

**THE HAPPY WANDERERS WALKING CLUB, INC.**  
**Minutes – General Membership Meeting**  
**Thursday, November 8, 2018, 6:30 p.m.**

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Meeting agendas were available on the tables. Sixteen members were present, constituting a quorum. President John McClellan welcomed everyone and then called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

**Secretary's Report:** (Alice Partlow)

- The minutes have been posted on the website and were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** (Angie Clavelo)

- Angie provided executive board members with a copy of the report. The beginning balance for this quarter was \$3,722.34, ending balance was \$3,624.39 – a loss of \$97.95. Angie explained this was due to the annual post office box expense that was paid during this quarter.

**Vice-President's Report:** (Dan Spink)

- Dan explained that Wednesday walks average 16 participants per walk. John McClellan added that Wednesday night walks will now be covered by the AVA insurance. We can now log our Wednesday walks as “community events” with AVA for \$3 and be insured through AVA. We will no longer have to pay for extra insurance for Wednesday night walks. The walks will still not be IVV walks and not eligible for stamps.
- He also reminded everyone of the Holiday Food Drive beginning Nov. 11 at the Veteran's Day Walk and ending December 14 at the Christmas party. Food, cash, gift cards, canned meats (tuna, ham, etc.) are needed.

**Members-at-Large:**

- John McClellan introduced Leslie Stone, new member. Leslie has much prior experience with the AVA and walking clubs and has been asked, and said yes, to fill our open spot for a member-at-large. Alice Partlow made a motion to accept Leslie for this position and was seconded by Barbara Anderson. The motion was approved.

**YRE Coordinator Report:** (Gloria Pratt)

- Gloria contacted the new Courtyard Marriott in Deland about moving the walk box there and they have said okay. Gloria will send a letter to confirm her conversation with the general manager and the walk box location will be moved as of January 1. The walk directions will then need minor revisions.
- Gloria is updating our club brochures and announced two new POCs. Alice Partlow will replace Pat Burke as POC for the DeLand walk and Leslie Stone will be the new POC for the Palm Coast walk.

**Club Volunteer Reports**

**Membership:** (Karen Duhlstine, absent) Current membership is now at 126.

**Newsletter:** (Sheila McClellan) Submit items for newsletter to Sheila by Tuesday, November 13.

**Specialties Boutique:** (Maureen Higgins) Maureen will begin a leave of absence and will need someone to take over for her during that time. Joanne Beauregard volunteered to take over during her absence.

**Website:** (David McCarthy, absent) Per Dan Spink, website is up to date.

**Publicity:** (Mary-Ann Westbrook, absent) Per John McClellan publicity is up to date however John mentioned the possibility of a new venue, Florida Magazine, which is shown on TV.

**President's Report:** (John McClellan)

- WAF 28 was a great success – WAF 29 will be in Venice, FL.
- Please send photos of WAF28 or any other photos of year-round events to David McCarthy for the website.
- John will purchase a new supply of AVA books to have on hand for purchase for the following special programs: 51 States/Capitals, A-Z, Centurion.
- AVA WalkerTracker Online 401K program will begin again in January.
- John is accepting donations or ideas so we (as a club) can provide a basket of "Florida" gifts for the 2019 AVA Convention Silent Auction.
- John reminded all of some upcoming events this year, Nov. 11 Veteran's Day (night walk); Nov. 23 #OptOutside at Wekiva Springs State Park; Dec. 16 Mt. Dora Christmas Lights; Dec. 23 St. Augustine Christmas Lights; Dec. 31, New Year's Eve fun walk and dinner at Aunt Catfish. Next year: Jan. 19-21, MLK Weekend, Greenville SC; Feb. 9 Bike Ride, NSB Rotary Park; Feb 15-18, President's Day Weekend, Orange Beach, Alabama (Flor-Bama area, proceeds going to our Panama area club); Feb. 22-24 Texas Trail Roundup, San Antonio TX, this club's third year and going for IML Certification. Please participate to help out!

**New Business:**

- Angie would like to purchase flashlights and have them for sale during our winter walks. If she can purchase at a good price, we could make a small profit off the sales. It was agreed she should purchase.
- John McClellan mentioned that this may be a good time to look for deals on a cover (tent, waterproof) and a nice table drape with logo for our club that we can use for special events (probably somewhere in the \$500-700 range for something with quality.)
- Emile Higgins discussed the Christmas Party, date Friday, Dec. 14, 7-10 PM. May be a slight \$.40 increase in food charge this year by Dustins. Cost same as last year, \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members. Non-members ARE WELCOMED! RSVP by Nov. 30, check payable to The Happy Wanderers. The flyer is now posted on the web site. Same venue as last year; costs will be venue, dinner, DJ, bartender. Please bring a small dessert to share.
- John M. suggested an email blast for: Dec. 31 Walk/Aunt Catfish with an RSVP sign-up on web.
- Discussion on interest in 2019 Dinner Cruise and 2020 bus trip to Charleston – very few replies. John suggested another email blast (separate email for each one) asking for a response – Interested or Not Interested; to give members one more chance to respond.

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 3, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m. Meet at Applebee's for dinner.

16 Members present: John McClellan, Sheila McClellan, Maureen Higgins, Gloria Pratt, Joanne Wright, Angie Clavelo, Alice Partlow, Dan Spink, Barbara & Russ Anderson, Debbie Fuller, Leslie Stone, Joanne & Ken Beauregard, Emilie Higgins, Marianne Gray

8 present for New Member Orientation: Janet McCormick, Debbie Fuller, Jackie Lee, Pat Smith, Duane Smith, Maureen Pearson, Ross Pearson, Leslie Stone

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**Thursday, September 6, 2018, 6:30 p.m.**

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Meeting agendas and minutes were available on the tables. 11 members were present, constituting a quorum.

President John McClellan welcomed everyone and then called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. John introduced Alice Partlow as applicant for secretary and she was approved by all present.

**Treasurer's Report:** (Angie Clavelo) Beginning balance for this quarter was \$4227.60, ending balance was \$3904.77. Expenses were \$751.94 and income was \$4429.00.

**Vice-President's Report:** (Dan Spink) Number of walkers down. Summer heat and thunderstorms are the most likely culprit.

**YRE Coordinator Report:** (Gloria Pratt) All walks and special programs for next year have been submitted to AVA. Two new special programs available: (1) Little Free Libraries and (2) Carousels Across America. She is still trying to contact the new Marriot in DeLand hoping to move the walk box from the Library to the Marriot for easier access.

#### **Club Volunteer Reports**

Membership: (Karen Duhlstine) Current membership is 120.

Newsletter: (Sheila McClellan) Submit items for newsletter to Sheila by September 12.

Specialties Boutique: (Maureen Higgins) There are items on sale still available and will make available at Wednesday walks. Sheila will get list of sale items and advertise.

President's Report: (John McClellan)

- WAF registration deadline October 17 (This is mostly for dinners, lunches, social events, etc. where they need a total for registration in advance. Walk registrations can still be done the day of the walk.)
- Update – possible increase to \$4 per AVA event will most likely not happen.
- New team event on AVA Walker Tracker (401k online site). We (SE Region) have a team and all are welcome to join. Go to site and click on the Teams tab.
- Provided a list of some upcoming events in 2018
- HW schedule for next quarter is ready. Schedule includes a new Christmas lights walk (Countryside HOA); there will be a walk on Halloween, and Veteran's Day walk will be on Sunday evening.

#### **New Business:**

- Sheila M. reported 500 likes on the Facebook page!
- Angie C. reported on information for a possible dinner cruise event on the Lady Dolphin from Halifax Marina. Cost per person \$29.95 (includes dinner, tip, tax, port fees). As of now, schedule is open, and they do accommodate large groups. Discussion was that we should advertise either in newsletter or web to see if anyone has any interest in attending

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, November 8, 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m. Meet at Red Robin for dinner.

Members present: John McClellan, Sheila McClellan, Mary Ann Westbrook, Maureen Higgins, Gloria Pratt, Joanne Wright, Richard Wright, Angie Clavelo, Bob Allen, Alice Partlow, Dan Spink