

**The Happy Wanderers Walking Club, Inc.**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
**November 10, 2016**

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President John McClellan called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM. There was a quorum present. (137 members = 14 needed; 18 signed-in.)

**Secretary's Report.** The Secretary was not present. Copies of September minutes are on the tables. Karen Duhlstine made a motion to accept the minutes. Angie seconded. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report.** Barb reported club balance \$3639.87. Meetup.com membership and the annual Post Office box rent were renewed. John added that our IRS Form 990-E electronic "postcard" filing for fiscal year ending 30 June 2015 has been filed.

**Vice-President's Report.** The Positions of Treasurer and Secretary Positions need to be filled in May 2017 and take office in July. Please consider volunteering! We cannot operate the club without a President and Treasurer. Our President needs your help. If you'd like more information, please ask John McClellan or Dan Spink.

Our annual holiday food drive is now in progress. Canned goods (meat, fruit) welcome. Gift cards accepted –

several homeless children need necessities; gift cards will be used. Do NOT write a check to the Happy Wanderers. Cash, Gift Card or check made out to The Port Orange Presbyterian Church – Memo line: Annual Food Drive.

Christmas Party – December 16th 7 – 10 PM; \$25 ticket – if you attended last year, your price is \$20.00 At the VFW – 5820 South Williamson Blvd. Port Orange FL. Chairwoman Isabella reported Christmas Party Preparations are underway. Caterer will be Dustin's BBQ, if we have 50 + attendees Dussin's will serve.

All attendees are asked to bring a dessert. We will have a skit & games. Volunteer to be in the skit – 8 people needed, so far Eddie, Dan, Sheila – let us go frustrated Thespians! She cannot do it alone — she needs committee members.

Click on this link for the flyer ~ print it out, tear off the lower third:

<https://docs.google.com/viewerng/viewer?url=http://gator4082.hostgator.com/~wanderer/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/Happy-Wanderers-xmas16.pdf&hl=en>

Make check made payable to: Happy Wanderers Walking Club, Inc.

Mail no later than Nov 30, 2016 and please put "XMAS Party" in the memo line.

Mail to 1925 Van Cleef Road • Deland FL • 32720

**YRE Coordinator Report.** Gloria reminded members to please note the different start times for our Christmas Lights Walks in December: December 4th 2PM Mount Dora; December 18th 2PM St. Augustine

St. Augustine experience damage from Hurricane Matthew – during walk, the route might be adjusted.

FYI – Our former Start box host – The Shrine Gift Shop, is closed due to water damage.

No HW New Year's Eve Day Walk Dec. 31, 2016.

Holiday Weekends – it has been club policy not to have a Sunday Walk scheduled during a long weekend. What does the club think about this policy? Discussion ensued. YRE coordinator will schedule one walk over a holiday weekend – we will evaluate the turn out.

The Mid-Florida Milers New Year's Day Walk at Disney. Look here for more info:

<http://midfloridamilers.org/index.html>

For 2017, The Happy Wanderers will have 13 Walks, 2 Bike Routes and 1 Swim event Sanctioned with the AVA.

AVA has two new Special Programs for 2017 <http://www2.ava.org/futureprog.php> Ice Cream Parlors and Underground Railroad.

MLK Weekend January 14, 15,16 2017 3 Walk Weekend. No Group Walk scheduled.

Member-at- Large. Not present. John McClellan gave report – 25th Anniversary Visors are ordered. Will be distributed during Christmas party and during the January Walks. Winter Apparel – working on the long sleeve T-shirts. Flashlights! Do not forget to bring your flashlight to the Wednesday Fun Walk.

**Specialties.** T-shirts are available at every walk – just ask Maureen. Boutique store is available 1st Wednesday walk of every month. HW brought IVV Event and Distance books to the WAF26, we made \$82 in sales.

**Membership.** The Happy Wanderers Membership is at 137 members. Dues (\$15/individual \$20/family) are due now. If you joined in Oct., Nov., or Dec. – you are paid through 2017 (nothing due at this time.)

**Website.** Would you like to see something added to the web site, please email David McCarthy [hopencc@cfl.rr.com](mailto:hopencc@cfl.rr.com) ?

**President's Report.** WAF26. Weather was fantastic. Almost 100 walkers attended each of the 4 walks. The event is in the Black financially, exact numbers soon. Discussion ensued on the fun everyone had. WAF 2017 – The Happy Wanderers will be hosting, St. Augustine, FL.

FVA – Florida Volkssporting Association – Annual meeting was held immediately following the WAF26 event. President John McClellan and Vice-President Dan Spink attended. Several Board positions are termed out. A request was made for applicants

Nov 19th The Mid-Florida Milers are walking our YRE. DeLand Library 130 E. Howry Ave. DeLand FL 32724 Meet in the parking lot. Start between 9:30 and 10:00am. No Group Walk.

The Deland Art Festival is taking place that day.

Nov. 25th Opt-Outside Black Friday – 2 years ago REI started a movement – all stores are closed on Black Friday and its employees get a paid day off to #OptOutside. Join the movement – instead on shopping, go for a walk! Join the Mid-Florida Milers on Black Friday Nov. 25th meet at 8:30AM @ Blue Spring State Park – walk at 9AM. This is a group walk. No food provided. POC Bill Ellis.

MLK Weekend. Saturday, Sunday, Monday – January 16, 17, 18; 2017. Planning is underway for a 3-walk weekend.

Saturday – Blue Spring State Park, Sunday – DeLeon Springs State Park & Monday – Deland, FL (FYI – the Deland walk will be slightly different walk than our usual YRE walk.) No social events planned. No meals planned. No pre-registration. Volunteers will be needed, please check web site (not yet) for positions and times. In the past, Flora-Bama (Orange Beach AL – ended 2 years ago after 20 years of hosting) MLK weekend attracted 300 participants. We are not going to get those number our first-year hosting, but the hope is to be the destination for out of state Volksmarchers who want a January Florida Weekend.

Print out brochure for Times and Directions:

<https://docs.google.com/viewerng/viewer?url=http://gator4082.hostgator.com/~wanderer/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/MLK-Weekend-Flyer-16.pdf&hl=en>

President's Weekend February 17, 18, 19 Panama City Beach FL The Emerald Coast Volkssport Club & The Pensacola Volkssport Club are hosting 6 Walks on or near sugar white sands around the Panama City Beach area. One on Friday, Two on Saturday, Two on Sunday and one Monday, plus nearby YRE's. Print out brochure for times and directions:

[http://www.firstcoasttrailforgerswalkingclub.org/FL%20Panhandle%202\\_12\\_2016.pdf](http://www.firstcoasttrailforgerswalkingclub.org/FL%20Panhandle%202_12_2016.pdf)

Are you interested in attending but do not want to drive 450 miles? The Mid-Florida Milers are considering running a BUS Cost \$105/per person. Bus will pick up in Port Orange, drive to Orlando pick up Milers and be on our way.

They need to know ASAP. Send an email to: [mianpher@cfl.rr.com](mailto:mianpher@cfl.rr.com) now. Mail a deposit of \$60, make check out to the Mid-Florida Milers – memo line: President's Day Bus Trip.

AVA American Volkssporting Association has a new DBA (Doing Business As) name: AVA:America's Walking Club. Watch for the new tag line, same organization. The National Board Meeting of the AVA is taking place in January. Does anyone have an issue they would like to bring to the AVA attention? No issues for the AVA.

SE RD (Southeast Regional Director) attended WAF26 – he announced he was running for AVA President. (His term as RD has termed out.) 2 people are now running, the other Bob Wright, Maryland.) HW will vote at the March Meeting and let the Stollberg's know who we want them to vote for. AVA 2017 Convention will be held in Billings, MT June 7th – 9th. HW Members Alan and Martha Stollberg (West Palm Beach) are attending the convention and have agreed to attend the meeting and make the HW Vote. Thank you, Alan and Martha!

This holiday season, when shopping online, contribute to the AVA or a different charity of your choice.

Amazon Smile: <https://smile.amazon.com/> or GoodShop powered by Google:

<https://www.goodsearch.com/goodshop>

Any New Business? No new business.

Dan Spink motioned to adjourn the HW General Membership Meeting. Barbara Anderson seconded. Motion Passed.

The Happy Wanderers General Membership ended 7:25PM

The next meeting will be January 5th, 2017 6:30PM Port Orange Presbyterian Church Port Orange, FL.

**THE HAPPY WANDERERS WALKING CLUB, INC.**  
**Business Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, September 8, 2016 @ 6:30 PM**

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President John McClellan welcomed everybody and called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm, affirming that a quorum existed. (21 of 129 members present)

**Secretary's Report:** Secretary was not present. Copies of July minutes are on the tables and posted to our website. Dan Spink made a motion to accept the minutes. Mary-Ann Westbrook seconded. Motioned passed.

**Treasurer Report:** Reported club balance \$3,973.00 recent payments include our insurance bill for Fun Walks, which has increased to \$400/yr., and last quarter's AVA walk fees.

**Vice-President Report:**

(1) Treasurer and Secretary Positions are open in July. Please consider volunteering.

If you would like more information, please ask John McClellan or Dan Spinks.

(2) Christmas Party – December 16th 7 – 10 PM \$25, in the Banquet Room of the VFW, 5820 South Williamson Blvd. Port Orange FL. Chairwoman Isabella Marshall reported Christmas Party preparations are underway. She cannot do it alone — committee members are needed!!

Discounts — if you attended last year, your price is \$20.

sign up by October 31, 2016 and receive a 10% discount.

Caterer will be Dustin's BBQ. If we have 50 + attendees, Dustin's will serve. All attendees are asked to bring a dessert. We will have a skit, games, and crafts. If you have any excess Christmas Cards that you would like to donate to the Military, please bring them. During the evening we will fill them out. We need a volunteer to mail, Isabella has the address. Volunteers to be in the skit – 8 people needed, so far Eddie, Dan, Sheila – come on Thespian wannabees! Here is the flyer ~ print it out, tear off the lower third:

<https://docs.google.com/viewerng/viewer?url=http://gator4082.hostgator.com/~wanderer/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/Happy-Wanderers-xmas16.pdf&hl=en>

**YRE Coordinator's Report:** Our 4th Quarter Walk Schedule has been distributed and is on the web site. (The Calendar Print Version is under construction.)

(1) October 1st, 2016 The Starting Point for the St. Augustine YRE is changing! The Start Box will be across the street at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel St. Augustine Historic District-116 San Marco Avenue, St Augustine, FL. Park in large parking lot at 27 Ocean Ave and carefully cross the street.

(2) October 22 – Join the Mid Florida Milers Traditional Event in Sanford 5K & 10K start between 9:00-10:00 am. Sign up for lunch here:

<https://helpersignup.com/s/822a7b87a0e8cd43f6c6a5d66996c5a6>

(3) Veterans Day Friday November 11, 2016 Traditional Walk Torch Walk. POC needed!! Ask Gloria or John or Dan for more information on being a POC for this yearly walk.

(4) Walk Around Florida (WAF) 26 – WAF26 Tampa Trails & Havana Nights

November 4 to November 6, 2016. If you are attending, please consider giving 2 hours of your time to volunteer and help run this event.

Sign up here: <https://helpersignup.com/s/903f30a343f8733d27970124fd7d0b25>

Ask John McClellan if you have any questions.

(5) No Happy Wanderers New Year's Eve Day Walk Dec. 31, 2016. Start your year with a walk! Join the Mid-Florida Milers New Year's Day Walk at Disney. Look for time and start point on their web site – it's not on there yet but keep checking: <http://midfloridamilers.org/index.html>

(6) For 2017, The Happy Wanderers will have 13 Walks, 2 Bike Routes and 1 Swim event Sanctioned with the AVA.

(7) AVA has two new Special Programs for 2017 <http://www2.ava.org/futureprog.php>  
Ice Cream Parlors – starts January 1, 2017 and book sales continue until December 31, 2019.  
Participation and redemption of this book will end December 31, 2020.  
Underground Railroad starts January 1, 2017 and book sales continue until December 31, 2019.  
Participation and redemption of this book will end December 31, 2020.  
(8) MLK Weekend January 16,17,18 2017 Planning is underway for a 3-walk weekend – Blue Springs,  
DeLeon Springs and a third walk, to be determined.

**Member-at-Large:** (Robert Priest)

We have a new supplier for our Boutique. Looking for ideas for our winter boutique – if you have any ideas let Robert or Maureen know. One idea – Flashlights with our logo. Our new supplier can provide long sleeve T-shirts but the colors available are limited. Discussion, and a list circulated to collect member's ideas for new apparel or accessories.  
President John McClellan called a break. Vice President Dan Spink invited everyone to come up and enjoy a cookie. Next to the cookies, members found the sign-up sheet for the Port Orange Family Days 2016 all openings were filled. THANK YOU!!!

**President's Report:**

(1) Family Days 1-2 OCT. Flyers for Family Days are available on the table.  
Triathlon sign up ends September 23rd. Triathlon Medals are available for the first 25 to sign up.  
(2) WAF26. The Barrymore Hotel.com 813-223-1351 is filling up fast, call soon to make your reservation.  
When filling out the Registration, only check one box for a cigar box award – there is only one award for the whole weekend. If you are attending WAF26, please give 2 hours of your time to help run the event.

Sign up here: <https://helpersignup.com/s/903f30a343f8733d27970124fd7d0b25>

(3) Membership: The Happy Wanderers membership count is 131 members.  
(4) Wednesday Fun Walks. In the past year, 20% (30) of the new walkers (150) on Wednesday became members.  
(5) Web Site – Would you like to see something added to the web site, please email David McCarthy. [hopemcc@cfl.rr.com](mailto:hopencc@cfl.rr.com)  
(6) Planning Meeting for 2017 – A productive and informative meeting. Thank you to all who attended. Discussed the MLK weekend. The Palm Coast Walk and Bike. Decided to limit the Traditional Events for 2017 to MLK, Veterans Day and Walk Around Florida.  
(7) AVA 2017 Convention will be held in Billings, MT June 7th – 9th. Hotel is fully booked; for reference (to find another hotel nearby) it is located at 1223 Mullowney lane Billings, MT. Members Alan and Martha Stollberg are attending the convention and have agreed to be our club delegate for voting. This will involve sitting in on meetings – Thank you Alan and Martha!  
(8) WAF 2017. The Happy Wanderers will be hosting. General discussion on possible location.

Dan Spink made a motion for the location to be St. Augustine, FL.  
Isabella seconded the motion. Motion Passed. (Unanimous vote.)

No further New Business from the Audience was heard.  
Dinner afterwards will be at Hooligans'.

The next meeting will be November 10, 2016.

Dee Covey made a motion to adjourn. Patti Martinez seconded.

Meeting Adjourned.

**THE HAPPY WANDERERS WALKING CLUB, INC.**  
**Business Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, July 7, 2016 @ 6:30 PM**

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President John McClellan welcomed everybody and called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm, affirming that a quorum existed. (16 of 126 members present)

**Secretary's Report:** (Sheila McClellan sitting in for Marie Priest.) Minutes of the last meeting on 5 May 2016 are on the table and are on the web site, though were only posted yesterday. Barbara Anderson made the motion to accept Seconded by Eddie Marshall. Motion Passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** (Barb Anderson). Barb reported that our start of 4th Quarter (1 Apr) balance was \$ 5,608; and our end of 4th Quarter / End of FY16 balance (30 June) was \$ 4,486. Summer participation is down due to the heat and so this is not unusual. Some of our expenditures included AVA Event fees paid for 1 Jan – 31 Mar, printing costs, storeroom rent and reserving our booth for Port Orange Family Days. The club insurance bill has yet to be paid. John added that the IRS changed web applications this year and as a registered 501 c. (4) with annual income below \$50k, we were required to re-enroll in the new system for the annual Form 990-e filing. We have successfully registered and will make our 2016 filing between now and 15 Nov now that the FY has ended.

**Vice-President's Report:** (Dan Spink) Participation in May and June for our Wednesday Walks averaged 23 walkers. Karen (membership) contacted Dan before the meeting and membership stands at 126 Members. (A note was made that at this time last year we were under 100.)

Dan thanked our new Specialty Chair, Maureen Higgins, for setting up the Boutique at the Wed walk on July 6th and at the tonight's meeting. Maureen asked if HW wanted the T-shirts sold more often the once a month. General agreement was that this would be nice. She also reported we are out of Ladies Medium.

Dan discussed the need for Volunteers at events the club is planning for this fall: Port Orange Family Days and WAF26. We have a Booth for Family Days (Oct 1/2) and will man this both days. Robert Priest is coordinating with John McClellan on planning. If you wish to Volunteer, please let Robert know. Also, a sign-up will be on the web site later.

**YRE Coordinator Report:** (Gloria Pratt) Patches for the AVA 40th Anniversary are still on sale – see specialties coordinator to purchase yours. (John had the remaining patches and passed them to Maureen, via Dan...)

The First Coast Trail Forgers of Jacksonville, FL has discontinued their practice of "free walkers" and will now charge \$3.00 per participant as we do. More on this later.

We have received permission from the Double Tree Hilton Hotel St. Augustine Historic District to host our YRE Start Box starting in October 2016. The change will give our walkers better availability hours. If anyone knows when we started having the Start Box at the Shrine of our Lady of Leche, please let Gloria Pratt [gloriajpratt@gmail.com](mailto:gloriajpratt@gmail.com) known for their Certificate of Appreciation. (Lois Shannon later said that she did the walk from there as far back as 1998.)

The Palm Coast YRE will re-start in 2017 and has a new POC – thank you to Robert St. Hillare. Gloria is also working on the renewals for our 13 current YRE's, due August 31st.

Port Orange Family Days is October 1st and 2nd.

Oct 22nd The Mid-Florida Milers, our sister volksmarching club in Orlando, will host a Traditional Event in Sanford. They would like to co-host with the Happy Wanderers if you can volunteer. Start Point will be the Willow Tree Restaurant. (FYI- The Happy Wanderers will be walking their YRE walk on Sept. 11th.)

Nov 4th, 5th, 6th mark your Calendars for WAF26 (Walk Around Florida). If you have already reserved a hotel room, please see John McClellan for a Registration Packet. WAF26 Volunteer sign on web site in August. Over 50 volunteers will be needed to run this weekend event ~ while enjoying the walks, please also sign up for to volunteer. Check our Web site for more information.

POCs are needed for both our Veteran's Day (Friday Nov 11th) and New Year's Eve (Saturday 31 Dec) walks.

**Member-at-Large Report:** (Robert Priest) showed an example of the medal he will be ordering for the Triathlon Event during Port Orange Family Days. Pre-Registration for the Triathlon will be mandatory, to order the correct number of medals. Two price points for Triathlon – one with medal/one without. Negotiating with a nutritionist to talk at our Family Days booth about nutrition. Also, to maybe offer blood pressure screenings.

Lois Shannon asked for a letter of appreciation be sent to the longtime former Palm Coast YRE POC's. Dan reminded all that we will need volunteers to man the booth Saturday 9am – 5 pm / Sunday 11am-4pm. Please consider giving 2 hours of your time to talk to people about our walks/help sell T-shirts. John added that the activities will include a guided bike ride on Saturday and walks Saturday morning and Sunday morning. Checkpoint volunteers will be needed. We are working with the Port Orange YMCA to arrange waiving the “guest” fee for accessing the pool for the swim event. The idea is to have a non-competitive Triathlon – Walk/Bike/Swim, in the tradition of volkssporting. The City of Port Orange is printing 13,000 flyers to promote Family Days, this is a major opportunity to increase our membership. Wear your club apparel!

### **Club Volunteer(s) Reports: (By exception)**

**VP reported for Publicity** – Walk Schedule through to September is out to the papers.

**VP reported for Web site** – Walk Schedule is on web site through September

**Newsletter** – Please have any submissions to Sheila McClellan by July 14<sup>th</sup>

**President's Report:** (John McClellan) John attended the AVA National Executive Council (NEC) meeting while in Texas for the 40th Anniversary of the first sanctioned volksmarch in America. The AVA Strategic 5 Year Plan has been approved by the NEC and apportioned out to the Standing Committees to set targets for each strategic goal/objective and start implementing.

On the motions concerning Free Walkers and Raising Walk fees, both were defeated. Free Walkers will continue to be permitted, without clubs having to pay the \$1.25 to AVA for their participation (vote: 7-6), and the cap of \$3.00 for event fees remains in place (vote: 9-4)

Online Start Box for YRE's – Trial is in progress. It was first rolled out 2 years ago in California. Register, pay, download map, and then print a stamped insert card using an online interface. Phase 2 to begin shortly in other states. The FVA (Florida Volksmarching Association) is looking into possibly implementing Online Start Boxes for their State Park Walks. The Mid-Florida Milers for some of their South Florida Walks, which are already run by remote “mail in” registration due to the distances involved.

A Planning Meeting for 2017 is scheduled for Saturday, 6 Aug from 9 AM to Noon at the “Lots of Panache” Bistro on Clyde Morris Blvd. All members are invited. Help your club plan for 2017. New voices welcome.

The Happy Wanderers are the lead club for WAF27 in '17. We will be picking the dates, location, hotel, planning the walks and the group dinner Saturday night. We need creative ideas for a location and theme. The locations currently under consideration are Daytona Beach, the Palm Beach area south of us, and St. Augustine, where we hosted back in 2011. At the WAF26 meeting in June, members of the other clubs expressed a very favorable impression of St. Augustine and how well HW did running those events in '11. Lois Shannon also suggested looking at Tallahassee. Daytona is close to home, but so far John has had no luck getting the International Speedway Special Events guy to talk about our idea of walking on the track itself. Seems unlikely we can get this. Palm Beach would be a “new” location for all (+) but is a long drive for all clubs. St. Augustine is well-like, closer to Jacksonville, the northern FL clubs, and the rest of the USA, and we have “been there, done that” and have files on those walks. After some further discussion, John stated that we would vote at the next meeting in September.

Christmas Party planning committee members are needed. Choose the food, place, collect the \$\$, decorate. During this discussion, some members expressed concern that \$30 each / \$60 per couple that has been charged the last 2 years is too expensive, and that we should consider reducing the cost by using the “potluck” format. John asked whether members preferred the “no work / volunteer reward” approach, or the “potluck / reduced cost” option. Members appeared to be leaning towards the latter.

The special 25th Anniversary Program books are no longer for sale. You can keep stamping the books until Dec. 31st. Visors will be ordered at that time. Your finished 25th anniversary books may be given to any officer.

The President opened floor for any further new business.

Gloria asked the chair to recognize our new members: Delores Browning and Sue Hockenberry.

Lois Shannon Motioned to Adjourn. Seconded by Sheila McClellan. Motion Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Where to Eat: Hooligans', on Dunlawton.



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**Business Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, May 5, 2016 @ 6:30 PM**

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President John McClellan welcomed everybody and called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm, affirming that a quorum existed. (15 of 115 members present)

**Secretary's Report:** Marie Priest verified that all officers were present. A motion then was given and also second to approve the minutes of the last membership meeting. Motion Passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Barbara Anderson announced the following:

- 4th Quarter started with \$5,608
- April's income was \$414 while the month's expenses were \$457
- Balance at 4/30/16 ended with \$5,565

Notes overall included: The club's annual Insurance expense of \$300 was upcoming, and the trip to Savannah ended in the black.

**Vice-President's Report:** Dan Spink spoke about the need for volunteers to run the Boutique and stated he had been in contact with some prospects.

Fun walks continue to do well with the average Wednesday walk count around 33 in March and April. He went on to state that a new idea for the Wednesday walks was to incorporate different themes rotating each week: Boutique, Wear club apparel, Bring a Friend and a 50/50 raffle.

Sunday walks are now on the summertime schedule with most starting at 8AM. Terry Kennedy stepped up to run an upcoming Ice Cream Walk at Venetian Bay in NSB. Port Orange Family Days/Saturday & Sunday Oct 1st and 2d – the Club will need assistance to run the walk during that time and alternate with the booth sitting that will be needed. November 4th-6th is the WAF 26 in Tampa, which falls on a Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The Barrymore Hotel has been selected to host the event.

**YRE Coordinator Report:** Gloria Pratt announced that Isabella Marshall had volunteered to be the new POC's for the Mt. Dora walk and be the back-up team for DeLand. As a reminder the Wednesday night walks in June, July and August will start at 7PM. AVA has 2 new Special Programs starting in 2017 – Ice Cream Parlors and Underground Railroads.

The club's Daytona Tortugas baseball game social on May 26th has to date, 25 paid participants. The tickets are \$17 each. At the gate in the front entrance all paid will be asked to check in and each guest will be asked to wear a wrist band. Parking fee is \$2.00. A shout out of thanks went out to Marianne Gray for setting up the game again this year, and all the club's hard-working volunteers.

**Member-at-Large Report:** Robert Priest stated that the vendor's prices for our Ladies T-shirts had increased by \$3.00. As a result, the club will now price our shirts at \$18 each and 2/\$35 except those that were ordered in advance at the original price point. At this time, he was researching other vendors and will keep the board/members informed. A second order would be placed soon. Also, for those who did not know, the order form is on-line.

**Club Volunteer(s) Reports:**

**Membership**-To date there were 115 club members.

**Newsletter**- Sheila McClellan reminded all that the newsletter deadline was on Sunday and she would need all those with information to have it to her by that date.

**President's Report:** John McClellan

**Membership Roster** – As a result of the floor motion from the March meeting, there is now an official club contacts roster available. A handful of members did opt-out of being listed.

Please contact Karen if you are interested in receiving a copy.

**AVA's "Big Give"** – Goal is \$50,000 and as of yesterday \$37,000 had been collected. If you are interested, you can still donate on-line and the cut-off date is May 31st. Monies collected will be used by the AVA for ongoing operations to include things like work on the data base upgrade and to implement new recommendations from the Strategic Planning effort.

**Hontoon Island** – The "adopt a post" effort to repair/replace the FVA signposts netted \$200+ which more than paid for the cost of materials. With volunteers from HW, MFM and FVA board members, 11 new signposts were installed. Thanks to all the donors, the volunteer workers and the Park administration, this project was a big success!

**WAF 26** – is Nov 4—6 this year and being hosted by the Suncoast Sandpipers. HW have responsibility for the Sunday morning walk operation, and the overall Volunteer coordination effort, among other duties. 50 to 60 volunteers are needed overall to run the weekend and HW will need to step-up and do our part. The volunteer sign-up will be online later this year.

**WAF 27** – in 2017 will be hosted by the Happy Wanderers. We need to decide on a location by Sept. meeting. Ideas so far include here in Daytona with the Int'l. Speedway, and the Palm Beaches area. We will need a nomination to take to Tampa in November as the next event location is usually announced at the end of the Saturday night dinner,

**Executive Council Elections** – Every 2 years (Next Year). Please start thinking about participating. We will have a Nominating Committee in January. All board positions are available, and we will need a new club Treasurer, as Barbara Anderson will have served 3 years and is not running again. This is a key position and we are already looking for qualified applicants.

**X-Mas Party** – Volunteers are needed to form a planning committee for our annual gathering. See John (President) or Dan (Vice-President) Only 233 days until Christmas!!

**MeetUp.com** – We are now in our 2d 6-months term and doing very well. There are 275 people in the online group, and at least 15 have joined the HW as dues-paying members.

**Port Orange Swim Event** – Saturday & Sunday afternoons only \$3 for Non-YMCA members  
300 meters = 6 laps. The stamp for those interested is located at the Port Orange location only.

**Final Business:**

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, July 7th, 2016 @ 6:30pm

Two Motions with All in Favor to Adjourn: 7:25PM

**Where to Eat:** Selection – Applebee's

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**Thursday, March 3, 2016 @ 6:30 PM**

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President John McClellan welcomed everybody and then called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. 32 club members were present, constituting a Quorum.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes were not posted to Webmaster by President; therefore, they were not available for review.

**Treasurer's Report:** (Barbara Anderson) The 3rd Quarter's opening balance was \$4,903.35 Ending balance on 3/1/2016, was \$6585.95.

January / February Expenses: AVA YRE walker fees, sanction fee for the Palatka Walk and Award, office supplies, printing, postage, and monthly storage unit rental fee.

January / February Income: YRE Walk fees, membership renewals, new members, and sales of t-shirts, special 25th Anniversary books and AVA walk books. The higher monetary levels of income and expenses during the February due to Savannah Bus Trip Collections and payments.

**Vice-President's Report:** (Dan Spink) Encouraged all members to volunteer. One volunteer position open for this Sunday's Traditional Event. A Boutique Volunteer is still needed duties include selling the club items at one Sunday and one Wednesday walk a month. Please consider supporting your club.

**YRE Coordinator Report:** (Gloria Pratt) Palatka (Ravine Gardens) Traditional Walk Sun Mar 6th. Bus Trip to Savannah 11-13 Mar. No HW walk is scheduled for Mar 13th. To walk on your own, pick one of our 11 YRE. The Start Box locations are listed on the Webpage. Go to the Start Point. Fill out the Logbook. Get the Map. Walk. Have questions, please call any officer, numbers are on the Webpage. Next FVA (Florida Volkssport Assoc.) MTG April 2016, maybe at MFM Hontoon Island GW. IVV World Walking Day SUN 8 May Group Walk Daytona Beach City Island. SAT 4 Jun, Walk & Bike Events in Palm Coast. Traditional Event Volunteers will be needed. AVA 40th Anniversary Commemorative Walk Fredericksburg TX 10 – 12 JUN. HW will honor the 40th Anniversary of the AVA with a walk SUN 12 Jun Flagler Beach Sept/Oct – HW 25th Anniversary Walk Port Orange during Family Days. HW will have a booth – volunteers needed! The Veterans Memorial Bridge in Daytona Beach, which carries Orange Avenue over the Halifax River to Silver Beach Avenue, will be torn down and replaced. The 11 km route will be rerouted to avoid the bridge during construction. The 5km directions will not be affected. Still need a POC (Point of Contact) for the Mount Dora YRE. To learn more about the job of POC you may ask Gloria Pratt, YRE Coordinator. In June, the Wednesday 7PM Ice Cream Walks resume. WAF26 4-6 Nov in Tampa FL — SAVE THE DATE!

**Club Volunteer(s) Reports:**

**Membership** – The current paid membership count stands at 97.

**Newsletter** – Sheila McClellan: deadline for Articles is March 8th. In honor of the 25th Anniversary, anyone may submit a story about their Volksmarching experience – first walk or how you found the Happy Wanderers. This month look for a story from the first HW President Joe Sexton.

**President's Report:**

President John McClellan introduced guest speaker, Amy Pope, Anytime Fitness Personal Trainer. Certified Athletic Trainer.

Happy to see an active group. Reminded everyone to walk their own gait, not to over stride to keep up. Shoes should feel right immediately, don't break them in. Everyone's arch is different, try on many different brands to find the right fit for you. Amy encouraged gentle stretching throughout the day. Most people do not Recover well after exercising. Exercise causes little tears in ligaments; fluid then fills in and most of the time drains out. Sometimes fluid gets stuck, fluid that does not drain, will break down good tissue – massage can help. Also, try Anytime Fitness Recovery Class Saturdays, 11:30AM (ten classes

for \$75 – Try One Class Free.) 3761 S Nova Road Suite E Port Orange. One key to success is to work on your abdominal muscles – they are the incentive for all motion. Good abdominal muscles take pressure off knees and ankles. A question was asked about treatment of Plantar Fasciitis– roll foot on tennis ball and Massage – rub it. Hearing how active the HW are, Amy recommending walking 3 Days a week / do another form of exercise – swim, bike, a class – 2 Days a week / rest 2 days a week. President John McClellan thanked Amy for her informative talk and presented her with a club patch and pin.

### **New Business**

The President opened the floor to the members.

Marianne Grey stated she thought a roster of the members name and phone number would help club members coordinate walking and riding together. John McClellan pointed out that the membership renewals forms do ask contact information can be shared. David Golden stated past reluctance to a roster might be due to members not wanting information to be placed on the club's website.

Open Discussion.

Marianne Grey made a motion that an email (regular mail for those without an email) sent to all members stating: This is to inform you the creation of a Happy Wanderers Roster containing Members Name and Phone Number. Printed rosters be available to o Members only. The rosters will be internal use only, not released outside the club. Please contact HW Membership Chairperson, Karen Duhlstine at kamwalks@cfl.rr.com to Opt-Out. If you do not Opt-Out your name and phone number will appear in the distributed roster. Barbara Anderson (Daytona Beach Shores) seconded the Motion. Open Discussion. Call to Vote: Motion to create a membership roster with the option to Opt-Out passed by unanimous Yes.

### **Dan Spink and Marianne Grey Reported:**

**Daytona Tortugas Baseball Game** Thursday 26 May SAVE THE DATE! Cost: \$17 per person plus \$2 parking fee per car. Includes: Game ticket and Dustin BBQ (pulled pork, hot dogs, hamburgers, potato salad, baked beans, peanuts, iced Tea & sodas.) Food will be served 5:30 to 7:30 The game starts at 7:00 PM, you may leave the food pavilion, find your seat for opening pitch and return to the pavilion until closing at 7:30pm. Location: Jackie Robinson Ball Park on Orange Ave. Daytona Beach. Enter the EAST GATE near the tennis courts for your tickets and proceed to the pavilion ahead.

**Wednesday Fun Walk** – John McClellan reported that the HW Officers would like to add a Wed Fun Walk Rotation: 1st week of the month –Boutique / 2nd Wear your Club Apparel / 3rd Bring a Friend / 4th 50/50 Raffle. Open Discussion. All present agreed to try a trial run with the Wednesday walks, with a possibility of expanding to Sunday.

**Boutique** – John McClellan reported we are sold out of the new HW T-shirts. If you are interested in purchasing a T-shirt, please go on the Website (Home >Scroll Down>View Order Form.) Do not be left out on Wear Your Club Apparel Day.

Port Orange Swim Event John McClellan reported AVA did not like the wording on his Swim sanction. John Swim Event stated Volkssporters could swim at the YMCA, the Ocean or their own Pool and get credit. The AVA lawyers stated the stamp was for a swim at YMCA. Mary Ann Westbrook inquired about YMCA membership fees. John McClellan stated there are Community Swim times on Sat. and Sun – Local guests, interested in joining, may purchase three (3) daily passes annually. Additional use of the YMCA will require a membership. If you are a snowbird, with a YMCA membership: (Always Welcomed at YMCA) visitors are welcome at any Volusia Flagler Family YMCA location for two complimentary weeks (14 visits). After 14 visits, additional use of the YMCA will require a membership or purchase of a guest pass.

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 5th, 2016 @ 6:30pm

Meeting Adjourned at 7:40 PM.

**THE HAPPY WANDERERS WALKING CLUB, INC.**  
**Business Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday January 7th, 2016 @ 6:30 PM**

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President John McClellan at 6:40pm called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm with an enthusiastic “Welcome and Happy New Year,” to all our members, including the new and returning snowbirds. The sign-in sheet tallied 36 members in attendance, more than enough to establish a quorum (11) for the meeting. Marie Priest/Secretary verified that all officers were present.

**Secretary’s Report:** (Marie Priest) A motion was given by Gloria Pratt (YRE Coordinator) to accept the minutes of the last November’s meeting. It was 2nd by Bill Ellis (Former President). All in Favor, Motion Passed.

**Treasurer’s Report:** (Barbara Anderson)

Opening Balance for the Second Quarter was \$3,658.00, Ending Balance was \$4,228.00  
Income from Walks for the Second Quarter was \$911.00, and Expenses were \$340.00, leaving a Net Gain of \$571.00 for the quarter. Income from 2016 Membership Renewals totaled \$630.00 so far. Income from New Memberships totaled \$120.00 for a total of \$750.00  
Other Misc. Second Quarter Expenses totaled \$845.00, consisting of: Postage, Printing, Office Supplies, Storage Rental, Chamber of Commerce and MeetUp.com memberships.  
Overall, Barbara felt the club was doing well. The MeetUp.com already three months old she felt as a result generated a lot of new faces of which were part of our club’s attendance tonight. The investment she stated was well worth the investment. Barbara ended by stating that at the end of 2015 there were 104 paid memberships.

**Vice-President’s Report:** (Dan Spink) The Silver Sands Middle School “For the Needy” project was a success. Dan thanked both Barbara and Russ Anderson for their part in being the club’s coordinators with the Church. Dan’s second topic was vacancies in the club’s volunteer positions. For the Specialties position, he explained what would be needed: once monthly, that person would need to set-up our goodies and simply sell them at various walks. Also needed is a club Food Coordinator or a team to organize food/drinks at Traditional walk events, Potlucks, or Catered affairs. Typically, we have such an event about once a quarter. Currently, on-line lists are posted our website for sign-ups and helpers assist in these tasks. Those interested need to contact any of the club’s officers.

**YRE Coordinator Report:** (Gloria Pratt) Gloria stated that all YRE walk boxes had been prepped for 2016. The Mt. Dora walk remains in need of a new POC (Point of Contact). That person would basically make sure the walk box would always be supplied and up-to-date, and that the POC “presides” over that event when we rotate to that location on the calendar. She gave a shout out and thanked, Barbara and Gary Anderson and Bill Ellis for their help with the boxes. A special walk scheduled at Blue Springs on February 20th at 9 a.m. The walk start time on February 28th will be at 9 a.m. and the club’s 25th anniversary luncheon will then be at 1 p.m. The complete walk schedule through March had been posted on the club’s website. The annual brochure and the membership trifold were completed.

**Other upcoming event reminders:**

Palatka’s AM walk on March 6th  
Savannah Bus Trip, March 11th – 13<sup>th</sup>

**Member-at-Large Report:** (Robert Priest) Robert announced that the new club T-shirts had arrived and all members with advance paid orders at the conclusion of the meeting needed to come see him for their shirts. There were 42 shirts in total, with 11 extras for sale.

**Club Volunteer(s) Reports:**

**Membership** – The renewal counts as of 12/30/15 was 65. Only 2 members have replied that they were not renewing, so far.

**Newsletter** – Sheila McClellan reminded all that the newsletter is posted every other month. In recognition of the club's 25th Anniversary, she is asking for memories of past walks, or any personal stories from members that she can share with the readers. The deadline for all submissions for the next newsletter is January 11th.

**Club's Website** – David McCarthy wanted to thank the Church for allowing our club, The Happy Wanderers to use their facilities. He then provided a quick presentation of the club's website and the various features for members and where to find different information. (NOTE: This was an updated version of the same presentation from September, held a second time for the benefit of new members and our snowbirds.)

**President's Report:**

2016 HW 25th Anniversary Year Luncheon: February 28, 2016

Committee Chairs: Alan & Elaine Brady/Former Co-Presidents of the Happy Wanderers from 1993-2000, gave a presentation on our plans for a luncheon celebrating the club's 25th anniversary. They included the "5 W's" along with some personal remembrances from their time in the club. For follow-up details, John McClellan/President has asked that all members go on the club's website for more information on the luncheon and walk.

**Special HW Program Book:** The book price is \$6 and will continue to be sold thru 6/30/16. Any member that completes 25 walks (Sanctioned or Fun) during the 2016 anniversary year, will earn the prize of a Happy Wanderers visor.

**Bus Trip to Savannah** (March 11th-13th): The bus trip has met the minimum participation of at least 40 and is a "go." We are looking for a new pick-up point for here in Port Orange, as the Walmart will tow cars left overnight. There are several areas being considered: the VFW, the Church parking lot (here) and Ravenwood Plaza (the Travel Agency office) all of which have positive and negative aspects. John stated that each would be carefully considered, and we will get that information out to the participants as soon as it is settled.

**Other Business:**

Where to Eat: Selection – Tomoka Brewing Company.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 3rd, 2016 @ 6:30pm

**Motion to Adjourn:**

by Treasurer, Barbara Anderson, second by Dale Yeager/New Member  
Motion Passed and the Meeting was Adjourned.