

THE HAPPY WANDERERS WALKING CLUB, INC.

Minutes – General Membership Meeting

Thursday, May. 5, 2022, 6:30 p.m.

Meeting agendas were available on the tables. 10 members were present representing 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 closing balance of \$5,223.15.
- The Charleston/Savannah trip generated a walk income for Happy Wanderers of \$102 for the Savannah walk, and we paid \$378 to the Asheville Amblers for the 3 Charleston walks.
- The trip committee will meet by June for a final wrap up report.

Vice-President's Report: (Sandy McArthur)

- Sandy reminded all that will Dan Spink is away she is taking care of the Wednesday night walks, selling blue dots, and collecting money for the Tortugas baseball game and dinner.

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

- Gloria will be reviewing the Cocoa Beach walk directions since she had a comment the directions were not right concerning the boardwalk coming off the beach to Lori Wilson Park, just to ensure that the directions note that the boardwalk is closed.
- Gloria will be out of town May 13-19.

Member-at-Large Report: (Dan Spink)

- Dan was excused since he is traveling out of the country, but he sent word of an average of 24 Wednesday night walkers for the last two months.
- Dan asked to remind all of the May 20 deadline to register and pay for the Tortugas baseball game and picnic dinner.
- Dan sent a recommendation that we send a thank you to the church for allowing us to park our cars in the back parking lot during our Charleston trip. A discussion took place and we realized that we neglected to send our usual donation to the church last Fall. The discussion resulted in a decision that Secretary Alice will send a letter thanking the church for their continued support in allowing us to use their meeting room for our meetings along with our donation for last Fall; the Charleston trip committee will send a thank you to the church regarding the parking. Gloria Pratt made a motion that the donation amount to the church should be for \$100. Sandy McArthur seconded the motion. The motion was approved. Leslie will add a reminder to her calendar, so we do not miss a donation again.

Club Volunteer Reports

Membership: (Karen Duhstine) no update, but approximately 102

Club Store: (Janet Wagner) no update

Website: (David McCarthy) Up to date.

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

Newsletter: (Sheila McClellan) Deadline for newsletter items is Thursday, May 12.

President's Report: (John McClellan)

- WAF31 Nov. 4-6 Tavares FL - hotel flyer is out <https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/DCC95M7> - or call 1-877-424-6423 and say Walk Around Florida for group rate.
- WAF31 will be held in Tavares FL.

- John shared information about an online virtual walking program since the AVA is no longer having their virtual walks. WorldWalking.org hosts virtual walks all over the world and it is free to sign up. A Happy Wanderers team has been created so when you sign up be sure and join the Happy Wanderers team. Our team will be walking from Ukraine to Poland (Kyiv to Warsaw). It's not the same as the AVA programs because it does not track individual distance, it tracks the team's distance, so steps you take can be added to the "teams" progress – just a fun thing to do if you are interested. The site will show milestones and at any time you can click and see a street view of where we are.

Activities going forward....

- Tues 24 May - Annual Tortugas baseball game and picnic dinner. Picnic porch open from 6:00-7:30 and game begins at 7:05. Cost is \$22 for game and picnic – register on our website by May 20!
- Wed 1 June – Start of Wednesday night ice cream walks – time change to 7 PM walk start.
- Sat 4 June – National Trails Day walk at Princess Place Preserve – we will have a 5 and 10km walk plus a “bring your own lunch” social at the end. We have reserved the pavilion. One of our members found out that a tour of the lodge is offered at 2 pm.
- August Planning Meeting – details by next meeting
- October – Health fair in Edgewater
- 2023 IVV Olympiad & IML in San Antonio TX. First ever Olympiad to be held in the US. Participants from 30+ countries will attend. Please consider attending and if you do, please volunteer for at least one volunteer slot. Online registration is now OPEN <https://ivvolympiad2023.org> To book hotel room www.visitsanantonio.com/ivv-international-walking-olympiad-2023-official-hotel-block/

New Business:

- None.

Next Meeting: Thursday, July 7, 2022

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

10 Members present: John McClellan and Sheila McClellan, Gloria Pratt, Alice Partlow, Sandy McArthur, Russ and Barbara Anderson, Leslie Stone, Michael Berman, and Pam Goode.

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Minutes – General Membership Meeting

Thursday, Mar. 3, 2022, 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 closing balance of \$5,613.34.
- The 990N e-postcard has been filed with IRS for our 501C.

Vice-President's Report: (Sandy McArthur)

- Sandy reported a great turnout for the Titusville Chain of Lakes Traditional Walk/Bike/Picnic. 44 Walkers and 14 bikers and all joined in for the picnic afterwards. Food was plenty with HW supplying the main course of hamburgers and hot dogs, and volunteers bringing a variety of side dishes and desserts.

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

- Gloria continues to update materials and communicate with walk POC's.
- We are in need of a POC for our Flagler walk box.
- Gloria also announced that after many years as YRE Coordinator she is resigning this position as soon as we can find a replacement. Gloria's duties include:
 - Renewing our YRE walks annually with the AVA.
 - Recruit, train, and communicate with all of walk box POCs.
 - Keeps informed on new AVA special programs each year and with help from board members, checks our YRE walks for special program qualifiers.
 - Maintain all YRE walk directions.
 - Updates walk brochures annually and makes changes to directions/brochures as needed.
 - Utilize club account with Office Depot to print updated directions and brochures to give to POCs to update walk boxes annually.

Member-at-Large Report: (Dan Spink)

- Dan reported an average of 22 Wednesday walkers during the last two months.
- Charleston bus trip update - currently have 41 registered – still room for 11 more – so if you know anyone interested in a 3-day bus trip to Charleston for walks – please talk to them about our upcoming trip or refer them to the website or a board member.

Club Volunteer Reports

Membership: (Karen Duhlstine) Reported 93 renewals, plus we gained a member tonight.

Club Store: (Janet Wagner) Club store is fully stocked but we are entering a slow time for sales. Janet discussed a miscommunication with a shirt order and the need to get one more shirt for a member, however the supplier will not print just one shirt. Janet made a motion to order 10 more shirts, one that we owe the member, and then 9 long sleeve dry fit shirts for those who want to cover up when walking in the sun. Sandy McArthur seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Website: (David McCarthy) Up to date.

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

Newsletter: (Sheila McClellan) Deadline for newsletter items is Thursday, March 10.

President's Report: (John McClellan)

- WAF31 Nov. 4-6 <https://midfloridamilers.org/newsletter/2022/WAF31%20Save%20the%20Date.pdf>
- WAF31 will be held in Tavares FL.
- WAF31 hotel reservations can now be made at <https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/DC95M7> or call 1-877-424-6423. Room rates are \$95 per night including parking.
 - A question was asked as to why the Jax club was not included in hosting a WAF. John said at the time WAF began, the Jax club was not in existence. He feels if they want to be included, it will take a request from them and then a discussion and vote between the 3 clubs now hosting (HW, Mid FL Milers, and Suncoast Sandpipers).
- Walking Adventures International walked our St. Augustine and Daytona Beach walk. As of now we still do not have log sheets, waivers, or money. We will be staying alert on this and also let our regional director know that we are displeased with their communication with us and their lack of providing waivers prior to walking out routes.
- Port Orange Get Fit Program kick-off began Sunday, Feb. 27. We had 63 participants at our Port Orange Sunday walk either walking the 1, 5, or 10 km walk!

Activities going forward....

- Sat 5 Mar – **Palatka Ravine Gardens Traditional Event**, start from 9:00-10:30 am. Note while it is time for the Azaleas to be in bloom, there will be no Azalea Festival (booths/vendors) this year. That event was cancelled due to vendors having trouble with supply chains.
- Tues 3 May – City of Port Orange Wellness fair 10-2 pm. Will need some volunteers to help man our tables and give out information.
- Sat 4 June – National Trails Day walk at Princess Place Preserve – we will have a 5 and 10km walk plus a “bring your own lunch” social at the end.
- 2023 IVV Olympiad & IML in San Antonio TX. First ever Olympiad to be held in the US. Participants from 30+ countries will attend. Please consider attending and if you do, please volunteer for at least one volunteer slot.
- John shared the walk schedule for Apr, May, June. He will switch dates for the June Palm Coast & St. Augustine walks to accommodate POC schedules.

New Business:

- Club member Marilyn Caskey shared information on a great experience she had at the new Dales Shoes location at 453 S Nova Rd in Ormond Beach. They have a pedorthist (a specialist in modifying footwear to address conditions which affect the feet or lower limbs). He was able to analyze her feet and her gait and recommend shoes or orthotics to improve her condition. Marilyn thought other club members who walk so much could benefit from this. The pedorthist is Matt – you will need to make an appointment to see him, but he also said he would possibly come to a meeting and make a presentation.
- Sheila McClellan asked if the club would make a donation to the Volusia/Flagler YMCA to help sponsor a child with swimming lessons or other need they may have. A discussion followed. Sandy McArthur made a motion to donate \$100. Barbara Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 22, 2022

Dan Spink made a motion to adjourn, and Gloria Pratt seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

15 Members present: John McClellan and Sheila McClellan, Gloria Pratt, Alice Partlow, Dan Spink, Sandy McArthur, Russ and Barbara Anderson, David and Tina Jolly, Leslie Stone, Steve and Janet Wagner, Marilyn Caskey and Jackie Metzger.

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Minutes – General Membership Meeting

Thursday, Jan. 6, 2022, 6:30 p.m.

Meeting agendas were available on the tables. 12 members were present, constituting a quorum. President John McClellan welcomed everyone and then called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. John announced that member Marianne Gray passed away New Year's Eve. A memorial will be held for her on Saturday, January 15, 6:00 pm, at Lohman's Funeral Home, 1201 Dunlawton Ave, Port Orange.

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 (excused) reported an annual income of \$11,405, with annual expenses at \$10,314, having a net gain of \$1,091.

Vice-President's Report: (Sandy McArthur)

- The Chain of Lakes Traditional Walk/Bike/Picnic map, and volunteer sign-ups are complete, and she will work with David (webmaster) to get the sign-up positions online.

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

- YRE box POCs have updated all walk boxes to include 2022 YRE walk instructions, flyers, etc. Walk instructions now include the two new special programs, Rails to Trails and Town/City Halls. We have 6 walks that qualify for Rails to Trails and 8 walks that qualify for Town/City Halls.
- Gloria mentioned that Marilyn Caskey our Daytona Beach POC is relocating out of state. Members Joe Heffernan and Tere Albanese will take over as POCs for our Daytona Beach walk box.

Member-at-Large Report: (Dan Spink)

- Dan reported an average of 22 Wednesday walkers during the last two months.
- Charleston bus trip update - currently have 45 registered – still room for 8 more. A committee meeting will be scheduled soon to work on the itinerary.
- Holiday Food Drive members gave 266 individual items and \$325 in checks/gift cards that will support needy families at Silver Sands Middle and Port Orange Elementary.

Club Volunteer Reports

Membership: (Karen Duhlstine) Reported 134 as of end of 2021. To For 2022, 76 have renewed to date, 4 are pending, 7 are not renewing, and 47 are status-unknown at this time.

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) Deadline for newsletter items is Tuesday, January 11.

President's Report: (John McClellan)

- Covid Update – Discussion of current Covid protocols and questioning if members felt safe. There were no complaints/concerns brought forward.
- Walking Adventures International will be conducting a Best of Florida walking tour group at the end of February. They are interested in 3 of our YRE's, St. Augustine, Daytona Beach, and Blue Springs. John will be communicating with this group and with our regional director to ensure we can get walker waivers completed and fees paid. More details will be announced when available.

- Palatka Ravine Gardens Traditional Event March 5 – A block of 10 rooms available for any worker/volunteer who may want to go the day before to avoid having to drive up so early Saturday morning. Call Quality Inns and Suites Riverfront (1-844-206-1294) and ask for the Happy Wanderers room rate of \$149 plus tax. Reminder – this is the Azalea Festival Weekend – it is likely no other rooms will be available.
- Port Orange Get Fit Program will start Sun. Feb. 27. Our Port Orange walk is currently scheduled for the following week. Board members will look at the walk schedule and determine if we can swap the Mt. Dora and Port Orange walks so we can provide, as usual, a walk for those participating in the Get Fit program. There will be no bike ride that day due to the Get Fit Program.

Activities going forward....

- Sat 22 Jan - **Blue Springs TE**, start from 8:30-10:00 am, but group walk will be at 9:00 am.
- Sat 12 Feb - **Chain of Lakes in Titusville Walk, Bike, Picnic TE**, start from 9:00-10:30 am, picnic after walk. **(VOLUNTEERS needed)**
- Fri-Sun 18-20 Feb – Texas Trail Roundup (IML) San Antonio, TX
- Sat 5 Mar – **Palatka Ravine Gardens TE**, start from 9:00-10:30 am. **(VOLUNTEERS needed)**

New Business:

- Vice President Sandy McArthur presented Club President John with a certificate of appreciation and a gift certificate for dinner for both him and wife Sheila from board members for their dedication, hard work and perseverance in the coordination of the Walk Around Florida event in November.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 3, 2022

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm

12 Members present: John McClellan, Sheila McClellan, Gloria Pratt, Alice Partlow, Dan Spink, Sandy McArthur, Russ Anderson, Mary Geraghty, David and Tina Jolly, Nancy Raymond, and Brad Marple.