

GATEWAY MILERS CLUB MEETING MINUTES Sept 24, 2019

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President: Bill Badger

Vice-President: Rosalie Maul

Treasurer: Cindy Stucky

Secretary: Lois La Fleur - fleurs1106@gmail.com

Directors: Ann Mattingly, Paul Gorom, Gordon Brown

Members: We have **83 club members!**

Treasurer: We have a balance of: \$8,381.45

Audit by Gateway Milers Directors: The directors did a complete audit of our books on Sep 23, 2019 and found zero discrepancies. The next audit will be in Jan 2020 to cover the remainder of our calendar year. Starting next year the fiscal year is the calendar year January to December.

Election of Gateway Milers officers and one Director Position: At our Nov 12, 2019 meeting we will hold our elections. Bill Badger, our first and only president, has decided to step down and allow someone else to be our president.

Details for backup person for club positions: We want to make sure that all the duties associated with our officers, directors, and all those extra duties are covered. We are going over all the procedures ensuring that the next in line is aware of those duties and how to carry them out. There are some additional duties: website, Miler Messenger, sales, ordering supplies, ensuring all items are available for each walk, approving walks and doing the steps to ensure they are processed and posted on the AVA website. We thank the officers, directors, and several of our members for taking the time to learn and teach us all the duties.

Proposed 2019 Walks and Activities:

- **Sep 28, 2019 – Highland Silver Lake Walk Highland IL** – POC – Lois La Fleur and Rosalie Maul; we are excited to walk in a new location and hoping many of our walkers will try out Frisbee Disc Golf.
- **Oct 12, 2019 – Fiends and Phantoms Walk St. Louis MO** – POC – DeAnne and Gordon Brown; DeAnne is sure making so much information about the history and secrets along their walk. Get ready to have a great time on this walk.
- **Nov 2 - World Bird Sanctuary:** POC Deb and Mark Kruep: We will be back to this great place with our Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and their families and friends joining us. We hope you can join us on this fun walk seeing all the birds and enjoying the trails.
- **Nov 8-10 - Shawnee National Forest trip:** We have reserved a block of rooms at the Best Western Saluki Inn in Carbondale for that Friday and Saturday night. Our main purpose is to explore trails and identify their level of difficulty, check out the wineries, shopping opportunities, and restaurants. We are looking at having a weekend event next year at this location. If you are interested in going please contact Lois La Fleur @ fleurs1106@gmail.com
- **Please send all walk location ideas to:** gatewaymilers@gmail.com

- **Year Round Events**
- **Edwardsville IL** - POCs: Linda and Bill Badger
- **O'Fallon IL** – POC: Lois La Fleur We have a new 10K so make sure you take directions. We are also adding another 5K walk soon.
- **Oaklnd Historic District-Belleville** – POC: Rosalie Maul
- **Hermann MO** – POC: Elizabeth McCartney
- **Kirkwood MO** – POCs: Cindy and Tom Stucky

- **University City MO** – POCs: Deanne and Gordon Brown
- **O’Fallon IL Bike event:** Lois La Fleur and Rosalie Maul – We will make this a seasonal bike event starting next year.
- **Katy Bike Trail** – This YRE no longer has a start point. This will now be a mail in only to register. The current POC for the Herman start is unable to take on the responsibility. There were about 5 riders last year. There was a vote at the meeting to retire the Katy Bike Trail event after 2019.

Items from the floor:

Walk Ideas for 2020: Lafayette Square, Clayton, St. Peters, Bunny Hop O’Fallon IL, University City YRE Soup Walk with desserts for those who bring a can of soup, Nature Institute Godfrey IL.

Reminder: Our 2020 Gateway Miler membership form will be on our website in Dec. We will have the membership form available at our traditional walks.

NEXT MEETING: Our next meeting is **November 12th at the Café Telegraph, 2650 Telegraph Rd, St. Louis MO.** Meet us at 6pm if you would like to order food. Meeting will start at 6:30pm. We’d love for you to join us and share ideas for future walks and trips.

As a reminder our elections will be conducted at the Nov 12th meeting. All members are invited to the meeting to vote for our 2020 officers and directors.

Lois La Fleur
Gateway Milers Secretary