The Happy Wanderers Walking Club General Membership Meeting
6:30pm Thursday, August 6, 2026

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1. **Welcome**
   John showed photos from members trip to Crazy Horse while we ate pizza.
   Meeting called to order at 6:32pm. Cate Neuhauser present as potential new member.

2. **Secretary's Report** – Lorna Newman
   Minutes of May 7, 2026 stand as written and are available on the website.

3. **Treasurer's Report** – Leslie Stone, excused
   John reported that we have a balance of $3842.13 in our account. All 2027 sanction renewals were paid in July. Leslie created an individual account in Venmo and a business account will be attached to her account to allow for online payments.

4. **Vice President's Report** – Sandy McArthur, excused
   Sandy is working on special programs for 2027: historical places of worship and places where craft beers are sold.

5. **Member at Large Report** – Dan Spink
   The average Wednesday fun walk for the past 2 months has been 12 walkers per week.

6. **Member at Large Report** – Nicole Hirst
   Nicole mentioned that she is working on a Savannah walk for Saturday, September 26, 2026. We will be inviting the First Coast Trail Forgers and the Southeast Striders walking clubs. The Southeast Striders will be taking over the Savannah walk in 2027. Car pooling is available for Sunday walks – feel free to contact Nicole is interested in car pooling. Just a reminder to remember to renew your Volusia County parking passes, as needed. As of January 1, 2027, Volusia County and New Smyrna beach parking will merge their parking systems. Nicole suggested that we may want to add something about beach parking permits to the tri-fold pamphlet.

7. **Club Volunteer Reports**
   Club Store – Michelle McClaren
   The club store is fully stocked.
   Membership – Karen Duhlstine
   Current – 89, 20 new members
   Newsletter – Sheila McClellan
   The deadline for submissions to the club newsletter is Tuesday, August 11, 2026.

8. **New Business**

a. Leadership Travel

John will be traveling to a couple of walking events and will be out of town October 2-21, 2026.

b. Discount Blue Dots in 2027

A motion was presented and passed for the following: buy 10 blue dots and get one free. It will go into effect January 2027.

The AVA Big Give was mentioned and a motion was presented and passed to have the club give the same amount as last year ($150).

John brought up for discussion the idea of having a business card that could be redeemed as a free walk. Suggestions for use: give a card to attendees at a membership meeting to encourage more attendance at meetings; give to walkers who had previously shown interest at a community event and subsequently came to a Sunday walk.

c. WAF 35 – Bradenton, FL (Host: SS), November 6-8, 2026.

i. 58 participants pre-registered as of July, 11 Happy Wanderers so far

ii. Walk events

Friday: Oscar Scherer State Park

Saturday: Robinson Preserve and National Memorial Park

Sunday: Bradenton YRE

iii. Socials – Meet-n-Greet (mocktail bar), Dinner – Anna Maria Oyster Bar

iv. Online volunteer roster will be available in early September. Happy Wanderers typically run the Saturday morning walk.

v. Quality Inn Bradenton is full, a second hotel is available about a mile away

d. WAF36 in 2027– official nominations for location

Discussion regarding suggestion of Titusville as location. It was decided that, since there were no other location suggestions, Titusville will be the location for WAF36. Walks will include: Titusville YRE, Chain of Lakes, Orlando Wetlands, and the Enchanted Forest.

John has looked into Dixie Crossroads as possible Saturday dinner location.

e. Summer Ice Cream Walks

Ice cream walks will continue through Wednesday, August 26, 2026. The first two Wednesday walks in September will also be at 7pm but will not incorporate an ice cream stop. After that the Wednesday walks will start at 6pm.

f. **Upcoming HW Events -** Using Traveling Guided Stamps this year.
    i. The 3rd quarter walk schedule change 2 is available online. The 4 Quarter 2026 is now in draft.
    ii. Saturday, August 15: Volks-skating at Astro Skate, Ormond Beach, 2-5pm
    iii. Friday, August 28: Info Table at Port Orange Adult Center, 1-6pm
    iv. Saturday, September 12: HW Planning Meeting for 2027 at Port Orange Presbyterian Church, 12pm-2pm
    v. Saturday, September 19: Traveling Guided 13/25K Bike Ride(s) at Lake Monroe Park, registration: 9am, start 9:30am
    vi. Tuesday, October 6: Info Table at Port Orange Library, 11am-2pm **need volunteers
    vii. Thursday, October 8: Info Table at Edgewater YMCA, 9am-1pm ** need volunteers
    viii. Friday, November 27: Traveling Guided Walk at Gemini Springs (#OptOutside), registration: 9:30am, start 10:00am

g. **Savannah YRE**
The Savannah YRE is being transferred to the Southeast Striders (Athens, GA) in 2027. See above about walk on Saturday, September 26.

9. **Open Floor to Membership – any other New Business**
The First Coast Trail Forgers are having a weekend walk November 21-22, 2026. Walk on Saturday on Jekyll Island, walk on Sunday on St. Simon Island. Information can be found at: FCTF-Jekyll-St.-Simons-Event-November-2026.pdf

Maria Paula Mantilla has looked into a club trip to Washington, D.C. for the Cherry Blossom Festival in March-April 2027. She is looking into travel options, etc. and will present more information as she has it.

10. **Motion to Adjourn** – meeting adjourned at 7:40pm

Next General Membership Meeting is: Thursday, November 12, 2026, 6:30pm
One week later that usual due to WAF35.

Attendance:
Barb and Russ Anderson, Nicole Hirst, Maria Paula Mantilla, John and Sheila McClellan, Michelle McLaren, Cate Neuhauser, Lorna Newman, Gloria Pratt, Dan Spink, Janet and Steve Wagner

Respectfully submitted by Lorna Newman, Secretary

The Happy Wanderers Walking Club General Membership Meeting
6:30pm Thursday, May 7, 2026

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1. **Welcome**
   Meeting called to order at 6:32pm. Two new members present : Donna Steele and Betz (Betsy) Stewart.

2. **Secretary's Report** – Lorna Newman
   Minutes of February 5, 2026 stand as written and are available on the website.

3. **Treasurer's Report** – Leslie Stone, excused
   John reported that as of October 31 we had $4043 in our account. All 1st Quarter business has been filed, along with annual fees being paid to Meet-Up. The board may consider lowering the cost of blue dots from $4 to $3.50. Discussions are ongoing about accepting Venmo payments.

4. **Vice President's Report** – Sandy McArthur, excused
   Sandy has arranged coverage for all walks during the upcoming vacations in June.

5. **Member at Large Report** – Dan Spink
   The average Wednesday fun walk for the past 2 months has been 20 walkers per week.
   There were 23 attendees for the Tortugas baseball game in April.

6. **Member at Large Report** – Nicole Hirst
   We had 48 attendees for the 35th anniversary gathering in March. Many individuals donated items, which helped keep the pricing down for the event. John showed us the certificate the club received for the 35th anniversary that was sent by the AVA.

7. **Club Volunteer Reports**
   Club Store – Michelle McClaren, excused
   The club store is fully stocked. There has been an interest in additional rain jackets. A call for orders may be made.
   Membership –
   Current – 84, 17 new members
   Newsletter – Sheila McClellan
   The deadline for submissions to the club newsletter is Tuesday, May 12, 2026.

8. **New Business**
   a. **Leadership Travel**
      Some walkers may be called upon to lead 5K or 10K walks during June to cover these absences.

b. **WAF 35** – Bradenton, FL (Host: SS), November 6-8, 2026. Committee meeting May 22-23, 2026, Brochure may be available in early June

i. Hotel reservations are available now for the Quality Inn Bradenton – Sarasota North - choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/qf74h5?checkInDate=2026-11-05&checkOutDate=2026-11-09&ratePlanCode=BVZRAC

ii. Walk events
Friday: Oscar Scherer State Park
Saturday: Robinson Preserve and National Memorial Park
Sunday: Bradenton YRE

iii. Socials – Meet-n-Greet (mocktail bar), Dinner – proposal from the Anna Maria Oyster Bar

c. **WAF36 in 2027**– nominations for location

Discussion regarding suggestion of Titusville as location. We already have 2 walks available with a new walk in the Enchanted Forest and possibility of using MidFlorida Milers Orlando Wetlands YRE walk. John has looked into Dixie Crossroads as possible Saturday dinner location and has a potential additional location to explore.

d. Summer Ice Cream Walks

June, July, and August walks will be at 7pm.

e. **Upcoming HW Events -** Using Traveling Guided Stamps this year.

i. The 3rd quarter draft walk schedule is being reviewed by the board.
The next membership meeting in August 6 and most likely will be a dinner meeting.
Planning meeting is tentatively scheduled for a Saturday in September.

ii. Roller Skating Social/Event in August or September – Ormond Beach or Deltona
John visited both the Ormond Beach and Deltona locations. Both are $10 to skate and $3 for skate rentals. After discussion by the members present, we decided that a Saturday afternoon in August would work best for the schedule. More information will be available within a month.

f. Savannah YRE

John contacted the Southeast Striders Walking Club and they are willing to take over the Savannah YRE from our club in 2027. If, in the future, their club decides they no longer want it, our club will be contacted first with the option of taking it back.
Nicole volunteered to organize a group walk of the two clubs in Savannah – most likely in the fall, before the transfer occurs.

9. **Open Floor to Membership – any other New Business**
   Maria Paula Mantilla is interested in looking into a club trip to Washington, D.C. for the Cherry Blossom Festival in March-April 2027. She will look into travel options, etc. and present preliminary information at the next club membership meeting.
   Some members of our club will be attending the Crazy Horse Volksmarch in June. This is popular event drawing 10-15,000 walkers each year.

10. **Motion to Adjourn** – meeting adjourned at 7:21pm

Next General Membership Meeting is: Thursday, August 6, 2026, 6:30pm

Attendance:
Barb and Russ Anderson, Nicole Hirst, Maria Paula Mantilla, John and Sheila McClellan, Lorna Newman, Gloria Pratt, Donna Steele, Dan Spink, Betz Stewart, Janet and Steve Wagner

Respectfully submitted by Lorna Newman, Secretary

The Happy Wanderers Walking Club General Membership Meeting
6:30PM Thursday, February 5th, 2026

1. Welcome
New members: Paul Annunziata, Judy White and Chris Thoburn.

2. Secretary's Report: Lorna Newman absent. November meeting minutes are posted.

3. Treasurer's Report: Leslie Stone
Club closing balance 4380.29 total income 1223.00, expenses 977.95
Completing close out of 2025, Leslie to file SunBiz
The club is doing well. Reduced cost of storage will help moving forward. We will need 1000 walkers this year to break even.
Accepting electronic payments: We plan to set up and move forward on this later this year.

4. Vice President: Sandy McArthur
All Boxes are up to date and filled for the new year.

5. Member at Large: Dan Spink
Wednesday Fun Walks are averaging 19 walkers.
Tickets for the Tortugas Game will be available in March for the game April 16th.

6. Member at Large: Nicole Hirst
Nicole and Michelle McLaren are busy with planning for the 35th Anniversary party. They welcome assistance from Maria Mantilla, Holly Holt, Molly Glasgon, Sheila Allen and Janet Floirendo.
The dinner is to be held at the Port Orange VFW on Saturday 3/14/26.
Nicole requested approval to cover the cost of the hall rental should we fall short of the 50 person sign up for dinner. Request was approved.

7. Club Volunteer Reports
Club Store: Michelle McLaren has taken over the store and plans to bring items to walks
She requested 2 $20.00 gift certificates for purchase of club store items to be awarded during the Anniversary dinner. Her request was approved.
Membership: 103 (end of 2025) renewals are continuing to come in, 34 pending; 8 new.
Newsletter: Sheila items due 2/10/26

8. New Business
Upcoming events using the Traveling Guided Stamps this year:
1. Saturday 2/14 Bike Ride Rotary Park- Edgewater- Register 9:00AM, start 9:30AM
2. IML TTRU in San Antonio, TX is 2/20 John is going.
3. Saturday 2/21 Information Table at Lyonia Wildlife Festival. Sandy and Nicole to set up and attend with Sheila and Dan to assist.
4. Saturday 2/28 TGW Palatka/Ravine Gardens 5/10k Registration 9:30AM; Start 10AM
5. Sunday 3/1 Port Orange YRE "Get Fit" starts will have a 1 mile, 3K and 10K walk. No Bike ride that day.
6. Saturday 3/14 TGW Lyonia Preserve5/10K Register 8:30AM; start 9AM
7. Saturday 3/14 HW 35th Anniversary Dinner at the VFW 3282
8. Easter Sunday-4/5/26 No Walk
9. Saturday 4/11 TGW Deleon Springs 5/10K Registration 8:30AM; Start 9AM
10. Saturday 4/25 is RTC "Celebrate Trails Day" new AVA partnership Potential event. Possible bike ride.

Roller Skating Social/ Event in June or July looking for a venue. This event may be eliminated from insurance next year according to Leslie to bring down the cost.

9. Open Floor to Membership: no concerns or questions

10. Motion to Adjourn: Meeting ended approximately at 7:20PM

Next Membership meeting is Thursday 5/7/2026 at 6:30PM

Attendance:
John and Sheila McClellan, Russ and Barb Anderson, Leslie Stone, Sandra McArthur, Nicole Hirst, Paul Annunziata, Judy White, Chris Thoburn, Sheila Allen and Molly Glasgon.

Respectfully submitted by Sandra McArthur, Vice President