

Minutes
Colorado River Walkers
August 14, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: Carol Obianwu, president, called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm at the meeting room in the Mueller HEB. Nine members were present.

MINUTES: Minutes of the 7/10/2017 were read and accepted with one spelling correction.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Sam Harris reported the current bank balance of \$2,494.22.

YRE REPORT: JULY 2017:

Austin Historical	5w	Brushy Creek	4w, 0b
Lady Bird Lake	2w	Pflugerville	0w
Fairview Park	3w	Round Rock	4w
Georgetown	1w	Salado	0w
Belton	0w		

Total: 19w and a \$3.00 donation = \$60.00

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The TVA Meeting took place in Kerrville 8/4-6/2017. Charles Rogers, Vice President, acted by proxy, in the stead of Carol Obianwu, President, who was on vacation in Luxemburg.

Four CRW attended some or all of the events. Charles reported the following:

a. Three walks, one Friday afternoon, one Saturday morning and one Sunday morning were included in the activities.

b. He attended a workshop, "Intro to Map Making for Event Brochures & Fliers," presented by David Sheppard, TVA Webmaster. Three applications regarding screen capture, picture sizing, and map routing were downloaded and demonstrated. A handout with specifics for each application was given to the attendees. He will make this available to CRW members who would like a copy.

c. TVA meeting minutes will be posted on the TVA web-site for a period of three years.

d. Charlotte Kahl, Chair, Old Spanish Trail Association, was the guest speaker. She is coordinating OST events that will be held in San Antonio in the upcoming years. The OST partners with AVA clubs to hold walk events in conjunction with their other activities.

e. Kathy Schwenke, TVA Treasurer, presented the Treasurers report for YE 7/31/2017. A copy of the budget was passed around for CRW members to review.

f. An overview of AVA's insurance was presented by Susan Medlin, Southwest Regional Director. Requirements to be met by a club when an injury occurs during a walk event or a YRE are:

- an incident report
- a flyer, directions, and map. All events are to have route maps to document that the injury occurred on the route. There can be one map posted at the start point rather than giving one to each walker.
- a signed waiver. (Official Start Card or signature in Log). If a child is involved a signed Parental Permission must be included. This permission slip is available on the AVA web-site.

g. The Castroville Chamber of Commerce club ceased operation on 6/30/2017. The walks sponsored by Castroville will be picked up by the Selma Pathfinders.

h. AVA annual due dates were reviewed. They are as follows:

- Club officers updated on AVA web-site – 11/15.
- Annual Financial Report – 11/15.
- IRS Form 990 11/15.

Fees are applied if due dates are not met. Sam Harris has kept up with all requirements.

i. The TVA Awards Program, Petal and Patches ceased as of 12/31/2016. No petals and patches have been purchased for 2017. There is still an inventory of \$1,158.58 on hand. Joanne Forinash has order forms available for anyone wishing to make a purchase. She will promote sales at future walk events.

j. One Texas club has not paid TVA dues for 2016 and 2017 despite efforts by President, Heinz Johnson and Treasurer, Kath Schwenke. Late fees are not addressed in the TVA Bylaws. A motion was passed assess a fee of \$10.00 for each delinquent year. This club involved stated they want to continue to be TAV members.

k. Helen Hull is establishing YREs in seven Louisiana Parishes in the north central part of the State. A flyer is available describing the walks. A special walk event will be held over the MLK weekend in 2018.

i. A Memorial book is kept for display at the 12/30 walk event to honor Volkssporters who passed away during the year. More complete information is needed. If possible, send in an obituary, picture, or any other information you may have about the individual.

m. A TVA sponsored Special Program, Port Cities of Texas, has been proposed. The purpose is to spark interest in the walk events and YREs sponsored by cities along the Texas coast. Many of them are struggling to survive.

n. No club put in a bid to host the next TVA meeting. McAllen was suggested as well as Gladewater. No decision was made regarding this issue.

2. The next CRW sponsored walk event, Patterson Park to Mueller Redevelopment, will be on 9/30/2017. The start point is at Patterson Park. Flyers were printed and taken to the TVA meeting, and will be made available at future walk events in the area. Carol O. passed out and explained the 5km and 10km routes. The 5km will be mainly in the Mueller Development; the 10 km route will include the Mueller Development, as well as nearby neighborhoods. The date and time of the worker's walk will be announced at the CRW September meeting.

New Business:

1. CRW will sponsor a walk in 11/2017. A possibility for this walk will be from Balcones District Park to Walnut Creek Park if the City completes the hiking trail connecting them.

2. REI is again promoting "Opt Out" for the day after Thanksgiving. This is to promote a venue for activities other than shopping. CRW will again host a group walk featuring one our YREs.

Milestones:

Barbara Byers - 75 events; 100 events; and 500km

Mary Zeitler – 400 events

Greg sells -1350 events

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, August 19, 2017 – Featured YRE – LBJ Stonewall YRE - Stonewall

Saturday, August 26, 2017 – Featured YRE- Shiner – Shiner

Saturday, August 26, 201 - Bike Apache Creek – San Antonio

Saturday, Sept. 2, 2017 – Japanese Tea Garden – San Antonio

Saturday Sept. 9, 2015 – World Heritage Festival – San Antonio

Saturday, Sept. 16, 2017 – Schriener City Park – Kerrville

Saturday, Sept. 30, 2017 - Mueller Development – Austin

For further information about the above events, Please check the AVA web-site.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Zeitler, Recording Secretary