

Maryland Volkssport Association

Saturday, October 8, 2011 Savage Branch Library, Savage, Maryland

Officers Present:

President, Bob Schmick; Vice President, Skip Coburn; Treasurer, Kenneth Wilson, Secretary, Steven Arnett, and Dennis Lynch guest scribe for the minutes.

Club Delegates:

Sandi Cahill (WDCAVC), Rich Long (Columbia), Sandy Lynch (WWW Club), Jim McDonald (MVA Website), Diane Messer (Amblers), and Jerry Baugher (Piedmont Pacers).

The Meeting was called to order at 1:07 PM by President Bob Schmick

Bob greeted all in attendance. There were no new attendees.

REPORTS

Minutes from the July 9, 2011 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Ken Wilson presented the monthly balance sheets for July, August, and September 2011. The balance as of September 28, 2011 was \$3440.16. The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Start Cards: clubs are requested to use up old cards. The MVA will supply new cards when they are needed.

Ken Wilson: Ken's wife died on September 27, 2011. Burial will occur on November 8, 2011 at Arlington Cemetery. No flowers please.

Steve Arnett: Steve is recovering from brain surgery, and is having difficulty writing at this time. Dennis Lynch is standing in to take notes. Thank you Dennis.

Future of the Sport: Clubs should spread brochures to doctor's offices. Take them to your club meetings, and ask your members to spread them around. The Future of the Sport committee has been abolished.

OLD BUSINESS

Facebook: Clubs should have a presence on Facebook by having a fan page. Click on "like" on your page for ads. Wendy Bumgardner will set up your fan page for you.

Event Stamps: There no longer is a limit on the number of times an event can be done for "event credit". There will no longer be a "+" sign requirement on event stamps.

Event Sanctions: The YRE sanction requests are due by October 31, 2011. Changes to YREs are also due. The Odenton YRE will not be renewed.

NEW BUSINESS

Trail Rating: The trail rating system has been revised by the AVA. Details on this and other issues can be found in "This and That" in Checkpoint. Sam Tollett has also been sending this information along in e-mails.

Schedule Conflicts - Baltimore Health Expo and the Atlantic Region Conference. There is a date conflict between the next scheduled Expo/walk, and the Atlantic Region Conference on March 17 and 18th, 2012. This issue still needs to be resolved.

Future MVA Meetings: December 31st, Columbia, MD. Spring 2012 is currently TBD, but perhaps will be in Annapolis. Clubs are encouraged to volunteer a potential location.

CLUB REPORTS

Annapolis Amblers: The Amblers currently have a walk scheduled for Annapolis on December 10th to view the annual Boat Parade.

Columbia: The Columbia Club has two events sanctioned in 2011 and 2012.

Freestate: The Freestate club has five events sanctioned in 2011 and 2012. Their next event will be the annual New Year's Eve and New Year's Day events in Columbia, MD.

Greenbelt: The Greenbelt club has two events sanctioned in 2011/2012.

Piedmont Pacers: The Piedmont Club has one event sanctioned for 2011/2012.

Potomac River Volksmarching Club: The Potomac Club has no events sanctioned for 2011/2012.

Seneca Valley Sugarloafers: The Seneca Club has five events sanctioned for 2011/2012.

Washington DC: The Mall YRE now includes the new Martin Luther King Memorial. The next event is the annual Scottish Parade event on December 3rd.

WorldWide Walking Club: The WWW Club is sponsoring events in January and February 2012 in San Juan, PR; St. Thomas, VI; and St. Croix, VI.

Send copies of brochures to Rich Long for inclusion on the Internet.

The meeting was closed at 2:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Steven K. Arnett, Secretary with thanks to Dennis Lynch