

THE HAPPY WANDERERS WALKING CLUB, INC.
Business Meeting Minutes
Thursday November 6th, 2014 @ 6:30 PM

A roll call of officers was taken.

Minutes of the last membership meeting on September 16th were announced were now on the club's website. No corrections and or additions were needed, thus the required approval was given.

A reminder to the membership was the following:

Dan Spink was Vice President and thus resigned his former Member-at-Large position. Bill Ellis appointed Robert Priest as the new Member-at-Large

Vice President's report was given:

Blue dots will no longer be allowed as of 2015 due to the club's shortage of funds.

Business cards – Who are you? Old Happy Wanderers contact cards are being updated with the current officer's names and in-addition are being made more generic to solve a universal need. Contacts are currently being made to find out who printed the previous cards. Dan Spink/Vice President officially volunteered to donate the funds needed to allow for such an idea to be possible. As he stated, "put them in your handy name pouch!"

Treasurer's report was given:

The 2nd quarter ending balance was \$3,004.66. At the end of October, the balance stood at \$1,698.19, of which \$1,125.00 was for the Walk Around Florida dinners. The club would be getting those funds back. Recent high expenses were for Insurance and Storage. There was also a decrease in membership. As a reminder, Barbara Anderson/Treasurer wanted all to know that the newspaper advertisements for our walks that Member/Marianne Westbrook in charge of publicity was bringing in new members. Fact was that for each walker that pays \$3 to walk, \$1.25 of that goes to the AVA along with a quarterly fee of \$5.00 for each YRE. We have received \$204 to date from the 3rd quarter from our walks. During the summer months, walking revenue was exceptionally low and the end result is that the club loses money.

YRE Walk Coordinator's report was given:

November 11th walk will be a 6pm. New Year's Eve walk will be on Dec. 31st at Kohl's due to unfortunately permits being needed at the Pavilion location. 2015 walk schedule has been prepared and 6 months of it will be released to be published. Cancelled walks will be used for future Special Event walks. First Coast Trail Forgers has scheduled a 3 day walk in January; it was suggested that those interested go on-line for more information. Gloria Pratt/YRE Walk Coordinator wanted to thank Robert Priest/Member-at-Large for his assistance with the processing of numerous brochures using "Publisher". An AVA St. Augustine walk has been scheduled at 10:11 AM on December 13, 2014 (hence the 10,11,12,13,14 unique identifier). Barbara Anderson/Treasurer sadly mentioned that the club missed the special shirt order cut-off deadline. She also wanted all members to know that that walk is specific, and all walkers must "BE" presently walking at the designated 10:11 AM time to be considered validated.

President's report was given:

Web – Bill Ellis/President wanted to remind everybody that former President Mike Duhlstine did not want to continue to do the website. Since then, Dan Spink/Vice-President gathered all parties that were interested and had a meeting at his home which also included Bill Ellis. After numerous questions and careful consideration, the member best suited for the position was Member/David McCarthy. A new Special Event Coordinator Member/Sandy Krause met with Bill Ellis and Gloria Pratt/YRE Coordinator one week ago. She will be overseeing both the Veteran's Day walk and the New Year Eve's walk. Recent Walk Around Florida was a huge success. There were 17-18 club members in Cocoa Beach. There were 4 walks over 3 days. Mike Lanpher from the Mid Florida Milers was largely responsible for picking up the slack when it came to our club and the unfortunate occurrence of certain deadlines having passed without responsibility being successfully met. Next year the event will take place at the Villages and the Mid Florida Milers will be the host club.

NEW BUSINESS

New Webmaster -David McCarthy spoke about the present status of the up-coming website. It is currently 80-85% complete. Pictures of officers are needed. When you Google "Walking Club Daytona" now, our club comes out on top. Home page is completely done, and you will be able to get access to anywhere from it. Gallery is now more functional. There is also on the home page, graphics of other clubs which will allow you access to their website. Working with Member/John McClellan to make the Facebook link also work successfully. The deadline for the Go Daddy former site to go down is December 18th. David did not see where that would be a problem.

Wednesday Fun Walks – Bob Allen/Member-at-Large mentioned on the new revised Release of Liability form will now be used on the Wed PM walks. He stated that it was a lot to read in small print and that he and Dan Spink/Vice-President would have copies. As a rule, all used sheets would need to be kept by the club for a period of 7 years. In addition, for any walker under 18, the parent or guardian must sign the log sheet on their behalf.

Facebook – John McClellan/Club's Facebook Page Creator could not be present at the club's membership meeting but drafted up notes that he asked his wife Sheila to go over. HW Facebook Update – There are currently 38 members, including several from broader AVA. Anyone can write on the page so Post Your Pictures!! Several of our upcoming events are listed under "events." You can RSVP electronically by clicking there and saying "GOING." There is no cost to the club. For 2014, ways to consider advertising our club before year end would be at the Volusia County Fair in Deland and any other Holiday festivals whereby, we might want to give out New Walker Packets. Other highlights of John's list consisted of the following: MEET-UP.com. and upcoming 2015 events to consider. For those interested, copies will be available at the next membership meeting in January 2015.

Christmas Party – Treasurer/Barbara Anderson and this year's Xmas party creator and coordinator wanted the membership to know that a flyer would go out via e-mail by Member/Karen Duhlstine. The party has been scheduled on Friday December 19th, at 7-10 pm. The location would be at the VFW on Williamson in Port Orange which comfortably holds 200 people. The hired DJ will also do Karaoke. There will be a cash bar at only .25 above what the VFW members pay themselves. This would include beer, wine, and assorted liquors. It will be a catered affair by Luigi's. There will a gift drawing of which half the members will end up getting a gift (gag or nice). The fee of \$30 per person would include food, gifts, and entertainment. Also, no BYOB!!! as they have a liquor license. Barbara asked for volunteers the day of the party for table set up and decorations, all of which would need to be put back in the end as it was found. If found not to be the case, the club would lose its deposit of \$75 to properly reset-up the room.

Thanksgiving or Christmas Food – Dan Spink/Vice-President spoke up about possibilities for this year's food drive. Per Bill Ellis/President, wanted to vote for The Council on Aging. Sally Hobling/Member suggested we do the same group (Urban Ministry) as last year. Gloria Pratt/YRE Walk Coordinator mentioned that we did not get a call back last year. Also mentioned were also the 2nd Harvest Food Bank and the Salvation Army. Questioned was what times of year the club wanted to do it for, Thanksgiving or Christmas. The present membership agreed that Christmas be the designated

holiday. Bob suggested that this year the club's Xmas party be the cut-off for donations. Members would be allowed to bring items on the 19th. Member/ Joanne Beauregard inquired if cash and or food gift cards were allowed. Russ Anderson/Member said yes since it helps to fill in what does not get donated. Gloria asked that Karen be notified to be a separate e-mail to all members.

Barbara Anderson/Treasurer agreed that that way it would get more attention. Member/Barbara Anderson suggested that a list of needed foods could be made available. She continued by describing how their church (Happy Wanderers Membership Meetings location) helps homeless families at the local Silver Sands school. Comments from the membership then started to be voiced and in the end it was agreed that the club's designated food drive charity be the same Silver Sands School with Dan Spink/Vice President and Bob Allen/Member-at-Large responsible for collecting all donated items.

Meeting was adjourned.

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The meeting having been slightly delayed started at 6:40 pm, the sign-in and later count verified there were 17 members present. Due to the noted absence of President Larry Middleton, Bill Ellis/Vice-President took a seat at the head table to make it official. Bill verbally stated that he would do his best to fill in since he was not aware that Larry would not be present. Marie Priest/Secretary took note that all officers except for the President were in attendance. Bill asked Barbara Anderson/newly appointed Treasurer to give the financial status report.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Barbara stated that as of the new fiscal year July 1st, the opening balance was \$4,303.92. She commented that August was a big month for expenses as they totaled \$964.87. The larger expenses consisted of the quarterly charges by the AVA for our walks, and the club's liability insurance which Barbara added, almost doubled from last year. A smaller expense which she felt was notable was the \$100 the club donated to the Church for our club's usage of their meeting room. Income was only \$24 of which \$20 came from the AVA as a reimbursement for sanctioned fees previously paid. Thus, the ending balance for the period amounted to \$3,575.20.

OPEN AGENDA/BY DEFAULT

- **OFFICE DEPOT GIFT CERTIFICATES** Bill/Vice-President wanted to quickly announce that he had, (as a result of the club's credit from various sources) 2-\$20 gift certificates that would be expiring too soon for the club to gain any use from them. He inquired to the present membership if there was anyone who would be interested in purchasing them at a discount of \$18 each. It was Dan Spink/Co-Member at Large that agreed to the purchase price.

- **INSURANCE** Marie Priest/Secretary stated that she had a recollection that the need for the club's insurance was mentioned during our last President's reign. Specifically she mentioned that it was stated that the club at one time used to have a liability waiver that was signed by all that attended the Wednesday PM walks but that it was not being utilized any longer. Bill/Vice-President stated that he also remembered something to that effect and that when Mike Duhlstine came on board in 2011 it was, he who uncovered a gap in what the AVA's insurance covered. Dave Golden/member then spoke up and clearly stated that he felt that before we change anything freely, we as a club should make sure that we cover all immediate exposure. Topic was left open and the present membership agreed it was a topic that should be specifically re-addressed.

- **DISCONTINUED WALKS** Bill/Vice-President announced that at the prior executive meeting it was decided that 4 of the club's walks would be discontinued due to decreased usage/activity. As a result, the club would be able to save on various fees for each location and that they also would no longer be considered sanctioned walks as of

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12/31/14. The 4 walks consisted of following: The Palm Coast, Palatka, Ormond Beach/Central Park,

and South Daytona locations. Angie Clavelo/member asked if the Port Orange walk was still going to be redone. Marie/Secretary answered yes that Gloria Pratt and Bob Allen/members both agreed to take on that task at the last executive meeting.

- HW PUBLICITY Mary-Ann Westbrook/member wanted to state for the record that the City Island Walk in Daytona had been unfortunately erroneously promoted as having a starting point at the library in error when the starting point should be at the usual parking lot location.
- As a consideration to any new visitors, she felt we as members we should make it a point to make sure no walkers are left behind. Also, Mary-Ann confirmed that the upcoming WAF was also being publicized with both Larry and Bill's phone numbers listed for those wanting to inquire.
- UPCOMMING WAF Dave Golden/member questioned whether our website would be providing a link to the other clubs since we had nothing posted on ours to date. Barbara Anderson/Treasurer answered yes but until the final details were finalized her suggestion was to directly go to the other two clubs (Mid-Florida Milers and Suncoast Sandpipers) websites.
- MEMBERS Bill/Vice-President wanted to announce the newest additions to the Happy Wanderers membership. He asked that everybody please welcome John and Sheila McCellan from Port Orange. Also, Bill stated that a welcome back is in order for members Dave and Janice Golden.

The membership meeting then came to an early end at 7:10 PM due to the unforeseen occurrence. No mention of a future meeting date was made at that time.