

# Southern Maine Volkssport Association Newsletter

October 2001



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## Minutes of The September Meeting of The Southern Maine Volkssport Association September 19, 2001

The September Meeting was opened by our President, Dan Carr at 7:00 PM asking for a silent prayer for those who perished and are suffering from the terrible terrorist attack on Sept 11, 2001 on our country. There were 26 members and guest in attendance.

The Secretary's report was accepted as printed in the August Newsletter.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as reported by David Cole, Treasurer.

The total membership to date is 212. It was noted that it is time to renew our membership for the up coming year 2002. Also the membership person, Wendy Hunter, stated there would be a \$15.00 first prize for the person who got the most new members for this year. Second prize would be a coupon book for YRE and SEA walks. Third prize would be \$5.00 off the next membership fee.

Under publicity, Ken Jackson reported that a news item was sent to the Lewiston, Augusta and Farmington newspapers on the up coming events to be held at Norland's Living Center on Sept 29 and 30, 2001.

The McAuley Residence Walk with Mercy Hospital to be held on Sept 22, 2001 is ready. There will be a pre-walk for the workers on Friday, Sept. 21, and at the same time the trails will be marked.

The Livermore, Falls Days at Norlands, is ready. The brochure has been out for some time now. Tri State Weekend Walks. Roland Melcher announced that due to the terrorist attack, no one would be allowed to walk through the Kittery Shipyard. He with the help of Joan has done an alternate route to get in the 10K at Kittery. This walk is to be held on Oct. 6, 2001.

The County walk in Rockland by the Wandering Maniacs is all ready. This walk will be held on October 13, 2001. The brochures are out.

The Portland YRE had a total of 22 for the month of August. Bar Harbor SEA a total of 97 for the year. Brunswick SEA a total of 27 for the month of Aug. Falmouth SEA a total of 57 for the year. Kennebunk SEA a total to date of 119. Westbrook SEA a total of 39 to date. Casco Bay Bridge SEA by the Wandering Maniacs has a total of 106 to date. There was no unfinished

business to report.

Under new business, the patch for the SEA walks was discussed. Should we combine all the seasonal walks in one patch and if so how would it be done? No decision was made at this time. There was a discussion of the County walks, as to whether we should include the SEA in these or not. It was decided to keep it the same way as it was originally set up at the present time. News from away. Roland and Joan had walked at Stowe, Vt. and also in Manchester and Arlington. Elaine Johnson had walked in St. Paul, MN and Anne Stevens walked in Charlestown, MA. Everyone enjoyed their walks.

Ralph Green won the 50-50 for a total of \$12.50. Lillian Cross, Pat Caron, Carroll Tiernan and Bob Chellis won door prizes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

respectfully submitted,

Happy Jackson, Sec.

**Report from Patty Proulx, our Northeast Regional Director concerning Executive Council XII which met in San Antonio, Texas for its first gathering August 24-26, 2001. The group met for training at Headquarters on Friday, had round-table training on Saturday and the council meeting on Sunday. At Headquarters we toured the business offices, and then each staff member told us what their job entails. We were able to interact with each of them by asking questions and exchanging ideas and concerns. In addition to staff, Myles, the computer guru that HQ uses for their business applications, gave us a presentation concerning our web page and what needs to be done to improve how we serve our public through the Internet. Then we broke up into twos to visit each workstation for more training from the employee as to what their jobs are all about. Some of the things we learned that stand out are: In the near future email addresses for club Point of Contacts will start to appear in TAW. New Balance sponsorship of events can be submitted with the sanction request. Brandi Deemer is our public relations employee working to distribute the New Balance shoe certificates and she sorts and sends the gift give-away. If you know of a shoe store featuring New Balance shoes you'd like to work with, send Brandi the information. Her email is AVABDEEMER@aol.com. Book processing backlog varies as to the time of year with summertime getting the heaviest volume. Books from each day's mail are bound together to ensure the processing order. To process, the achievement record card is pulled from a file and staff is currently entering all the historical information into the computer on each book-carrying member. Current backlog was at 5 1/2 weeks. EC members vowed to keep members routinely informed what the backlog is. For after-action reports to AVA the New Walker Packet coupons count as "credit only". Use of the current forms makes this a little easier to understand. AVA financial statements are sent to the RD's, but not to clubs. Your RD is willing to share this information if you ask for it. Anyone having financial questions can contact Treasurer Fred Sheets Every effort should be made**

**to have forms submitted legibly (typed preferred). Lost event stamps cost \$25.**

**The October Meeting of the SMVA will be on October 17TH at 7:00 PM at the Walker Library in Westbrook**

**GOODIES FOR THE EVENING**

**Sweets: Penny Cole    Veggies: Cheri Watson    Beverages: Ralph Green -**

**Meeting dates the rest of 2001- November 14 (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday) December 12 (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday)\***

**(At the December meeting everyone brings something to share!!)**

**Here's a note from our Membership Chairperson - Wendy Hunter**

**NEWS FOR YOU!** Did you know that if you renew your membership 10/1 and following, that your new membership would extend through 2002. Then you won't have to be caught up in the hassle of renewing in the business of the holidays. Be sure to fill out the membership **BELOW**

**MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

**Individual Membership: \$10 (1 Person) Double Membership: \$12 (2 people)**

**Family Membership \$15 (3 or more)**

**Each person listed on the application will receive a membership patch, but only one issue of the monthly newsletter will be mailed to a household. For additional newsletters, the person(s) to whom issues are to be sent must apply separately as an as an individual member, due to newsletter costs.**

Membership Application Form

**Send to: Southern Maine  
Volkssport Association  
P. O. Box 722  
Westbrook Maine 04098**

#1 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

#2 Name \_\_\_\_\_

#3 Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

I WAS REFERRED TO THE CLUB BY: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Other coming events: The TRI-STATE WEEKEND**

October 6 - Saturday - SMVA - Kittery, ME - POC is Roland Melcher 13 Juniper Rd., Brunswick, ME 04011

October 6 - Saturday - Seacoast Strivers - Portsmouth, ME

October 7 - Sunday - Walk 'n Mass - Gloucester, MA - Phil and Bea Hait - (508) 429-3564 E-Mail:

October 7 - Sunday - Walk 'n Mass - Gloucester, MA - Don and Polly Meltzer (978) 443-8513 E-Mail:

October 13 - Saturday - Wandering Maine-iacs - Rockland, ME (A Maine County Walk) -POC Sylvia Allen, 887 Spring Street,

Westbrook, ME 04092 (207) 774-8524 E-Mail:

### **A note on the Kittery Walk, which is part of the Tri-State Weekend October 6 and 7.**

The trail for the Kittery, Maine walk on Saturday, October 6 has been amended because of the closing of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard to all but essential personnel. Joan and Roland Melcher, POC's for this event, have partially rerouted the trail through Rogers Park, a lovely wooded area with views of the bay, which should be even more impressive in two weeks with enhanced fall foliage. The trail passes some of the oldest houses in Maine and a very dramatic bronze sailors and soldiers monument appropriate for the present time.

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welcome and may be submitted at any time, and will be published, as space is available. All dated material must be submitted no later than the 20<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month for inclusion in the next issue. Please send directly to: Dan Carr, P. O. Box 128, Hollis, ME 04042.

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**SOUTHERN MAINE VOLKSSPORT ASSOCIATION**

**Dan Carr - President -**

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**Penny Cole - Vice President: [davpencole@webtv.net](mailto:davpencole@webtv.net)**

**Happy Jackson - Secretary:**

**David Cole - Treasurer:**

**Ken Jackson - Publicity**

**Don Bolin - SMVA Website:**

**Board Members: Wendy Hunter, Barbara Weymouth, Thelma Gagne, Ann Stevens and Carroll Tiernan**

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