

MINUTES OF THE HAPPY WANDERERS BI-MONTHLY MEETING  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 2011

Meeting was called to order by the President at 6:42 p.m. There were 27 in attendance--three attended the orientation: Angela Claveb and returning members Bridget Marrotte and Victor Passarello. President Stokes welcomed everyone.

Agenda approved.

SECRETARY: Minutes were approved as published.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Quarterly Report: Beginning balance \$6,773.69, Income \$3,616.29, Expenditures \$5,408.11, Ending balance \$4,981.87. Income included \$398 from year round events, \$340 from membership and \$35.07 miscellaneous. Expenditures included insurance, sanction fees for 2011, after action dues, supplies ordered from AVA, and a \$600 scholarship to Daytona State Culinary College.

VICE PRESIDENT: Absent--report read by the President. Walk Boxes: all walk directions have been updated, removing expired special programs, and have been sent to the POC's along with the 2011 slugs. Volusia Mall has been removed and Palatka added. Since Pat Burke is temporarily unavailable because of health, Mt. Dora POC will be Diane Techman and DeLand will be Pat Hodgkins. The Flagler box will now be kept at Big Al's Bait Shop. Ponce Inlet Year Round: Karen reported a complaint was received because the Marine Science Center was closed Dee will check and come up with how to change the directions when the Science Center is closed and send the information to Marvin. Savannah: John Sewell wishes to resign as POC for the Savannah area boxes and Marvin and Bill will assume responsibility until a new POC is found. Marvin is contacting Rita Jones who lives in Hilton Head as a possible replacement. Year Round Brochures: A few have been printed for the walk boxes and more will be available in March. Office Depot Reward Program has been changed again. The maximum number of ink cartridges which can be processed each month is 20 @ \$2 each; therefore we get only \$120 reward dollars each quarter. If purchasing items from Office Depot, use 386.676.9863 (Bill's Number) and keep in your cell phone or reward number 1586394395.

PRESIDENT/AVA TREASURER: AVA has a new communication: THE OPEN DOOR AVA's Community Forum. "If you ever have a question that you would like your fellow Volkssporters to respond to, please feel free to let us know, and we'll include it in the Shout Out! section." Samples from the last Shout Out: Susan Till, Atlantic Region: focus on families to promote family communication and model fitness. Sue Kenyon, Atlantic Region, Focus on youth. The subject for next Shout Out: new technology issues to be considered for the organization. What would you like to see on the new website? would you participate in a real-time, list-serve or blog with your fellow Volkssporters? What about a Volkssporting application for smart phones, electronic volkssporting, such as using virtual stamps and trail routes? Send your thoughts to AVA for the Shout Out portion of THE OPEN DOOR.

OLD BUSINESS: Adopt-A-Family: Alice reported on the two families we helped this year. Even though the youngest children were 8 years old, the parents did want Santa to come. One family had 4 boys including twins. The house is being repossessed since both parents have lost their jobs. The children were polite and each opened one present. All were happy. The second family also had twins and another girl who was away at the grandmothers. All were appreciative. One child commented "you guys are awesome". Turkey and all the trimmings were also given to each family. The experience was rewarding to the Happy Wanderers who attended.

Newsletter: Is in the mail and on the website. We are doing the newsletter every three months instead of two months to cut down on printing and postage expenses. Salley requested the listing of officers and department heads be reinstated.

Nominating Committee: Slate will be published in March, voted on in May and installed in July as that is the start of our fiscal year. Bill (Vice President) and Salley (Treasurer) have said they will remain in office. Lois (Secretary) will not remain. We do have a candidate for Secretary--Kay Musette. Marvin would like for someone to step forward for President. "If there is someone who would like to learn the job, I will be glad to help until they feel comfortable. I will continue to help in any way I can. Maybe it is time to bring some new ideas and fresh blood into the Club Officers' ranks. I will continue if there is no one who wants to experience a challenge."

GOING NORTH FOR THE SUMMER: Karen reported there is a meeting on the 15th of the Committee: Bill, Larry, Karen, and Bob who will replace Mary Ann for this year. Theme is: Meandering the Rivers. The dates set out by Marvin are o.k. The committee members work to lay out trails, write out directions, etc. and they would like more participation by the club members.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 22 -- Green Springs Park, Deltona/Enterprise. 9-11 a.m. registration

Park next to the Park at the Community/Senior Center. 5K and 10K walks. There is a L live oak canopy on the road to get into the park. Walk will include history and Thornby.

February 5 -- HW Workshop at All Saints Lutheran Church. Break into groups with facilitators. Plan on being there and bring your ideas! 9 a.m. to noon

March 10 -- Bi-Monthly Meeting, P. O. Presbyterian Church, 6 p.m.

March 26 -- Hontoon Island State Park, DeLand. Supportive walk year round sponsored by FVA Walk Florida State Parks. Suggest car pooling as parking is limited. 9-11 a.m. registration.

April 29-May 1 -- planning Tallahassee trip. Semi-annual FVA meeting at Maclay Gardens State Park in Tallahassee. Do Capitol walk, Maclay year round, attend meeting (optional). Leave Friday April 29, return Sunday May 1 and walk year round at Stephen Foster State Park.

Two nights in Tallahassee Trying to keep cost below \$200 and include some dinners, etc.

May 12 -- Bi-Monthly Meeting, P. O. Presbyterian Church. Election of Officers.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Membership: Please renew as soon as possible so our records can be brought up to date.

Renewal form is in newsletter and on the website. Postcards will be sent in February for those who have not renewed.

Assistance Needed: We need volunteers to help and be back up for those in charge of activities or services such as Food Coordinator, Specialties, etc.

FVA T-shirt: \$12, XXL \$13. Bob will have these in Specialties. They will be available all the time as we do can order only a dozen at a time as needed.

Blue Brochures: Are being updated showing changes of year rounds and will be available soon.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.