

Happy Wanderers Walking Club, Inc.
General Membership Meeting Minutes - September 3, 2020

President John McClellan opened the meeting at 6:30 pm. A total of 8 members attended.

Treasurer's Report - Leslie Stone was excused but submitted a 3rd quarter report prior to the meeting. We began with an opening balance of \$3,666.14 and closed with \$3,761.70 Income included a refund from the Tortugas ball game we were unable to attend.

Year-Round Event Coordinator's Report - Gloria Pratt has begun the renewal process of our 18 YRE's. Gloria is also looking for a volunteer to be our "point of contact" for our seasonal Blue Springs Park walk. She is also looking for a new "home" for the Sanford walk box since the Marina is not working out. Also, a reminder - the Savannah walk box is now online only. Gloria has begun the process of rewriting walk info and directions for 2021. This will also include info on the new "special programs" including (1) The Great Lakes and (2) Walking with America's Veterans.

Vice President's Report - Dan Spink reported an average of 16 Wednesday walkers for this quarter. Dan also discussed the upcoming Holiday Food Drive which will begin on November 25 and end on December 16. He will have a flyer ready by November 5. Barbara and Russ Anderson, our contacts for the food drive, shared ideas about needs, including microwavable entrees, peanut butter and jelly, gift cards, shelf milk, individual fruit dishes, tuna fish, etc. Dan also mentioned - depending on the Coronavirus, in December we may want to look at planning again to reschedule the Charlotte bus trip for 2021.

Volunteer Reports

Boutique - AVA face masks (\$10) and koozies (\$2) are for sale.

Membership - 114 members (Note Oct. 1 will begin extended membership period - anyone signing up after this date will have membership extended for all of 2021.)

Newsletter - submit any news to Sheila McClellan by Tuesday Sept. 8th

Publicity - up to date

Website - up to date - Check out the new updated website!!

President's Report - John McClellan shared Upcoming Activities

- Sept. 10 - Final and Key Day for "The Big Give" - Support our AVA National Org
- Sept. 12 - Lake Beresford Bike ride - Arrive at 9:00 - bike ride at 9:30
- Nov. 27 - #OptOutside Black Friday (looking at New Smyrna Dunes for the location)
- Dec. 18 - 2020 Christmas Party - Need Committee & Volunteers! (depending on Coronavirus)
- Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve walk and dinner at Aunt Catfish (depending on Coronavirus)
Sandy McArthur volunteered to be point of contact for this walk

John also shared the walk schedule for Oct-Nov-Dec and copies were distributed

2021 Fall Planning Meeting - postponed for now due to Coronavirus

John opened the floor for other business. Since there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting - Thursday, November 5, 2020 - 6:30 pm

8 Members Present - John McClellan, Alice Partlow, Dan Spink, Gloria Pratt, Bob Allen, Russ & Barbara Anderson, Sandra McArthur

(New members as of tonight were Laura and Annette Ashkenazi)

THE HAPPY WANDERERS WALKING CLUB, INC.

Minutes – General Membership Meeting

Thursday, July 2nd, 2020 6:30 p.m.

President John McClellan called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. Meeting agendas are available at the door

11 Attendees, a quorum was not present.

Secretary's Report: (John McClellan)

- The minutes have been posted on the website and were approved. Sheila McClellan will take the minutes tonight.

Treasurer's Report: (Leslie Stone)

- Reported a closing balance of \$3,666.14.
- All bills paid.
- Outstanding deposits: \$400 Daytona Tortugas and \$1500 The Plaza Resort & Spa Daytona Beach (WAF30).

Vice-President's Report: (Dan Spink)

- Attendance down due to COVID-19; since re-opening we have averaged in the low 20's for the Wednesday walks.
- We need to tell people to wear masks and social distance.

YRE Coordinator/Member-at-Large Report: (Gloria Pratt).

- St. Augustine had no walkers in 2nd Quarter
- The new POC for Cocoa Beach is Fred Sheets. Thank you, Fred!
- We need a new POC for the Sanford YRE. Bill Ellis regrets he needs to step away from the position. Gloria will cover until new POC is found. Sanford Start Point, Monroe Harbor Marine, is closed; Gloria has start box. Researching new start point for YRE box, trying to reach the Sanford Visitor's Center, they have not gotten back to us.
- As we walk our YRE's every Sunday, the walk boxes are being updated with the new AVA logo.
- Daytona Beach YRE directions have been updated to include the Orange Ave Bridge; they will be added to start box as soon as the bridge reopens. Monitoring the fencing going up on Beach Street for impact on YRE.
- The Savannah YRE is on the Online Start Box only; we no longer have an actual box at the Savannah visitor's center.

New Member-at-Large: (Sandy McArthur)

- Sandy McArthur and Sandy Martin have laid out the WAF30 walk routes for Central Park and One Daytona. They are monitoring the opening/closing of eateries at One Daytona for the WAF30 Sunday lunch.

Club Volunteer Reports

Membership: (Karen Duhlstine) 112 as of today

Newsletter: (Sheila McClellan) Please submit items for newsletter to Sheila by July 7th.

Specialties Boutique: (John McClellan reported) Janet Wagner, our boutique chair, was unable to be at the meeting but sent a sample box of T-shirts & sweatshirts to look at. Please see our website for pictures of merchandise and order forms.

Website: (John McClellan and Dan Spink reported)

- Our web site has a whole new look! Thank you, David, it looks amazing. To print the calendar: Click Calendar Click Month Click Agenda Click Print

Publicity: (Dan Spink reported) Mary-Ann Westbrook was unable to attend but sent in report that publicity is up to date. Mary-Ann requests that any changes made to the schedule be sent to her as soon as possible.

President's Report: (John McClellan)

- Mid-Florida Milers have elected a new President, Cathy Metherell. Congratulations have been sent from The Happy Wanderers. Welcome Cathy!!
- St. John's River to Sea Loop This Bike/Walking trail will encompass 260 miles when complete. Currently, the Edgewater to Osteen portion is under construction. The SJR2C Lake Beresford to Grand Avenue PD&E Study is being conducted to evaluate a multi-use trail in Volusia County that will close the 3.6-mile gap between existing trails within Lake Beresford Park to the south, and the junction of Grand Avenue and Minnesota Avenue to the north, in DeLand.
- Future Events
 - Saturday, September 12, 2020 Guided Bike Ride Lake Beresford Park DeLand, FL 2100 Fatio Rd. Registration 8:30 a.m., ride starts 9:00 a.m. Look for the brochure soon on the web site and at the walks.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Next meeting is Thursday, September 3, 2020, 6:30 p.m. Location TBD

11 Members present: John McClellan, Sheila McClellan, Gloria Pratt, Leslie Stone, Dan Spink, Sandy McArthur, Russ Anderson, Karen O'Connor, Marcia Brown, Caryll Moore, and Marilyn Casteux

THE HAPPY WANDERERS WALKING CLUB, INC.

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Thursday, January 9, 2020, 6:30 p.m.

Meeting agendas were available on the tables. President John McClellan called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Secretary's Report: (Alice Partlow)

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

Treasurer's Report: (Leslie Stone)

- Reported a closing balance of \$3,920.10.
- Completed the annual financial report and has ready for president and secretary to sign.
- Still a couple forms to complete for changing our fiscal year.

Vice-President's Report: (Dan Spink)

- An average of 25 walkers participated in the Wednesday evening walks for the last two months.
- Currently 35 paid pre-registrants for the Charleston bus trip and there are 3 additional checks in the mail. We are awfully close to our goal of 40. Hope to get a couple more at the MLK Weekend Walks in Jacksonville, Jan. 17-20.
- Holiday Food Drive was a success. Families with students at Silver Sands Middle School benefited. Just to note, the Port Orange Presbyterian Church keeps a food pantry year-round, along with clothing items, so anytime you attend a club meeting at the church, feel free to bring non-perishable food items (or clothes) to donate.
- Spike's Athletic Footwear in Daytona has closed due to retirement. Our club has had a relationship with Spike's for many years as they had that personal touch by seeing you had the right fit by watching you walk with in or out foot pressure etc. They have recommended we use The Running Element at One Daytona, another family-owned business.

YRE Coordinator/Member-at-Large Report: (Gloria Pratt).

- All 2020 materials for walk boxes were given to the POC's and all walk boxes have been updated.

New Member-at-Large

- Sandy McArthur has volunteered for our vacant member-at-large position. John M. made a motion we accept her as our new MAL and Dan S. seconded. No one opposed. The motion was passed. Welcome, Sandy!

Club Volunteer Reports

Membership: (Karen Duhlstine) Still working on getting renewal fees in for 2020. Finished 2019 with 132 members but that number will be down some due to non-renewals. Our membership will increase throughout the year.

Newsletter: (Sheila McClellan) Submit items for newsletter to Sheila by January 14.

Specialties Boutique: Janet & Steve Wagner, our new boutique volunteers, were unable to be at the meeting but sent a sample box of T-shirts, sweatshirts, and pins to look at. Please see our website for pictures of merchandise and order forms.

Website: (David McCarthy) Up to date, but please remember to send pictures to Dave for posting on the website.

Publicity: (Mary-Ann Westbrook) Up to date.

President's Report: (John McClellan)

- Janet and Steve Wagner are our new volunteers for the Specialties Boutique.
- Volunteers are needed for the following events. Sign-up on the website under the “calendar” tab.
 - Saturday, Jan 25 TE at Blue Springs
 - Saturday, Feb. 8 Titusville Bike Ride
 - Saturday, March 7, TE in Palatka “Azalea Festival.”
- WAF30 hotel location – After much scouting, The Plaza Resort & Spa in Daytona has given us the best price and is the nicest we have seen. They have quoted an amount of \$118.50 per night which includes resort fee and parking. They will also allow parking by others who do not stay at the hotel. (Note – room rates go up some if you request ocean view or ocean front.) They also have meeting rooms and a heated pool. Breakfast is not included, however, there are places within walking distance to eat. The rates they gave us were for the weekend of November 6-8. We are still in the process of checking on catering and a room for dinner.
- Volunteers needed for these two upcoming events
 - Port Orange Employee Health Fair, Thursday, Jan. 23
 - Port Orange “Get Fit” challenge Sunday, Mar. 1 (This is the beginning of a 10-week fitness challenge sponsored by the city of Port Orange where participants pay to participate. Last year we had around 50 participants join us for the 5 km walk, so extra help is needed. This year we may provide a 1, 5, and 10 km option. We will start our walk Sunday at the Community Gym instead of the YMCA.
- Future Events
 - Jan. 17-20 MLK Weekend, Jacksonville Beach, hosted by First Coast Trail Forgers
 - Jan. 20-23 Tater Tours visit – members encouraged to join their walks, POC’s asked to be at the walk to join them and stamp books. Contact Gloria Pratt to find our walk times for the tour group.
 - Jan. 25 – Blue Springs YRE – Manatee Festival – *volunteers needed*
 - Feb. 8 – Guided Bike Ride in Titusville – *volunteers needed*
 - Feb. 21-23 Texas Trail Roundup IML Events in San Antonio, TX
 - Mar. 7 – Palatka – Azalea Festival – *volunteers needed*
 - Mar 7-29 – Memphis, TN weekend to showcase new YRE’s in Memphis
 - Apr 1 – Wednesday – National Walking Day (American Heart Association) however, the AVA has declared April 1-7 to be National Walking Week

New Business

- Contact Gloria Pratt if you have questions about times/dates to walk with the Tater Tours.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 – meet at Hooligans for dinner.

Next meeting is Thursday, March 5, 2020, 6:30 p.m.

14 Members present: John McClellan, Sheila McClellan, Gloria Pratt, Bob Allen, Leslie Stone, Alice Partlow, Dan Spink, Joanne Wright, Richard Wright, Nancy Redmond, Maureen Higgins, Sandy McArthur, Barbara Anderson, and Russ Anderson.