

## Midland Walkabout Minutes of Sept. 12, 2022

The minutes of Aug. 1 were approved.

Kenneth Rust provided the Treasurer's Report. The sanction fees for our 12 walks were paid to AVA: \$240.00. We received income from the Big Spring and Mall walks. The balance is \$499.85.

All twelve walks were renewed for 2023. Carolyn was unable to transform them into Online Start Boxes, but they can all be handled electronically which eliminates the need for physical walk boxes. The three remaining boxes will be retrieved in January.

The Walkabouts still need a Secretary and a President for 2023. Carolyn is serving as Interim President for the rest of 2022. Jack suggested having 2 vice presidents.

The Monahans Sandhills Resolution Run was discussed. This event will occur Saturday Jan. 14 at the Monahans Sandhills State Park. You can register online at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com).

The official club walk in January will be Saturday Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> in Big Spring.

We discussed the idea of increasing the dues. Kenneth motioned for \$15 for individuals and \$20 for families. The motion passed.

Some members have left the Midland area: Billie Nozares has moved to Austin, and Diana Smart has settled in Houston. Candace Warncke is in Plano, at least temporarily, to help open a new HEB.

Those wishing to participate in the San Antonio 2023 IVV Olympiad Feb. 19 – 22 should register at [ivvolympiad2023.org](http://ivvolympiad2023.org). The Olympiad attracts Volkssporters from around the world.

The West Texas Trail Walkers event October 7-9 is to be held at Colorado Bend State Park, northwest of Austin. Register here: <https://www.westtexastrailwalkers.org/2022coloradobend>

Kenneth and Diana have met with Jim Collett of the Midland County Historical Society about a possible historical walk in Midland that will be open to the public. Kenneth will call Mr. Collett to see where things stand. It would be nice to have a guide to discuss the historical sites.

The Big Spring walk Sat. Sept. 10 involved 7 people and one dog. Three people did the 3K, three others did the 10K, and one walked around the top of Scenic Mountain.

The Mall walk Aug. 6 included 14 members and 2 visitors, a great turnout.

Our upcoming monthly walk is scheduled for Oct. 15 – the Bush Homes Walk. We voted to skip the museum tour this time.

Keep Midland Beautiful holds its annual fall clean-up in October. We will clean Windlands Park on Sat. Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, meeting at 8am at the park. Kenneth will register our group and pick up supplies.

AVA's annual fundraiser "The Big Give" is scheduled for Sept. 22-23. We can donate online during this time. Our group voted to send a check of \$25.00.

Under New Business, Kenneth alerted us to an opportunity on Wednesday Nov. 2 from 5-8pm. This is a Day of the Dead celebration at Windlands Park and the event is dedicated to Monarch butterflies. Ken agreed to set up a table, and Alex will help. We will use this event to help advertise the Walkabouts and have brochures available. More volunteers are needed.

As part of Other Business, Alex expressed concerns about unfinished projects and about publicity. The Memorial Tree at Midland College has no shrubs, but MK, as a Naturalist, mentioned that mulch instead of shrubs might be healthier for the tree. Alex is concerned that the scrapbooks will just end up in someone's garage. Kenneth, however, has taken digital photos of each page, the actual scrapbooks are brought to each meeting for perusal, and the historical society has agreed to store them when needed. Laurel will have the 2023 brochure printed. Cathy Beckett has made the Walkabouts 'public' on the Next-Door App to attract new members.