



Southern Maine Volkssport Association



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The next meeting is on December 10th. This is always a festive meeting with everyone in the holiday spirit and bringing a goodie to share.

Door Monitors are Dave and Penny Cole.

It is with deep regret and sadness that I pass along the news that John Tibbetts died on October 19th of Shay-Drager Disease. John was such a good friend and worker for SMVA. His good humor and friendship will be missed by all.

The family requested that donations be made in John's memory to:

Chestnut Street United
Methodist Church
17 Chestnut Street
Portland, Maine 04101

President's Corner

The moon and 138 volkssporters greeted the sun on Cadillac Mountain over Columbus Day weekend. Some were sleepy-eyed but all were enthusiastic about this unique walk starting in the wee hours to be the first in the United States to see the sun. It was a perfect morning as was the weekend for all the walks. The sun was out, the breezes gentle, the foliage at its peak and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

SMVA was hosting the weekend but it was a Tri-state effort. Barbara and I want to thank Walk'n'Mass and Seacoast Striders for the use of equipment, publicity, and most importantly, volunteers. We thank their members and our own for participating in the walks and dinner. We had 177 people for the dinner with people from New York, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin included.

For all our plotting, planning, worry, and excitement for a year, it's hard to believe it has come and gone! We are looking forward to Columbus Day weekend 2004 when the three clubs offer weekend walks in the three states.

My thanks again to Barbara Weymouth who in her quiet humble way was a rock through this entire experience. It was a pleasure to work with her.

The time really has flown by quickly and I have really enjoyed my time with you. Everyone has been such a great help and I am forever grateful for that and your friendship. We have shared some laughs and sadly shared some sadness. This is a great group of people and I hope that new leadership will bring new members, ideas, trails, and enthusiasm to our merry band of walkers.

Wishing you peace, health, and happiness for 2004.

Thanks, friends, it's been a pleasure.

Ann

Minutes of the October 15th SMVA Meeting

Cheri Watson, SMVA Vice-President, opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. at the Walker Memorial Library in Westbrook. Cheri was conducting the meeting in the absence of President Ann Stevens. 15 members were present.

The September Secretary's Report, as printed in the October SMVA Newsletter, was accepted as printed.

The Treasurer's Report, as read by Treasurer Penny Cole, was accepted as read. There is \$5,458.25 in checking and \$4,520.26 in CDs. Note: Ann Stevens hasn't submitted a final bill for the meal at Bar Harbor last weekend, so the totals will be lower after those expenses are paid.

Membership: Cheri Watson reported that there have been three new members for a total of 141.

Newsletter: dues for 2004 will be due soon.

Club sales: all trinkets are in the trailer at Carroll Tiernan's.

Walk Reports:

Augusta: 124 Lighthouse Walk (South Portland): 126 S. Portland Bridge Walk: 65.

A final report on the Bar Harbor/Cadillac Mountain/Camden Walks last weekend is not available but there were about 165 walkers for the beautiful walk in Bar Harbor Saturday. The two busses from New York State walked the Bar harbor walk on Sunday so the final total will be higher. The dinner Saturday night at the Hill Top Restaurant in Ellsworth was a treat for all as we filled two rooms. Sunday morning everyone got up early Sunday morning to walk up Cadillac Mtn. to watch the sun come up. There was a full moon before the big red sun delighted us with its arrival. The rain didn't come until the afternoon on Monday so the Camden walk was also delightful. Foliage was at its peak. Thanks to Barbara and Ann and everyone else who conducted the walks. They were all a success.

Carroll Tiernan reported on the nominating committee. She has a couple volunteers but there has been no response for the President/Vice-President. There was a long discussion about the future of SMVA if officer's are not found. Carroll said that per the bylaws at least three officers have to be found to keep the club going. Please consider volunteering. The SMVA could have co-President's and/or Vice-President's to help spread the load. But volunteers' are needed. Contact Carroll, Dave, or Elaine if you are interested.

The November meeting will be mainly about how to fill the vacant positions.

If anyone has a Gardiner Walk map from last months walk, please send it to Sylvia, SMVA historian. She has maps of all the SMVA walks.

Thelma just completed walks in all 50 states by walking in Iowa. Congratulations Thelma!

Ken and Happy are having fun in Manitoba, Canada. Happy hasn't seen any Polar bears yet.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Ed Witherell, SMVA Secretary

The January meeting is going to be held at 10:00AM at the Audubon Society in Falmouth before the Winterfest Walk. Check the enclosed brochure for details of the walk. This walk was a huge success last year and we hope that you come and enjoy it this year. Carroll is going to have tables set up and hot chocolate in the ready when you return from the walk. Bring your lunch, sit, and visit.

Start the New Year with a group walk of the Portland YR. We will meet at the Double Tree and step off at 10:00. Dean Cilley is offering two different walks to choose from in Portland for 2004.

Minutes of the November 12th SMVA meeting

Ann Stevens, SMVA President, opened the meeting at 7PM at the Walker Memorial Library in Westbrook. Fifteen members were present.

The October Secretary's Report, as printed in the November Newsletter, was accepted as printed.

The Treasurer's Report, as read by Happy Jackson, was accepted as read. There is \$2,091.29 in checking and \$4,522.95 in CDs.

It was voted to donate \$50.00 to the Boys and Girls Club in Gardiner for their hospitality at the Gardiner walk.

Membership: no report.

Walks:

The Lighthouse walk has had 97 walkers this year. The S. Portland Bridge walk has had 65 walkers.

The Bar Harbor walk had 138 walkers and the Cadillac Mtn. walk had 138 walkers. The Camden walk had 222 walkers. Overall, the Bar Harbor/Cadillac Mtn./Camden walks in October made a profit of \$905.00. Congratulations to all that made those walks a success.

It was voted to donate \$50.00 to John Tibbett's church in memory of John.

Nominating Committee: Carroll Tiernan reported that Wiley Johnson has been nominated for Treasurer, and Sharon LaChapelle has been nominated for Secretary, and Marilyn Russell has been nominated as Board Member. So far there are no nominations for President or Vice-President.

Carroll Tiernan has the brochure for the Winterfest Walks in Falmouth January 24/25. It was decided to hold the January 2004 meeting on January 24 at 10AM in the Audubon Center in Falmouth then have a Winterfest group walk at noon.

There was a discussion about whether to hold the club meetings at the Walker Memorial Library on the second Wednesday of the month, instead of the third Wednesday.

For the December 10th meeting please bring some holiday food for everyone to enjoy.

Happy Jackson won the 50/50 drawing. Speaking of Happy, yes she did get to touch the nose of a Polar Bear on Ken and Happy's exciting trip to the northern reaches of Canada. Thanks for the pictures.

A Point of Contact is needed for 2004.

Ann Stevens nominated, and the club voted for, Barbara Weymouth as volunteer of the year. Congratulations Barbara for your successful Bar Harbor/Cadillac Mtn./Camden walks in October.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM.

Ed Witherell, SMVA Secretary

Membership

It's time to renew your membership to SMVA. It would be a great gift idea to enroll a friend or family member in our club and get them walking with us for the health of it. No special skills or equipment required—just one foot in front of the other and repeat as often as necessary to complete the route!

The fees are the same as last year. An individual membership (1 person) is \$12 and a family membership (2 or more persons) is \$15. Bring your check to the next meeting or mail it to Membership, SMVA, P.O. Box 722, Westbrook, Maine 04098.

The credit only fee is still \$3.00 and we still allow free walkers. There are no "A" awards for our seasonal and year round walks this year.

Upcoming Events:

Saturday Dec 6th LaSalette Shrine Attleboro,MA start 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

The Cookie walk is on Sunday Dec. 7th, start time 11:30a.m to 1:30p.m.

Start place:

Newmarket Community Center
1 Terrace Drive
Newmarket, NH 03857

Bring a plate of cookies to share, and if you wish an unwrapped toy for the Toys for Tots Program. The walk consists of two 5K loops along sidewalks and streets in Newmarket

Directions:

From Route 95 North or South: Take Exit 3 (going north) and Exit 3B (going south) taking a left at traffic lights (from the south) going onto Route 33. At 5th (4th from the North) traffic light (do not count flashing yellow light) about 14.6 miles take a right onto Squamscott Rd. At the end of Squamscott take a right onto Route 108 and continue for about 15.7 miles. At police station (on the left shortly after McDonalds) take a left onto Terrace Dr. and follow signs to Newmarket Community Center which is at the end of the street.

Or you can direct people to our web address for directions at <http://www.ava.org/clubs/sstrider/walks/newmarket03.html>

Jan 1st Portland Yr round 10a.m.

Jan. 24th Winterfest walk Falmouth



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