

# MIDLAND WALKABOUT

## Membership Meeting August 1, 2016 - Proposed Minutes

Midland Walkabouts held a regular monthly membership meeting in the meeting room of Murray's Restaurant & Deli on August 1, 2016. The meeting started at 6:20 p.m. Our President, Susan Fine was the presiding officer.

1. No Guests at this meeting.
2. Minutes from June 6, 2016 meeting were approved.
3. Treasurer's Report by our treasurer, Carolyn Petersen. At the end of July our balance was \$1,357.88.
4. OLD BUSINESS
  - a. UPDATE: Founder's Day 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration June 11 in FREDERICKSBURG:
    - i. 358 registrations for the 2 walks, 1 bike, 1 swim (many were duplicate people)
    - ii. At the meeting, NEC agreed NOT to increase walking fees. We currently send \$1.25 of the \$3.00
    - iii. NEC also approved the AVA strategic plan. You can read it on the AVA webpage: [ava.org](http://ava.org). AVA is needing volunteers to serve on committees, if you are interested contact our President.
  - b. TVA meeting Saturday August 6 in GRANBURY: Walk starts at 7AM, meeting in afternoon...several year rounds in the area (Susan Fine will attend).
5. NEW BUSINESS
  - a. Starting Point book for 2017 - we voted to buy one book for the club – year rounds – we voted to keep the same year rounds and add 2 walks in Fort Davis and one in Palo Duro Canyon. We also voted to allow Susan Fine to try to add the two Fort Davis Walks as a Seasonal Walk for the end of this year to go along with the Big Bend Walks happening this year. Our proposed YRE (Year Round Event) walks 2017:

Midland Bush Walk	Monahans State Park
Midland Racquet Club Walk	@Big Spring State Park
Midland Mall	@Stanton
Odessa UTPB	@Fort Davis State Park
@Palo Duro Canyon State Park 5 & 10 K	@Downtown Fort Davis National Historic Park

@ - we voted to make these remote sites for us. Walkers will contact us by email, and the POC (Point of Contact) would email the directions of the walk. The walker would mail \$\$ to us, and we would mail them stamped insert cards for the walks they did.
  - b. AVA's name is officially a DBA: "AVA: America's Walking Club". We will add to website and brochures.
  - c. Enter the photo contest for the cover of AVA Starting Point. Photos must have been taken June 30, 2015 thru August 31, 2016.
  - d. Mascot Contest being conducted. See last email attachment if interested.
  - e. Midland Mall walk – 7 of us participated July 9. How many cleaned Windlands Park July 16?
  - f. 40<sup>th</sup> annual Patch – If anyone is interested in having one contact Susan Fine.
  - g. Upcoming walks: (these do NOT include the Texas walks east of Midland like Dallas-Fort Worth, San Antonio, Houston, etc.)
    - i. August 13: Big Spring State Park or I-20 Wildlife Refuge– group walk. This is pending who is in town and wants to walk -- watch next email for more information
    - ii. September 24 – Raton, NM – walking across the border to Colorado
    - iii. October 3 – El Paso – 2pm with Tater Tours
    - iv. October 7-9 – Big Bend
    - v. Two Seasonal Walks thru December in West Texas: Sanderson, TX (about an hour south of Fort Stockton) and Seminole Canyon State Park (an hour southeast of Sanderson)
  - h. June 7-9, 2017 – AVA National Convention in Billings, Montana. Susan Fine plans to attend.
  - i. Next Meeting moved to Monday September 12 (NOT on Labor Day)
  - j. Bob in Health South. Our club will send a get well card.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm.

By Read Johnston, Secretary. Last Edited 2016 August 1.