

MID-FLORIDA MILERS WALKING CLUB ANNUAL MEETING AND BREAKFAST

April 13, 2019

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

The Mid-Florida Milers 30th year annual membership meeting was held at Another Broken Egg Café in Winter Park. The meeting was officially called to order by President Rosemary Barna at 8:25 am welcoming the twenty one attendees. A membership quorum was present.

MINUTES

Minutes from the April 21, 2018 annual meeting were approved and accepted by the membership.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Sharon Predham presented the annual financial report. Included in her report were the Balance Sheet as of April 10, 2019 and the Monthly/Income Expenses for 2018 to 2019. The total assets balance effective as of April 10, 2019 was \$8,808.00, with a net income for the year-to-date of -\$546.60. The Treasurer's Report was approved and accepted.

- The negative income for the year is a result of the decline in participation at our walks, even though we did change the walk fee to \$3.00 for everyone. The cost of sanctioning and holding the walks is not being covered by the number of walkers.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Sharon Axelrod read the Membership report submitted by Membership Chair Dave Piatt. As of April 1, 2019 the current memberships is 55 with current members at 81. This compares to 59 memberships and 87 members as April 1, 2018.

TRAILMASTER REPORT

Trailmaster Mike Lanpher presented the following.

- A big "Thank You" to Jon and Joyce Voetelink who created a beautiful video from our March 30th walk at the Orlando Wetlands. Fantastic work and a nice memento for Jon and Joyce on their 50th wedding anniversary. Congratulations.
- Trail updates:
 - May 4- A new downtown Orlando walk (thanks to JoAnn Cross).
 - May 18- A guided Leu Garden walk (thanks to Tom Carter and congratulations to Tom being named The Volunteer of the Year for Leu Garden).
 - June- Look forward to three YREs: Winter Park, Altamonte Springs Mall and Maitland.
 - July – Orlando south (5 Little Free Libraries on the 10k route), Celebration #2, and Longwood Publix Spring Plaza.
- Participation Update:
 - Across the US participation in AVA events is ebbing
 - MFM participation in YREs 2018 compared to 2017 in total is minus 22% (members minus 19% and nonmembers minus 25%). For traditional events 2018 compared to 2017 members walked 3% more and non members were minus 33%.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR REPORT

Newsletter Editor Mike Lanpher stated that input for the MFM newsletter has been minimal. The newsletter has been produced since the club began almost 30 years ago. The purpose of this publication is to provide information on what members are doing, what SE Region is doing, and what

AVA is doing. Recently we have added a letters to the editor and opinion section. Mike would like feedback from members with their thoughts concerning relevance and usefulness of the newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS

- Elections of Officers: President Rosemary Barna presided over this year's elections.
 - Sharon Predham agreed to continue for another term as Treasurer. The nomination was put to the membership and was unanimously seconded.
 - Rosemary thanked Joan Lanpher for all she has done for the club during her time as Vice President.
 - Nomination for Vice President for the 2019 to 2021 term was requested. Mike Lanpher nominated Dan Barnett. The nomination was unanimously seconded. Thank you, Dan.
- Overview of Groupworks was presented by Rosemary Barna.
 - AVA's new member communication tool. Communicate within your club, to your region, to all clubs, and to groups on Groupworks with similar interests.
 - MFM hopes to increase participation by providing reminders of upcoming walks to all members and by reaching out to other members of Groupworks interested in walking.
 - Currently there are 21 members from MFM on Groupworks (BOD and members in volunteer positions). Rosemary will be sending out a request to all members to join. To join, members fill out their profile which includes the option to receive GroupWorks emails only once a week, and the option to list your favorite hobbies/interests to connect to other groups who enjoy the same activities.
 - Ability to collect payments in advance on line is another feature within Groupworks. MFM will research further for such events as picnics and luncheons/dinners.
- Update on WAF 29 was presented by Sharon Axelrod.
 - This year's WAF host is the Suncoast Sandpipers. The weekend event will be held Nov 1 – Nov3 in Venice Fl. The theme is "Carnival" (Venice's version of Mardi Gras)
 - Hotel is Ramada's Hotel Venezia. Reservations are now being taken so members should make theirs as soon as possible.
 - Walks: In Venice Friday afternoon, Sat am and Sat pm and in S. Lido Park, Sarasota on Sunday morning. Bike: Saturday all day
 - Events: Friday night hotel happy hour with entertainment; Saturday evening at the hotel WAF mixer followed by Italian buffet dinner. Sunday box lunch following walk.
 - Brochure describing all events and costs with registration form will be available mid-to late July.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

- President Rosemary Barna presented the following awards.
 - MFM Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to all MFM Year Round Event points of contact thanking them for all their time and effort in managing these YREs. Michael and Bernadette Kirchner for Winter Park; Howard Daughtrey for Celebration #1 and #2; JoAnne Cross for Orlando South and Orlando Downtown; Cathy Metherell for Orlando North; Joyce Taylor for LBV-Disney Springs; Ron Barna for Altamonte Springs Mall; Jan Van Vlack for The Villages, Lake Sumter Landing; Gerry Vannienwenhove for The Villages, Spanish Springs; Tom Carter for Maitland; Jane Allingham for Wekiwa Springs.
 - Joan Lanpher and JoAnn Cross each received an AVA Certificate of Appreciation recognizing their years of service and contributions to the Mid-Florida Milers.
 - Sharon Predham received the AVA Volkssporter of the Year 2019 in appreciation for all the work she does as the MFM treasurer, acting as treasurer for WAF events, volunteering at MFM walks and doing pre-walks, and representing MFM at the AVA National Conventions.

- Jenny Thomas received the President's Award, thanking her for volunteering in the role of YRE coordinator and taking control and management of this newly created position.

MFM 30th Anniversary Celebration: The Board of Directors has begun planning for the MFM 30th year anniversary. The Mid-Florida Milers charter was signed on October 5, 1989. Saturday, October 5, 2019, MFM will be planning a walk and a luncheon. The BOD was thinking of holding the event at Mead Gardens with catered box lunches. Members were asked for their suggestions. Lunch at a restaurant was suggested but the point was made that we would need a separate room, which most restaurants do not have and those that do come with a hefty fee. Greenwood Lakes Park was another suggestion. Also some talk about not walking but holding a luncheon or a dinner. Finalized plans are targeted to be completed within a month. Members should put October 5, 2019 on their calendars and plan to join the fun and renew friendships and remember events.

ADJOURNMENT

Rosemary Barna thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and for their participation. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 am.

Sharon Axelrod
MFM Secretary