

GATEWAY MILERS CLUB MEETING MINUTES Aug 14, 2018

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President: Bill Badger

Vice-President: Rosalie Maul

Treasurer: Cindy Stucky

Secretary: Lois La Fleur - fleurs1106@gmail.com

Directors: Deb Kruep, Ann Mattingly, and Paul Gorom

Members: We have **86 club members!**

Treasurer: We have a balance of: \$9,708.41. Two thousand dollars is being held for the Ireland Trip. AVA club dues has increased from \$50/year to \$75/year, this is the first increase since the AVA conception. The AVA fiscal year is changing next June to a calendar year

Door Prize for Mid-American Conference; Lois purchased two \$25 restaurant gift cards and mailed them to the POC collecting the door prizes.

Reports for Recent Walks:

Maplewood: Thank you to Cindy and Tom Stucky for a great walk. The start location was perfect and the walkers loved checking out this new walk.

Schorr Lake Winery: Carol Reznicek and Cindy Lewis took on this walk after our attempt last year which produced a very rainy day. This new date gave us great weather, maybe a little too sunny, but enjoyed by all. Carol and Cindy had a great lunch for us which allowed the workers and walkers to relax and share time together.

Stuttgart Meeting Results: The Stuttgart club voted to stay on for at least another year. Nominated Officers for 2019 are: President: Billy Harrison Vice President: Inga Goessi Secretary: Fran Shaff Treasurer: Vic Shaff. The club decided to not keep the Kirkwood YRE, so the Gateway Miler's decided to take on this YRE starting in 2019, the Stucky's will be the POC. The Stuttgart's Hannibal MO YRE will end Dec 2018. All other Stuttgart YREs will continue in 2019.

AVA Increase to \$4/walker – The treasurer of AVA has proposed a motion to increase the AVA fee portion for each paid walker to \$2.25. To offset this fee clubs may charge up to \$4.00 for a walker participation fee. Currently clubs may charge up to \$3/walker and \$1.25 of that walker fee is sent to AVA. AVA is requesting the fee portion to AVA increase to \$2.25. AVA leadership has taken great strides in finding cost saving, their staff was cut to five people, but with cost rising and amount of walkers decreasing those measures aren't enough. After much discussion a vote was taken and it was unanimous to decline the increase of fees to AVA. Our main reason is that there are clubs who do not collect a fee from walkers who do not stamp AVA books. We would like the issue of "Free Walkers" be discussed first. Eliminating "Free Walkers" would increase fees going to AVA. We will keep you up-to-date on this issue.

Updates on Upcoming Walks and Adventures:

- **Aug 25-26th** – The Windy City Walking club is having a walk in Ottawa. One of our members is also a member of that club. Eleven Gateway Milers club members have signup for the weekend event doing the walk and the next day a trip to Starved Rock.
- **Oct 13th, Pere Marquette** POCs: Bill and Linda Badger – We are being positive for great weather since the last time there was lots of rain. Come out and join us the view and walk will be beautiful.
- **Oct 27-29 Mid-America Conference Dundee MI** – A great event to meet other walker from the Mid-America Region (MI, IL, IN, OH, and KY). All walkers are welcomed to the conference and do the walks. It is a lot of fun to meet so many new walkers. There is a need for volunteers to oversee several committees.

Girl Scout Activity: In order for our club to partner with the Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri we must attend one Girl Scout event per year. We have chosen to attend a G. S. event on Oct 6th. At this event we will have a project for the Girls Scouts to do and meet with Girl Scout leaders and family members. We will pass out flyers advertising a

Gateway Milers Girl Scout event Nov 10th in Mastodon State Park Imperial, MO (Still waiting on State Park approval.) The event does not qualify for IVV credit but is sanctioned by the AVA as a Community Event (ACE) 2.2 mile walk. All members are encouraged to help out during this event and we will have a workers walk after the scouts are finished on Nov 10th. If you are interested in helping out at the Oct 6th and/or Nov 10th events please contact Deb Kruep at: debmarkkruep1@yahoo.com.

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- **Year Round Events (YREs):**
- Oakland Historic District-Belleville POC: Rosalie Maul –Belleville Downtown YMCA
- Edwardsville POCs: Linda and Bill Badger; O’Fallon IL POC: Lois La Fleur; Katy Bike Trail; POCs: Debra Kruep and Missy McBride; and University City MO POCs: DeAnne and Gordon Brown
- All YREs are listed on the AVA website under the Event section.

2018 and 2019 additional event discussion:

Proposed 2019 Walks and Activities:

- Mardi Gras – tentative March 2nd; Deb Kruep and Mark Mackey are taking on this walk again. It is a great walk and event and our walkers and merchants have really enjoyed being there.
- May 18, 2019 - Cliff Cave County Park Walk St. Louis MO – POCs Cindy and Tom Stuckey
- Oct 12th – tentative date for a West County Walk (Clayton?) – POCs Linda and Bill Badger
- The O’Fallon to Maryville bike trail should be ready for the beginning of 2019. We will add that bike trail to our YREs. – POCs Lois LaFleur and Rosalie Maul
- Suggestions for trips to Giant City Park, Winerys, and Paducka KY. Due to the high costs of renting buses we will need to limit the trips to those we can use vans and carpool together. We love to travel so please pass on any ideas for places to visit. Thanks.
- Please send all ideas to: gatewaymilers@gmail.com

NOTE: ** Since we had a lot to discuss we are doing a meeting next month to discuss Girl Scouts, volunteering, and our holiday party.

NEXT MEETING: Our next meeting is **Sep 18th at Fortel’s Pizza Restaurant**. Meet at 6:15 if you would like to order food. Meeting will start at 6:30pm. We’d love for you to join us and share ideas for future walks and trips.

Lois La Fleur
Gateway Milers Secretary