

GATEWAY MILERS CLUB MEETING MINUTES Jun 28, 2016

President: Bill Badger

Vice-President: Rosalie Maul

Treasurer: Cindy Stucky

Secretary: Lois La Fleur - fleurs1106@gmail.com

Directors: Deb Kruep, Carol Reznicek, and Mark Mackey

Members: We have 64 club members!

Treasurer: Cindy is doing the Annual AVA Report and once finished the Club Directors will need to conduct an audit. She will let us know when that needs to be done.

Updates on Upcoming Walks and Adventures:

Gatlinburg 8/24-8/28 – POC-Deb Kruep: We have 32 signed up for the trip. The East Tennessee Wanders will join us on several of the walks. We have seats available so please contact Deb by 31 Jul if you want to join us.

- **March to the Arch 9/11** – POC-Rosalie Maul: We have 44 signed up. The 5K walk is approved. One Girl Scout troop requested information about the walk. Go to our website and there is a link to register for the walk.

Remember this is a pre-registered only walk; **DEADLINE: 31 July so don't delay.**

- **Fall Foliage Walk in Godfrey 10/15** – POC-Lois La Fleur: Walk is sanctioned and on the AVA website. There are two 5k routes both with beautiful views. We are working with the Girl Scouts and hope they can join us.

- **Branson Trip 11/4-11/6** – POC-Deb Kruep: Registrations are coming in. It will be a great time of year to view the Holiday lights. Check our website for all the information.

Traditional Walks for 2017

- **Feb 18th, Madigras Madness** – Belleville: POC Deb Kruep: She is working on the route for a great walk.

- **May 6th, Soulard and Lafayette** – POC Cindy and Tom Stucky: They are working with the Lafayette Business Association for approval. They have mapped out the 5 and 10K route.

- **May 20th, Southern Illinois Univ - Edwardsville Univ Walk** – POC Bill and Linda Badger: They are working with the SIUE staff to map a walk through their campus and use their facilities for our start/finish location.

- **Oct 14th, Salt Lick Reserves – Valmeyer:** POC: Deb and Mark Kruep: A favorite is returning!!

- **Possibly another walk in Missouri**

- **Oct bus trip to southern IL;** we are looking at going to the wineries and exploring the numerous hiking trails.

Year Round Events (YREs):

- Edwardsville IL POCs: Linda and Bill Badger; Kimmswick MO (our newest YRE) POCs: Cindy and Tom Stucky; and O'Fallon IL POC: Lois La Fleur

- All YREs are listed on the AVA website under the Event section. They are now on the 2017 AVA Event List.

- **Information from the last AVA National Executive Council Meeting**

- Mid-American had two clubs close; one in Illinois and the other in Indiana

- The event stamp holder is possibly going to a black handle.

- Free walker – there are situations in parks where we cannot charge; walks with a large free population cannot afford to pay the AVA fee portion; clubs need to provide a walk that walkers won't mind paying for because of what the walk offers.

- The AVA is looking for ideas for a mascot, have any ideas?

Mid-America Conference Oct 28-30th: It would be great as the newest club to have some representation.

Girl Scouts – We are waiting for the Certificate of Insurance before the Missouri Girl Scouts allow us to be on their website.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR: Another Katy Trail Bike Event Aug 14th meeting at 9:45, more to follow.

NEXT MEETING: Our next meeting is Aug 16th at Fortel's Pizza Restaurant. Meet at 6:15 if you would like to order food. Meeting will start at 6:30pm.

Lois La Fleur, Gateway Milers Secretary