

Midland Walkabout Minutes of August 1, 2022

Attending: Agnes Biggs, Jack Rogers, Tara Stacer, Bonnie Resley, Gary Petersen, Carolyn Petersen, Laurel Henry, Janice Courtney, and Diana Smart.

Bonnie moved, and Jack seconded, that the minutes of July 11, 2022 be accepted.

Treasurer Kenneth Rust was out of town, but copies of the report for July were available. On July 31, the closing balance was \$641.85. Kenneth noted that we need 35 participants each quarter in order to break even.

Old Business:

1. Carolyn reported no progress yet on changing the walks to the Online Start Box (OSB). Diana recommends that Carolyn begin with the walks that are furthest away, and to keep Diana informed of any progress.
2. Diana made an appeal for volunteers to serve as Interim President since she is moving to Houston at the end of this month. Secretary Carolyn Petersen needs to email the minutes to Diana. Diana noted that AVA should send the new stampers to Carolyn's address, not Diana's.
3. Carolyn offered to continue as the POC (Point of Contact) for our club's walks.

New Business:

1. The official walk for August is this Saturday August 6 at Midland Park Mall. The Mall's exterior doors open at 9:00am. We will meet at the food court at 9:05am.
2. New officers are needed for the 2023 year. Kenneth plans to continue as Treasurer, but we will need a President and Secretary.
3. August 31 is AVA's deadline for getting the walks renewed in order to appear in the 2023 Starting Point manual. Carolyn will update the walk information.
4. Diana discussed an upcoming special event, the TVA (Texas Volkssport Asso.) meeting occurring Nov. 11-13, 2022. The event hotel is the Hampton Inn, 1202 Mockingbird Lane, Sulphur Springs, TX (east of Dallas). The meeting is at 1pm on Saturday Nov. 12 and there are walks every day. Diana noted that this is a good opportunity for the new Walkabout president. If Diana decides to go, she will serve as the "voting" representative for our club.
5. The new 2023 brochure is ready. Zoey at Murray's Deli said it was okay for the club to meet there in 2023. The Davis Mountain State Park walk will be in March 2023.
6. Diana distributed club items that she found while packing for her move. Carolyn will take the 2022 Starting Point manual and the business cards. Laurel will take the display case keys (Windlands Park).
7. Other business: Carolyn noted the new issue of Checkpoint, the monthly AVA newsletter available by email for free to anyone who requests it. Checkpoint has updates on all national and regional AVA news. Send your request to Hector at hector@ava.org. Please note on the subject line: Request for Checkpoint.

The motion to adjourn was made by Janice, and seconded by Jack.