



The Ambler meeting of February 20, 2018 was called to order at 7:03 p.m. Bob greeted everyone attending: Bob, Betty Davis, Cyndi Kelly, Rocco Calabrese, Karen Clark, Gabe Barceló, Jane Steele, Tom and Susan Dehetre, Rich and Trudy Perkins, Deb Peak and Marie Wisner.

Thank you to Susan Dehetre for the scrumptious sheet cake. Hmm, could be a bake-off in the future between John Carolus and Susan.....

Minutes. The December 2017 minutes were accepted as written.

Treasury Report. Bob said the Ambler Treasury had as of end of January, \$3,833.

Newspaper. Bob said that our weekly walk notice is still published in the Evening Capital. He plans to revise the advertisement.

Events. Bob told the group that he plans to sanction an event at the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center - SERC - tentatively on May 5, 2018. SERC is located on Muddy Creek Road, Md. Rt. 468, in Edgewater, MD. Bob plans to have both a 5k and 10k trail. A brochure is in the planning stages. The Co-POC's for this event are Bob and Rocco.

On June 9, 2018, Amblers will host an event at the Piney Orchard Street Festival. Deb Peak is the POC.

We will email requests for volunteers to work both of these events.

Additional events are proposed for the West Annapolis Oktoberfest and the Eastport Lighted Boat parade. Further details provided at a later date.

Members are encouraged to suggest other locations for events.

Picnic. At the Ambler April 17 meeting, we will discuss locations for a walk, with a picnic.

Denton YRE. The club extends a thank you to Jane Steele for volunteering to be the POC for the Denton YRE. Freestate did not choose to renew the walk, and the Amblers will host this YRE. You will note the change of the start box location on the AVA and Ambler website.

Fall Trip. At the December 2017 meeting, Fredericksburg, Harper's Ferry and State College, Pa. were suggested as locations for our annual Fall Trip. Those in attendance at today's meeting voted to have the trip at State College. Second choice was Harper's Ferry with no votes for Fredericksburg. Attached to these Minutes is a flyer from the Keystone State club with information on their club's Fall Foliage Festival of Walks for Friday, October 19 through Sunday, October 21, 2018. There will be four walks available. **Note:** Any Ambler who cares to research other hotel venues, please feel free and share your information with Bob as soon as possible.

Atlantic Regional Conference. You will recall that in 2016, Maryland hosted the Atlantic Regional Conference in Hagerstown. We had an excellent turnout. The Virginia Volkssport Association is hosting the Atlantic Regional Conference March 15-18, 2018 in Loudoun County, VA. For information and to register, please contact Bob Wright, rcwright_va@comcast.net or <http://mdvolks.org/Atlantic/default.htm>.

YRE's. Reminder to all POC's to review your driving directions and your trail directions. Change to both could occur that may not be reflected in the directions in the walk box.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 17, 2018, 7 pm, Edgewater, Library.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

2018 Fall Foliage Festival of Walks

State College, PA

Friday, October 19 – Sunday, October 21

Sponsored by the Keystone State Volkssport Association



Hotel Reservations may be made at the Super 8 State College at the room rate of \$53.00 (same as in 2016) by calling 800-635-1177 and asking for the “Keystone State Volkssport Association” rate. There is a block of rooms for Thursday thru Sunday nights. The deadline for making reservations is August 30.

MAKE YOUR ROOM RESERVATION NOW!!!! Once the block of rooms is gone, it is highly unlikely that we will be able to get additional rooms.

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 (details will be provided later):

- Friday night pizza party
- Saturday night Meet 'n Greet