



Our Ambler meeting was held on Saturday, August 4, 2018, at the Dogwood Pavilion in Quiet Waters Park. Bob welcomed everyone to our annual summer picnic. We enjoyed a wonderful selection of appetizers, sides, salads, and desserts provided by members.

A grateful Thank You and Well Done to Bob Schmick for his efforts in securing the Dogwood Pavilion, ordering and delivering the chicken to the picnic, and for the many other behind the scenes tasks Bob does for our club.

**Minutes:** The club's June Minutes are posted on our website and were distributed to paid members via email. They were accepted as written.

**Treasury:** Bob said the club currently has a balance of \$4,225.00. As explained in our June minutes, the club made a \$200 profit by complying with PNC's rules for opening and maintaining a business account.

**Membership:** Please welcome to our Ambler club: Robert and Sarah Zavos; Tommi Ford; Kristine Tuori; Karen Fernandez; Mary Pazourek; Susan Barna & Gail Lemke.

Bob told everyone that the clubs in Maryland and other regions need to walk more as a group. Reminder that the Amblers have added an additional mall walk -- Annapolis Mall-- Point of Contact is Lourdes Barcelo. Starbucks is hosting several mall walks in our area and agreed to let us use their store in Annapolis.

#### **AVA Financial Issues:**

Bob said that due to declining membership for several years, AVA has conducted several fund-raising campaigns, known as the Big Give, to help offset headquarters' operational deficits.

Additionally, there is a Motion to increase the event Paid Participant Fee from \$1.25 to \$2.25. This motion also allows for clubs to charge up to \$4 for a paid participant. Our Regional

Director, Mike Green, needs each club to provide feedback on this motion. Bob opened this proposal for discussion of pros and cons. Some folks were not in favor of raising the walk fee from \$3.00 to \$4.00; others said we could raise our club dues; and others brought up discontinuing free walkers. A vote was taken on these three suggestions: Our club voted No to increase walk fees to \$4.00. Bob will send our club vote of No to Mike Green, to include our vote with that of other clubs. The group voted to raise our annual member dues from \$10.00 per family per year, to \$15.00 beginning July 1, 2019. Additionally, we will no longer permit free walkers. The exception is: a new walker who has never walked before.

**Weekly Walk Email.** Bob reminded everyone to Please read the full Wednesday email for our weekly Saturday walk. The location of the start point; directions to the start, the rating of walk, such as hilly, parkland, etc. and other pertinent information are contained within the walk description.

Also, reminder there are two car pool locations: "South" -- the Melting Pot restaurant in Parole, and "North" -- the parking lot behind the Exxon station on Benfield Road.

**Fall Trip.**

**2018 Fall Foliage Festival of Walks**

**State College, PA**

**Friday, October 19 – Sunday, October 21**

**Sponsored by the Keystone State Volkssport Association**

“A” Award is a 1” hat pin

**Hotel Reservations. Note:** The Super 8 State College hotel had reserved a block of rooms and they are now filled. Feel free to check additional hotels in the area.

**Four Volkswalks:**

- Town & Gown - Starts at the Super 8 and goes to downtown State College and on the Penn State Campus. The walk is different from YRE and past Fall Foliage walks
- Stone Valley – Walk is on trails around Penn State’s Stone Valley Recreation Area.
- State College North – Walk features the north end of State College.

- Pearls of Penns Valley – This is the area east of State College which features small towns and Amish and Mennonite farms. There will be walks 3 – 5K long on in Spring Mills, Coburn, Millheim, Madisonburg, and Centre Hall. Participants can do as many or as few as they wish.

In addition, the Susquehanna Rovers sponsor two Year-Round Volkswalks in State College and one in Boalsburg.

**Socials.**

- Friday night pizza party. \$5.00 per person.

- Saturday night Meet 'n Greet. \$10.00 per person. If you choose to attend Friday/ Saturday evening meals, you must pre-pay. Make check payable to YWRW, in care of Deb Choiniere, 1696 Valley Vista Dr., York PA 17406.

**Two Events upcoming:** Sunday, September 30, 2018- Oktoberfest in West Annapolis.

Saturday, December 8, 2018 - Lighted Boat Parade -- Eastport & Annapolis. Further information and requests for volunteers will be provided closer to each event's date.

**Next Meeting:** The annual Christmas party, date, and other information to be provided.

Marie Wisner, Secretary