may be needed at the discretion of AVA; Pat Eby seconded. The motion carried.

Club representation at Convention – Clubs in good standing have the right to vote. If an individual club does not send a representative, the KSVA delegate can cast a proxy vote. Please let Joan know if no one from your Club is able to attend.

Silent Auction – Rather than a gift card, as suggested at the last meeting, a monetary contribution would be a simpler and more direct way to support AVA. Dave Brown motioned that KSVA donate \$100.00 to AVA for the Biennial Convention and Pam Wheeler seconded. The motion carried.

AVA Nominations - as stated in *The American Wanderer*, Chris Mellen and Dennis Michele are running for President, Holly Pelking is un-opposed for Vice-President and there are no candidates for Treasurer or Secretary.

### **KSVA meetings for 2015**

We hold four, normally in February, March/April, August/September and November. The tentative plan for the April 18 meeting in Wyomissing hosted by LBW is not feasible due to the lack of a space to convene. Member clubs will be polled via e-mail about a date and place for the Spring meeting which would not conflict with their event calendars. The late summer meeting is open as well.

### **Club Reports**

*Cumberland Valley Lead Foot*– Anne Gale – September 18 is Mt. Holly Springs traditional event. Club will also sponsor two YRE walks and a swim in 2015.

*Liberty Bell Wanderers* – Dave Brown. Traditional events are Wyomissing [near Reading] on Saturday April 18 / Sunday April 19 and a Remembrance Walk at Lorimer Park on Saturday May 16. A State Parks Weekend is planned for October 23-25 to include walks in Evansburg, Fort Washington, Norristown Farm, and Tyler State Parks. Our new webmaster, Gayle Hendricks, has re-designed the website. Please visit the same address [www.libertybellwanderers.net](http://www.libertybellwanderers.net)

*Nittany Nomads* – Bev Molnar - no report

*Penn Dutch Pacers* – Pete Byrne – No 2015 walks have been sanctioned yet. Dave Barber is the new trail master; he will be assisted by Barry, the former trail master. Joan commended the Pacers for their Time to Walk event which attracted 129 walkers.

*Susquehanna Rovers* – Sue Wheeler currently is in the process of working on sponsoring five potential 2015 Traditional Walk Events, pending approval.

- [1] Spring Walk in May at Mannsville in Perry County, Point of Contact Louise Clouser;
- [2] Memorial Walk in Mechanicsburg, June 27-28, PoC Pat Eby;
- [3] Loyalsock State Forest, Sullivan County on September 26-27, PoC Cookie Little;
- [4] Linglestown 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary October 10-11, PoC Alice Eckhardt,
- [5] Hershey Walkfest November 27-29, PoC Pat Eby .

The Susquehanna Rover's President has challenged each Rover member to invite one new person to enjoy the fun of walking a sponsored event this year. What's the probability of gaining new members? We won't know unless we try....

Rovers will continue to collect pet food and supplies to donate to the Humane Society at each of their sponsored walks in 2015. We want to personally thank each and every one of you who donated this past year. It was a huge success!

For those of you working on PA counties, the Rovers will be sponsoring Wyoming and Sullivan this year. Don't miss out. Wyoming will be a seasonal which begins on April 1 and ends December 31. Sullivan pending approval, will be available only September 26 and 27.

The Susquehanna Rovers hope to see you all on the trails.

*York White Rose Wanderers* – Pam Copenhaver. Twenty-nine are registered for the Lighthouse trip in May. Gettysburg is planned as usual, but no other event walks are scheduled yet.

#### **Other Business**

Pete Byrne asked if a PDF file of the Pennsylvania Year Round /Seasonal walk directory could be posted to the KSVA site. Pat Eby commented that this represents a huge file, but she will send the data to Nancy Stenger, web page developer.

Susan Osborne [Baltimore Walking Club] raised a concern about incomplete start boxes. PoC's should be encouraged to keep their boxes stocked with directions and supplies and walkers should note deficiencies on their start cards.

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, pending approval

Carol Talaga  
Secretary