

Keystone State Volkssport Association  
 Meeting August 29, 2015  
 Nockamixon State Park, Quakertown PA

Joan Lampart called the meeting to order at 2 pm. Thanks to the Liberty Bell Wanderers for once again for hosting the meeting and inviting KSVa to the walk and annual picnic.

**Secretary**

The minutes from the last meeting on April 18, were recorded by Marcy Lucas. Pat Eby moved to approve, Louise Clouser seconded. Minutes are approved.

Although the Secretary is charged with keeping the minutes and making them available, my collection is far from complete. The following dates are in my possession, with nothing prior to 2009. Please let me know if you can fill in the blanks. Everyone will be notified of any responses, to avoid duplication of effort.

	<b>Secretary has the following KSVa minutes</b>			
2015	0207 York	Wyomissing 0418	Lake Nock 0829	
2014	0201 York	0607 New Freedom	0913 Lake Galena	1129 Hershey
2013	0202 York			1129 Hershey
2012	02/04 York		0908 Lake Galena	1124 Hershey
2011		0401 Manchester	0820 Academia Port Royal	1126 Hershey
2010			1016 State College	1127 Hershey
2009		0718 Harrisburg		
2008 and earlier				

Our webmaster Nancy Stenger has updated the Officers and Member Clubs sections of KSVa.net. Penn Mary Walkers has been added to Member Clubs.

**Treasurer**

Pat Eby distributed April, May and June reports. The balance as of today is \$6397.18. The Annual Financial Report and Worksheet to maintain the non-profit 501(c) (3) status of KSVa is ready for submission to AVA headquarters. Bill Rhoat is auditing our books for the 2014 calendar year, including the Atlantic Region Conference with Silent Auction.

**Vice-President**

Marcy distributed a Challenge Programs checklist from the AVA Convention. This is a tool which a Point of Contact or Trail Master can use to determine if a 5 or 10k walk qualifies for any of the KSVA or AVA Special Programs. Marcy will apply this checklist to the Rovers’ events; member clubs are encouraged to do the same. The checklist could also be inserted in the walk box registration binder.

**KSVA Sponsored Events**

Event	# finished	Reported by
*20/10 Award	7	Joan Lampart for Bev Molnar
**State Parks	16	Tom Jackson
Sheperdstown	28	Pat Eby for Jane Snurr
Erie	34	Pat
Harper’s Ferry	32	Pat

\* 20/10 Award pins will be available at Gettysburg, bring your books. We need a replacement for Bev Molnar to administer the Program.

\*State Parks Participation: Tioga State Forest – 24, Tioga State Forest Bike – 5  
Mt Pisgah State Park – 22 Michaux State Forest – 52 Mont Alto State Park - 62  
Pine Grove Furnace State Park – 64.

**Regional Director: – Tom Jackson**

1. Thanks to everyone for their efforts in renewing the year round events for 2016.
2. Atlantic Region Conference is in Hagerstown, MD over 18-20 March. Walks in Hagerstown, Antietam Battlefield, C&O Canal, and Shepherdstown.
3. 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Volkssporting in the United States: to be celebrated over 10-12 June. Big event in Fredericksburg, TX. Consider it to be a destination event. Each club should plan something - traditional event, group walk of YRE, take a bunch of people to another club’s event.
4. Strategic Planning Committee – Pay attention to the next The American Wanderer.- September/October. There will be an article about what the committee is doing plus an article about a survey. Feedback from individuals and clubs is important.
5. Don’t expect a lot of changes from the National Executive Committee in the next year. The NEC will receive an interim report from the SPC in January. The NEC is scheduled to approve the SPC recommendations in June.

6. Key deadlines:

- Sept 15 – deadline for ordering 2016 Checkpoint.
- Now to Sept 30 (30 days before event) – deadline for ordering patch for National Volkssport Month – must be sponsoring a traditional event in the month of October.

2016 Atlantic Regional Conference – It is Maryland’s turn in the rotation to host. The date is March 18 – 20, 2016. After a brief discussion about location Bob Schmick suggested Hagerstown Maryland as the site. Hotels are usually less expensive there and walks are nearby. There will be several walks in West Virginia – Harper’s Ferry and Sheperdstown. The tasks necessary to host will be distributed through all clubs, with club representatives helping on various committees. Let Bob or myself know if you can help with any of the following committees.

The following is a list of tasks, and as we meet, there will undoubtedly be other items to handles:

- Conference Registration
- Choose Hotel
- Meet and Greet on Friday Nnight
- Speaker for Saturday night
- Walks: choice of walk, staffing, Start/Finish, checkpoints. Consider a bike event and a swim event [depending upon pool availability at hotel]
- Workshops
- Atlantic Regional Meeting
- Silent Auction

### **Club Reports**

Cumberland Valley Lead Footers - Anne Gale A traditional event is scheduled for September 19 in Mt Holly Springs which is located between Carlisle and Gettysburg. It is being held in conjunction with “Holly Days” which is the town’s annual festival. The YRE at Caledonia State Park has about 65 participants and the seasonal swim event has about 2

Liberty Bell Wanderers – Dave Brown There are three Traditional Events upcoming: [1] Octoberfest at Bear Creek Mountain Resort, Sunday September 20; [2] State Parks Weekend, October 23-25 (Fort Washington, Norristown Farm Park, Tyler and Evansburg; and [3] New Year’s Eve Fireworks group walk in Philadelphia.

Penn Dutch Pacers - Peter Byrne. All of the Penn Dutch Pacers’ YREs have been sanctioned for 2016. The Susquehannock State Park YRE is doing well. We have two walks scheduled between now and the end of the year. Walk one is the third leg of the Enola Low Grade Rail Trail, Saturday September 26, starting from the Providence Church, 269 Cinder Rd, New Providence, PA (west of Quarryville). This leg of the rail trail has been surfaced with fine stone dust, so the walking should be very pleasant; The second walk covers downtown and surrounding suburbs in Lancaster, Saturday December 5, starting from Isaac’s Deli, 25 N. Queen St, Lancaster. The theme of this walk is passing buildings designed by Lancaster’s premier architect, C. Emlen Urban. The Pacers annual meeting will be held Wednesday January 20, 2016

at Isaac's Deli in Granite Run, Manheim Pike, Lancaster. All are welcome to attend as we elect new officers.

Nittany Nomads – Joan for Bev Molnar. We are considering a weekend event, similar to those in the past, probably the last weekend of September 2016 [football game away].

Penn Mary Walkers The first walk in Bedford on August 22 attracted 64 registrants with help from Pennsylvania and Maryland. Two walks are sanctioned for 2016: a Traditional Event - Rockwood – Great Allegheny Passage and a Seasonal at Shawnee State Park, Bedford.

Susquehanna Rovers – Louise for Sue Wheeler All of the Rovers 2016 YRE's have been sanctioned with the exclusion of Bloomsburg and Lewisburg. We added a new YRE in Mechanicsburg to begin in 2016. We have several traditional events planned for the remainder of 2015: [1] Eagles Mere PA, located in Sullivan County, September 26 and 27; [2] Linglestown PA, in conjunction with the town's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary we will sponsor a traditional walk the weekend of October 10-11; and [3] Hershey Walkfest will occur November 27 and 28, featuring four walks: Annville, Hummelstown, and two in Hershey. Come out and join the Rovers!

York White Rose Wanderers – Tom for Pam Copenhaver All of our year round or seasonal walks have been sanctioned for 2016. Our next big event is the Gettysburg Haunted Weekend. Tom Jackson is the POC. There will be four walks and a swim. Our Christmas Party will be held on December 9 at Logan's Roadhouse. The Winter Walk is February 6-7, 2016. Within the next several months we hope to have other traditional walks sanctioned.

## **Other Business**

New Walk Theme – Bill Rhoat suggested designing events around a highway theme resembling the 2012-2013 KSVA Lincoln Highway program. Trails would pass through portions of other historic auto routes, such as the Lakes to Sea Highway, Roosevelt Highway, Susquehanna Trail, and William Penn Highway. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.

Also on the agenda next meeting is the State Parks Program for 2016-17. We agreed to continue the Program next year, but include different parks.

Per Participant Sanction Fee, two year trial -If you anticipate a low participant event [biking, snowshoe] or are thinking about dropping a walk with low numbers, consider this alternative. Instead of the \$20.00 / \$30.00 sanction fee for a year round / traditional event, AVA bills you \$1.00 per registrant, in addition to the \$1.25 credit fee. Tom can and would like to help with the sanctioning process.

## **Closing**

Attendees: Atlantic Regional : Tom Jackson

KSVA : Joan Lampart,-Pres. Marcy Lucas – VP, Pat Eby, Treas., Carol Talaga, Sec.

Clubs: Dave Brown – LBW Pres., Louise Clouser - Rovers delegate, William Rhoat – Auditor

The next meeting is November 28 at 2 pm, at the Hershey Walkfest. Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.