

GATEWAY MILERS CLUB MEETING MINUTES July 9, 2019

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President: Bill Badger

Vice-President: Rosalie Maul

Treasurer: Cindy Stucky

Secretary: Lois La Fleur - fleurs1106@gmail.com

Directors: Ann Mattingly, Paul Gorom, Gordon Brown

Members: We have **83 club members!**

Treasurer: We have a balance of: \$8,545.21

National AVA convention, Status of AVA, Bylaw changes, 2021 AVA Convention

- Change AVA Calendar year from Fiscal Year to Calendar Year
- Bylaws: report to long term planning group; up to three at large members – approved by membership at large
- Madison WI is the site for 2021 AVA Convention
- **New Regional Director:** Robert Buzolich from South Bend IN Hoosier Hikers; email address: Ma_RD@ava.org

Recent Activities: Cliff Cave Walk: We had 56 walkers and many commented on the great location of the walk. A special thank you to Mark Mackey for being our resident chef.

Proposed 2019 Walks and Activities:

- **Sep 28, 2019 – Highland Silver Lake Walk Highland IL** – POC – Lois La Fleur and Rosalie Maul; get ready to walk a new location. You will be walking on the Frisbee Disc Golf route and a hiking trail. Trail may be muddy so keep any eye out about the weather.
- **Oct 12, 2019 – Fiends and Phantoms Walk St. Louis MO** – POC – DeAnne and Gordon Brown; walk will start at The Mud House Coffee Shop.
- **Nov 8-10 - Shawnee National Forest trip:** this is a trip to walk, hike, shop, and of course eat. You would need to provide your own transportation. We have reserved a block of rooms at the Best Western Saluki Inn in Carbondale for that Friday and Saturday night. If you are interested in going please contact Lois La Fleur @fleurs1106@gmail.com

Rolla Roadrunners Club: Effective 30 June the club had disbanded. They asked our club if we would take over several of their walks. Our club has agreed to take over the Cuba MO Year Round Event (YRE) and Rolla MO YRE walks for the remainder of 2019. The Herman YRE will be under the Gateway Milers in 2020. Elizabeth McCartney will be the POC for this walk. The Rolla Roadrunner Club has supported our club so much over the years. They also were so generous in giving us a lot of their walking gear since we were helping them.

- **Please send all walk location ideas to:** gatewaymilers@gmail.com
- **Year Round Events**
- **Edwardsville IL** - POCs: Linda and Bill Badger
- **O'Fallon IL** – POC: Lois La Fleur We have a new 10K so make sure you take directions. We are also adding another 5K walk soon.
- **Katy Bike Trail** – This YRE no longer has a start point. This will now be a mail in only to register. The current POC for the Herman start is unable to take on the responsibility. There were about 5 riders last year. There was a vote at the meeting to retire the Katy Bike Trail event after 2019.
- **Oakland Historic District-Belleville** – POC: Rosalie Maul
- **University City MO** – POCs: Deanne and Gordon Brown

- **Kirkwood MO** – POCs: Cindy and Tom Stucky
- **O’Fallon IL Bike event:** Lois La Fleur and Rosalie Maul - The bike trail is almost finished. Once completed we will start offering this new bike trail.

Items from the floor:

Walk Ideas for 2020: Lafayette Square, Clayton, St. Peters, Bunny Hop O’Fallon IL, Soup Walk with Girl Scouts University City, Nature Institute Godfrey IL.

Reminder: Our 2019 Gateway Miler membership form is on our website. We will have the membership form available at our traditional walks.

NEXT MEETING: Our next meeting is **September 24th at Cheddar’s Restaurant, Fairview Heights**. Meet at 6: 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