

MINUTES WALKABOUT MINUTES, August 7, 2017, 6:00p.m., Murray's Restaurant and Deli, Midland

Members Present: Sammy Hunnicutt, Jack Rogers, Carolyn Petersen, Gary Petersen, Alex Rose

Sammy opened the meeting on time and passed out the prepared agenda. The minutes of the July meeting had been emailed to the membership after the last meeting and were passed out to those who were present. They were read and approved as written.

Carolyn gave the treasurer's report with a balance of \$1,176.99. The treasurer's report was accepted as read. A \$50.00 donation was given to Carolyn at the meeting from a walker at Windlands Park via Alex Rose. This was not included in the treasurer's report. Carolyn reminded us of the annual financial reports due to AVA by November 15 as well as the IRS 990. This is a big job and we really appreciate Carolyn's ability to handle this.

The impromptu walks that Sammy has been promoting is helping to generate more walking together than the one walk each month, and is also increasing our bank balance. We encourage all who have the time to join the Saturday walks.

Notes from the TVA meeting in Kerrville, Texas, August 5, 2017 was sent to Sammy from Susan Fine and included in our meeting packet. The next TVA meeting will be in McAllen or Gladewater. More info to come. The date of the next meeting is March 2-4, 2018.

Much discussion was generated about the trip to the Chihuahuan Desert Research Institute, CDRI.

This trip was made by Susan and Ken Fine, Sammy Hunnicutt, Carolyn and Gary Petersen on July 29 to identify the walk route for the first 5K distance. This is a difficult trail and one needs to be prepared for the difficulty. The last 5K distance will be around the botanical gardens and will be much easier. We hope to have this ready for a seasonal walk for AVA for the 2018 Starting Point Book. Those present made a motion to complete the paper work for the new walk and the new walk was approved.

Carolyn reminded us that we had voted to pay Cristal Firestone \$100.00 a year to maintain our website. It is time to do this again and we all voted to do such.

The December trip to San Angelo the first weekend of December will coincide with Christmas at Ft. Concho and we will discuss this at the next meeting. Also the New Years challenge of the Polar Bear Challenge at Balmorhea State Park may be of interest.

Those going to Big Spring to walk Saturday, August 12 will meet at Jumburritos at 7:00 a.m. Those who wish to meet us at the start of the walk (the top of the State Park) should plan to be there at 8:00 a.m.

**Our next meeting will be Monday, September 11 at Murrays at 6:00 p.m.** Notice the change in date.

Respectfully submitted, Alex Rose, Secretary