

THE HAPPY WANDERERS WALKING CLUB, INC.

Minutes – General Membership Meeting

Tuesday November 2, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

Meeting agendas were available on the tables. 15 members were present, constituting a quorum. President John McClellan welcomed everyone and then called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Secretary's Report: (Alice Partlow)

- The minutes have been posted on the website and were approved with no objections.

Treasurer's Report: (Leslie Stone)

- Leslie reported a current quarter ending balance of \$5,341.34. Walk Around Florida bills will need to be paid after the event.

Vice-President's Report: (Sandy McArthur)

- Nothing to report at this time – Ormond WAF walk route is ready!!

YRE Coordinator/Member-at-Large Report: (Gloria Pratt) Almost all YRE walk instructions have been updated and ready to print for next year. Walk instructions will include the two new special programs, Rails to Trails and Town/City Halls.

Member-at-Large Report: (Dan Spink)

- Dan reported an average of 28 Wednesday walkers during the last two months.
- Charleston bus trip update - currently have 37 who have submitted their deposit and knows of a few more coming. Our minimum for bus trip is 40 and our max is 53.
- Holiday Food Drive – Nov 17-Dec 8 – flyer is ready to advertise the week prior to start

Club Volunteer Reports

Membership: (Karen Duhlstine) Reported 127 as of October 29.

Club Store: (Janet Wagner) Club store is fully stocked.

Website: (David McCarthy) Up to date.

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

Newsletter: (Sheila McClellan) No newsletter due to WAF30 duties. Next newsletter in January.

President's Report: (John McClellan)

- WAF30 is ready to go. All volunteer positions filled and decorations and set up will begin Friday morning at the Plaza.
- There are still about 4 dinners available if anyone needs to buy a dinner
- There will be raffle tickets sold for the drawing of the baskets (each club donated a basket of goodies).
- Door prizes also will be available.

New Business:

- There is a meetup group in DeLand called the DeLand Hiking Group. They will be doing a hike on Hontoon Island on Saturday November 13. They will also have a walk at Princess Place Preserve on November 20. Since we plan to walk at Princess Place next year, a few members may want to attend this one.

- First Coast Trail Forgers (Jacksonville club) has a new president, and the club is growing by leaps and bounds. This past Saturday they had 45 walkers! Our club members are encouraged to support our surrounding clubs – Mid FL Milers (Orlando) and FCTF (Jax).

Going forward....

Thu 11 Nov – Veteran’s Day Evening Tribute/Walk – we will pay tribute at the Port Orange Veteran’s Memorial and then have a 1 hour walk.

February 2022 Titusville Chain of Lakes – Walk, Bike, Picnic in the works!

March 2022 – Azalea Fest Palatka walk

MAKE NOTE:

Special 3:00 PM walk start times for Holiday walks: 12/19 Mt. Dora, 12/26 St. Augustine and 12/31 New Year’s Eve.

No walk on Black Friday this year (we were planning to join Mid FL Milers at Wekiva, but they have postponed the event)

No Happy Wanderers Christmas Party this year

No MLK weekend event in January 2022 (FCTF have postponed)

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 6, 2022!

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm

15 Members present: John McClellan, Gloria Pratt, Alice Partlow, Dan Spink, Leslie Stone, Sandy McArthur, Russ Anderson, Maureen Higgins, Lorna Newman, Jerry Newman, Janet Wagner, Steve Wagner, Linda Kinsella and Mary Geraghty ; and staying from the New Member Orientation Nancy Hannan.

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Secretary's Report: (Alice Partlow)

- The minutes have been posted on the website and were approved with no objections.

Treasurer's Report: (Leslie Stone)

- Leslie reported a 3rd quarter ending balance of \$3,866.24. There are still expenses to be paid for WAF30.

Vice-President's Report: (Sandy McArthur)

- Nothing to report at this time, still working on One Daytona walk for WAF30.

YRE Coordinator/Member-at-Large Report: (Gloria Pratt) All YRE's have been renewed for next year. Now in process of identifying any of our walks that are eligible for the two new special programs, Rails to Trails or Town/City Halls. After identifying the walks, she will be updating the walk directions/info to include the special programs.

Member-at-Large Report: (Dan Spink) Dan reported an average of 21 Wednesday walkers during the last two months. There were a couple of rainouts. We had 28 attend our 30th anniversary club celebration at the Daytona Tortugas game on August 19. Dan is also on committee for the Charleston bus trip. If enough interest would be scheduled for Apr 29, 30 and May 1 of 2022. A survey was sent to gauge interest before actual planning begins and to date, he has had 37 people let him know of interest in this trip.

Club Volunteer Reports

Membership: (Karen Duhlstine) Did not attend but reported 114 as of August 9 – but per John M. more like 120 now.

Newsletter: (Sheila McClellan) Submit items for newsletter to Sheila by Tuesday, September 7.

Specialties Boutique: (Janet Wagner) Did not attend – but club store is fully stocked.

Website: (David McCarthy) Did not attend but up to date.

Publicity: (Mary-Ann Westbrook) Publicity is up to date.

President's Report: (John McClellan)

- Annual planning meeting held September 4 at the VFW - 11 members attended and plans for next year's walks were discussed. Along with our YRE's plans will also include the Charleston bus trip, Azalea Festival walk, Cassadaga Halloween walk, Princess Place Preserve walk for National Trails Day, and a bike/walk/picnic at the Titusville Chain of Lakes.

- John will be meeting with WAF30 planning committee and will be reviewing a final volunteer sign-up roster for the event. Many volunteers will be needed to help make this 3-day event a success. He will plan to open the volunteer sign-up by Sept. 15.

New Business:

- Volunteer Walks - Sheila McClellan will be holding "Workers Walks" for volunteers at WAF 30. These walks will be available on select dates in September and October to those who volunteer so they can walk the walk before the event. This takes the stress off walking and volunteering at the same time. She will send details to those who volunteer.

Dan Spink brought up two items

- Annual November Food Drive – this drive is always done to support homeless and needy children at Silver Sands Middle. Dan will coordinate as usual with Barbara and Russ Anderson on the details and get a flyer ready for this year.
- Annual Christmas Party – Will we have due to Covid? Discussion was held and best thing to do is survey to see if enough interest to start planning. Alice Partlow will gather replies from the survey. We have the VFW room reserved for Dec, 17, but need to know soon so we can let the VFW know for sure if we will use the room or whether they can rent out to someone else.

Going forward....

Sat 11 Sept – Traditional Event – Guided Bike Ride – Rotary Park in Edgewater

Fri 08 Oct – Octoberfest in Sanford – this is not a HW event, but if any members are interested in getting together for Octoberfest in Sanford (Hollerbach's German Restaurant) let him know.

Fri Sat Sun 5-7 Nov – WAF30 in Daytona Beach

Thu 11 Nov – Veteran's Day Evening Tribute/Walk – we will pay tribute at the Port Orange Veteran's Memorial and then have a 1 hour walk.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, 2 November (Note this is the **Tuesday** before our WAF30 3-day event!)

19 Members present: John McClellan, Sheila McClellan, Gloria Pratt, Alice Partlow, Dan Spink, Leslie Stone, Sandy McArthur, Barbara and Russ Anderson, Maureen Higgins, Lorna Newman, Marilyn Caskey, Bob Allen; and staying from the New Member Orientation were Cindy Leland, Robin Rehrer, Michael and Babette Hopkins, Beverly Shook, and Sieglinde Simon.

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Thursday, July 8, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

Meeting agendas were available on the tables. 14 members were present, constituting a quorum. President John McClellan welcomed everyone and then called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Secretary's Report: (Alice Partlow)

- The minutes have been posted on the website. There were no changes or questions. Sandy McArthur motioned to approve the minutes and Steve Wagner seconded that motion. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: (Leslie Stone absent)

- With Leslie out of town, John McClellan reported a balance of \$4,936.26 in our budget.

Vice-President's Report: (Sandy McArthur)

- Sandy, our new vice-president has successfully led the last two Wednesday walks.

YRE Coordinator/Member-at-Large: (Gloria Pratt) Gloria reported she has finished working on the Daytona Beach 6k to comply with the 6k distance and cleaning up the directions for the 10K. Updated Sanford directions are ready and will be given to POC Teresa Saltzer. Gloria also mentioned a church name in the St. Augustine directions that needs to be removed. It's not an urgent need and she will remove that for next year.

Club Volunteer Reports

Membership: (Karen Duhlstine) 109 members reported by Karen

Newsletter: (Sheila McClellan) Submit items for newsletter to Sheila by Tuesday July 13.

Website: (David McCarthy) Up to date.

Publicity: (Mary-Ann Westbrook) Publicity is up to date.

Club Store: (Janet Wagner) The store is fully stocked. View merchandise on our website – contact Janet and she will make arrangements to deliver to you at a walk.

President's Report: (John McClellan)

- John gave an update on the AVA Biennial Convention in Wisconsin that was well attended. 9 of our own club members attended. Our club brought home 5 publicity awards thanks to Leslie Stone and Sheila McClellan. WAF2019 in Venice won the best themed event award for the Mardi Gras theme.
- WAF 30 planning is still going great. Volunteers will be needed for this 3-day event in November. Stay tuned and please consider volunteering!
- Update – our Sanford YRE is now available via the Online Start Box (OSB). The physical box still remains for our club members.
- John informed us of a new book available, "Nature Adventures in Central Florida" written by former club member Roger Fulton.
- John McClellan is no longer the SE Regional Director. His term was up. The new SE Regional Director is Cathryn King from the East Tennessee Wanderers.
- **Club Officers:** John reminded all of our new slate of officers beginning this month:
 - President – John McClellan
 - Vice President - Sandy McArthur
 - Treasurer – Leslie Stone
 - Secretary – Alice Partlow

- Members at large – Gloria Pratt and Dan Spink

Activities going forward:

- SAT 7 Aug 9:00 AM – **Planning meeting for 2022** – Presbyterian Church – please come and give us your input for walks/activities next year!
- Thurs 19 Aug 6:00 PM – Jackie Robinson Ball Field - **30th Club Anniversary BBQ & Tortugas Baseball game** - sign up on our web site – send check for \$22 to Dan Spink. Note there is a \$5 parking fee unless you are lucky to find a free spot.
- SAT 11 Sept 9:00 AM – **Guided Bike Event** – Rotary Park in Edgewater
- 23 Sept – **The Big Give** (annual AVA fundraiser)
- 5-7 Nov – **WAF30 – Daytona Beach**

New Business: none

Next Meeting: Thursday, 2 September 6:30 p.m.

14 Members present: John McClellan, Sheila McClellan, Gloria Pratt, Bob Allen, Alice Partlow, Sandy McArthur, Marilyn Caskey, Russ Anderson, Barbara Anderson, Mary Geraphy, Lorna Newman, Janet Wagner, Steve Wager, and Gail Martorana.

Attending New Member Orientation: Timothy Ahein, Joanne Collins, Gerald Collins, and Anne Voltz

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Thursday, May 6, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

Meeting agendas were available on the tables. 19 members were present, constituting a quorum. President John McClellan welcomed everyone and then called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Secretary's Report: (Alice Partlow)

- The minutes have been posted on the website. There were no changes or questions. John McClellan motioned to approve the minutes and Sandy McArthur seconded that motion. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: (Leslie Stone)

- Leslie mistakenly brought the incorrect report to the meeting but said all is good. Walk fees were paid out last month and the club store was restocked. Leslie is still waiting for info from IRS regarding our request to change from fiscal year to calendar year.

Vice-President's Report: (Dan Spink)

- Dan reported there were an average of 26 walkers for the last two months.

YRE Coordinator/Member-at-Large: (Gloria Pratt) Gloria reported that we have two new POC's. Marilyn Caskey has taken over the duties for the Daytona Beach walk and Teresa Saltzer has taken over duties for the Sanford walk. Thank you to our new volunteers and thank you to Joanne Wright and Sandy McArthur for filling in as POC's for these sites until we could find other volunteers.

Member-at-Large: (Sandy McArthur) Sandy continues to work on upcoming walks for WAF30. She also reported that Paul Erickson may be willing to act as POC for the Embry Riddle walk. Sandy also has a walk mapped out to go to Sugar Mill Gardens for our New Year's Eve walk.

Club Volunteer Reports

Membership: (Karen Duhlstine) 104 members reported by Karen

Newsletter: (Sheila McClellan) Submit items for newsletter to Sheila by Tuesday May 11.

Website: (David McCarthy) Up to date.

Publicity: (Mary-Ann Westbrook) Publicity is up to date.

Club Store: (Janet Wagner) The store is fully stocked. View merchandise on our website – contact Janet and she will make arrangements to deliver to you at a walk.

President's Report: (John McClellan)

- John gave a hands-on presentation (mini workshop) on volunteer positions needed when we have a Traditional Event. John took the group through a traditional event from registration to finish and explained that volunteers will be needed for registration, checkpoints, book stamping, route marking and sign placement, and sweepers who will walk last and pick up signs. This presentation is in preparation for the WAF30 we will be hosting this year in November and all walks for WAF30 will be Traditional Walks.
- John presented Dan Spink with a certificate of appreciation for his 7 years of service as club vice president. Dan is retiring from this position this year.
- **Club Elections:** John opened the floor for anyone wishing to run for office in our club. No names were submitted. Current slate of applicants:
 - President – John McClellan - Sandy McArthur motioned that we accept John to remain as President and Gloria Pratt seconded.
 - Vice President - Sandy McArthur - Sheila McLellan motioned that Sandy be approved and Dan Spink seconded.
 - Treasurer – Leslie Stone – Alice Partlow motioned that Leslie be approved and Sandy McArthur seconded.
 - Secretary – Alice Partlow – Sandy McArthur motioned that Alice be approved and Gloria Pratt seconded.
 - Members at large – Gloria Pratt will continue to serve, and Dan Spink will replace Sandy McArthur.
 - Election changes will be effective July 8th for two years.
- **Covid Update:** With CDC guidelines changing and with most members fully vaccinated, all present agreed that mask mandates at registration can be removed and the club can start enjoying meals together again. Now that Covid restrictions are relaxing, Dan Spink volunteered to check on getting our Tortuga game event rescheduled for this year. This will include a BBQ meal prior to the game.
- **Planning Meeting:** Normally slated for Sat 7 Aug will take place this year. It was cancelled last year due to Covid.
- **30 Year Club:** John shared a certificate sent to us by AVA for being a club for **30 years**.

New Business: none

Activities going forward:

- 8-15 May – Team RWB “Marching Orders” and Armed Forces Day – join us at the Port Orange VFW as we support and encourage our veterans to walk!
- 26 June - 3 July – AVA Biennial Convention in Wisconsin
- 5-7 Nov – WAF30 – Daytona Beach

Next Meeting: Thursday, 8 July 6:30 p.m. (NOTE second Thursday of month due to AVA Biennial Conference)

19 Members present: John McClellan, Sheila McClellan, Gloria Pratt, Bob Allen, Alice Partlow, Dan Spink, Leslie Stone, Sandy McArthur, Marilyn Caskey, Teresa Saltzer, Russ Anderson, Gail Martorana, Linda Kinsella, Marion Phillips, Lorna Newman, Jerry Newman, Janet Wagner, Steve Wagner, and Jean Adams.

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Minutes – General Membership Meeting

Thursday, March 4, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

Meeting agendas were available on the tables. Fourteen members were present, constituting a quorum. President John McClellan welcomed everyone and then called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Secretary's Report: (Alice Partlow)

- The January minutes have been posted on the website. Alice also had a copy available for anyone to read. There were no changes made and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: (Leslie Stone)

- Leslie provided a report for January & February showing an opening balance of \$4,643.73 and a closing balance of \$5,116.88. Total income was \$1,471.00. Expenses coming up include WAF30 2nd payment to hotel, rental for Coronado center, and some new "Walk Start" and "Caution Walkers" signs.

Guest Speaker

John introduced Dr. Shawn LaCourt from Palmer College of Chiropractic. Dr. LaCourt spoke and then introduced his student intern, Ryan Sod, to present. Ryan shared a PowerPoint presentation on how the chiropractic clinic can provide relief for walking injuries and how they can analyze your walking gait or issues and help you maintain healthy walking routines. They are located on South Clyde Morris Blvd in Port Orange.

Vice-President's Report: (Dan Spink)

Dan reported there were an average of 21 walkers for the Wednesday walks for the last two months.

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

- Gloria gave a presentation on the purpose of the walk boxes and how to use them. In short:
 - Walk boxes are for our YREs (walks that are open either seasonal or year-round).
Members and non-members are encouraged to walk these routes not only at our regularly scheduled Sunday events but ALSO on their own or with friends at any time.
 - To walk on your own, go to the start location and politely ask for the walk box. Take the box to a location that is not in anyone's way (inside or out in your car) while you complete the sign-in.
 - Grab the logbook (white 3-ring binder) and read the information on the first two pages if this is something new to you.
 - Sign in on the sign-in sheet for the walk.
 - Grab a map, a start card, and a pre-addressed envelope.
 - If you keep event books, stamp your books for the walk.
 - Return the walk box to the start location and thank them for hosting our walk box.
 - Walk the walk!
 - After walking, send in your \$3 fee and the start card in the pre-addressed envelope. (Members can use a blue dot on the sign-in sheet to pay for the walk and skip this step.)

Member-at-Large: (Sandy McArthur)

- Sandy is doing well bringing a supply of club store items to the walks to sell. She has also spoken with Janet Wagner and there are quite a few pre-orders for the new lightweight wind/rain jacket with the HW logo.

Membership: (Karen Duhlstine)

- Membership currently is 97. Usually this will grow to 100+ throughout the year.

Newsletter: (Sheila McClellan)

- Submit items for newsletter to Sheila by Tuesday, March 9. Newsletter items are welcomed from members. Please help Sheila with content for our newsletters!

Club Store: (Janet Wagner) Items from the club store are available for order. Check out the website to view items. Fill out the order form on our website and Janet will deliver the items at the next walk.

Website: (David McCarthy) Website is up to date.

Publicity: (Mary-Ann Westbrook) Publicity is up to date.

President's Report: (John McClellan)

- John provided a short summary, along with a handout, of AVA bylaw changes that our club needs to vote on. Most changes are minor and deal with administrative changes or wording changes and are due to changes in Texas law. John discussed the changes and Dan Spink made a motion to vote yes to approve. The motion was seconded by Ken Beauregard. The motion was approved.
- John reminded all that club elections will happen at our next meeting in May, so if anyone knows someone who may be interested in a leadership role within our club, please reach out to any of our board members. Dan Spink will not be running for Vice President again (he's given us 7 years), so we know the VP position will need to be filled. Anyone interested in Vice President or any other executive board positions are welcomed and encouraged to apply.
- John discussed a change in our local club by-laws that needed to be updated. That is for our fiscal year to change to a calendar year along with how the AVA has changed. Alice Partlow made a motion to change the club by-laws to indicate calendar year as opposed to fiscal year. Sheila McClellan seconded the motion. The motion was approved.
- WAF-30 is scheduled for 5-7 November 2021. This event was postponed last year due to COVID, we are ahead of schedule with preparations. A Zoom meeting was held this week with all involved in the hosting of this event. The event will include 4 walks and a swim event. There will also be a dinner catered at the hotel (\$35 and is optional). Members are encouraged to make a reservation at The Plaza Hotel at our special group rate and spend the weekend being a part of the group. The updated flyer with hotel information for this event is on our website.
- John reviewed upcoming events including:
 - 7 Mar – Port Orange "Get Fit" kick-off walk, option to walk 1 mile, 5km, or 10 km (no bike ride)
 - 27 Mar – Washington Oaks State Park with First Coast Walking Club. (Note this is a State Park so there is an entrance fee - \$5 per vehicle for up to 8 people; \$4 per vehicle with one occupant; \$2 for pedestrians/bicyclists).

- 1-7 April – National Walking Week –discussion was held as to whether to hold a walk on Easter Sunday. The consensus was most would prefer to hold a Saturday walk instead.
- 26 June – 3 July – National Convention in Madison, Wisconsin
- John discussed May 15 as a possible walk event to support Armed Forces Day. Team Red White & Blue, local Veterans group, will be participating in a “steps” challenge. Maybe we can create a TE to help them with their step challenge (2500, 5000, or 10000 steps) and also to promote our club and hopefully get local veterans interested in our club and its health benefits. Most were in favor so John will check into the possibility of a route.

Meeting Adjourned 8:00

Next Meeting: Thursday, 6 May, 6:30 p.m.

14 Members present: John McClellan, Sheila McClellan, Gloria Pratt, Bob Allen, Alice Partlow, Dan Spink, Leslie Stone, Sandy McArthur, Nancy Raymond, Marilyn Caskey, Teresa Saltzer, Dick Marshall, Joanne Beauregard, Ken Beauregard; and staying from the New Member Orientation was Joann Volpe.

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Thursday, January 7, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

Meeting agendas were available on the tables. Ten members were present, constituting a quorum. President John McClellan welcomed everyone and then called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Secretary's Report: (Alice Partlow)

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

Treasurer's Report: (Leslie Stone)

- Leslie presented several reports – the 4th quarter bank statement, the 2020 Expense Statement, and the 2020 Year-end Report, along with a copy of the AVA Financial Report.
- The 4th Quarter report showed an opening balance of \$3959.30 and a closing balance of \$4664.73.
- Income was \$684.43.

Vice-President's Report: (Dan Spink)

- Dan reported there were an average of 21 walkers for the Nov./Dec. Wednesday walks.
- Dan also reported that our holiday food drive netted over \$300 in cash and gift cards, along with over 200 food items, to help needy families with children at Silver Sands Middle School.
- Dan read a Thank You card from Lynne, coordinator of the Port Orange Presbyterian Church Food Pantry, sharing how the families that we helped were so thankful.

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

- Thanks to our POCs for updating the walk boxes with the 2021 information and supplies.
- Gloria is now working on getting AVA logos for the sides of the boxes and an AVA logo that our businesses hosting the boxes can hopefully display to advertise they are the host of the walk box. We are hoping also that businesses will put an AVA link on their website.

Member-at-Large: (Sandy McArthur)

- Sandy delivered the Sanford walk box to its new location at the Sanford Visitor Center. She introduced herself and explained our walking club to them and invited them to join us when we are there. She said they seemed very receptive and happy to host the box.

Membership: (Karen Duhlstine)

- Out of 129 members, we only have about half who have renewed so far, so our renewals are low at this point – however the renewals do keep coming in.

Newsletter: (Sheila McClellan)

- Submit items for newsletter to Sheila by Tuesday, January 12.
- Sheila also suggested that she could make a QR code for a walk box host to display that, when scanned, will open our website.

Club Store: (Janet Wagner) Items from the club store are available for order. Check out the website to view items. Fill out the order form on our website and Janet will deliver the items at the next walk.

Website: (David McCarthy)

- David provided a presentation on the updated website. He reviewed what is on the web and how to find information you need.

Publicity: (Mary-Ann Westbrook) Publicity is up to date.

President's Report: (John McClellan)

- John discussed the AVA, our national organization, and how much they do with a small staff. He shared some of their accomplishments last year:
 - Processed over 5000 event books.
 - Renewed 3000 members.
 - Opened two new clubs.
 - Got stimulus money to help pay staff in San Antonio, TX
 - Sent out 2700 walk stamps.
 - Raised \$104,00 during The Big Give
 - Developed a new AVA logo.
 - Responded to approximately 25000 calls and emails.
- John announced that club elections will happen soon so if anyone knows someone who may be interested in a leadership role within our club, please reach out to any of our board members. Dan Spink will not be running for Vice President again, so we know that position will need to be filled, but anyone interested in any other positions are welcome and encouraged. The process will begin in March with elections help in May.
- John reviewed upcoming events including:
 - 23 Jan – Blue Springs Seasonal Event (no Manatee Festival this year, but we will still walk)
 - 13 Feb – Bike Ride – Green Springs (ride Enterprise to Osteen and back)
 - 7 Mar – Port Orange “Get Fit” kick-off walk, option to walk 1 mile, 5km, or 10 km (no bike ride)
 - 27 Mar – Washington Oaks with First Coast Trail Forgers
- John mentioned a possibility for a service project at our Hontoon Island walk location. Maybe within the next year, we might can help with boardwalks over some of the “wetter” areas.
- John also reminded members of our surrounding clubs that they are encouraged to walk with if they would like to: First Coast Tail Forgers (Jacksonville area); Mid-Florida Milers (Orlando area); Sun Coast Sandpipers (Tampa area). John also mentioned that a new club may be starting in the Ft. Myers area that would replace the Meandering Manatees club that closed.
- WAF-30 – is scheduled for 5-7 November 2021. This event was postponed last year due to COVID, so we are ahead of schedule with preparations. We will need volunteers to help with this event and we are looking at providing volunteer training at our upcoming membership meeting this year.

Next Meeting: Thursday, 4 MAR, 6:30 p.m.

10 Members present: John McClellan, Sheila McClellan, Gloria Pratt, Alice Partlow, Dan Spink, David McCarthy, Leslie Stone, Sandy McArthur, Russ Anderson, Nancy Raymond; and staying from the New Member Orientation were Kim Smith, Kathy Kelley and Trish Masters.