

## Walkabout meeting Aug. 3, 2020 minutes

Attendance: Alex Rose, Jack Rogers, Diana Smart, Gary & Carolyn Petersen, Bonnie Resley, Kenneth Rust, and Janice Courtney.

Minutes of the July 6, 2020 meeting were approved.

Treasurer Kenneth Rust reported a balance of \$1,038.00. He received an alarming notice from the bank about a \$700+/month fee. Kenneth does not think this applies to us, but he will check on it.

Diana discussed the Lake Colorado City State Park walk. The club voted to add this as a sanctioned year-round walk. Carolyn will prepare the walk directions and submit to the group for approval.

We discussed the pros and cons of keeping the Mall and Stanton walks for 2021. The group decided to maintain both walks, which makes a total of twelve sanctioned walks for our club.

The Walkabouts intended to participate in Midland Health's Wellness Tour in late September at Midland College. Diana received notice that the college buildings (restrooms) will not be available on Saturdays, due to the virus. We voted to postpone our event until March or April. Alex noted that the Academy coupons will expire, but all the other grab-bag items will still be good and are being kept in storage.

The walk this Saturday August 8 will be held at UTPB. Meet behind JumBurrito at the Midland Mall at 7:00am for carpooling, or meet at the parking lot just west of the fire station at 5151 E. University Blvd., Odessa at 7:30am. Participants should bring \$3, record booklets, and water.

Six people walked July 11 at the I-20 Wildlife Preserve. Kenneth will contact folks in charge of the Preserve to see if they could use our assistance with clean-up or other tasks.

Diana mentioned the officer elections coming soon. Kenneth said he is willing to continue as Treasurer; this leaves President and Secretary that are possibly open in 2021. Even though Cristal Firestone is moving, she is willing to continue as Webmaster. Carolyn brought up the honorarium which is usually provided to Cristal in September.

We discussed the project of updating and sanctioning our walk information for 2021. The deadline is Sept. 15; Diana and Carolyn have made progress on this task. AVA would like clubs to shorten their walk descriptions with a goal of making the Starting Point book about 200 pages shorter.

Due to the virus, the WTTW event in Big Bend has been cancelled, as has the Walk around Florida event.

Alex offered to call some of the new members and provide a personal invitation to our events.

\*\*\*Diana noted that due to Labor Day, our September meeting will be on a Tuesday, September 1.

After the meeting was adjourned, we celebrated Jack Rogers' 90<sup>th</sup> birthday coming soon on Aug. 12. Alex provided a delicious raspberry cake, accessories, and many greeting cards were offered. Jack founded our club in 2001; Best Wishes Jack and Many Happy Returns of the Day!

Minutes submitted by Carolyn Petersen

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