

**Greater Des Moines Volkssport Association  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
August 19, 2019**

No guest or visitors.

**Program: Iowa Reading Information Service or IRIS** Executive Director Maryfrances Evan explained the program, how it works and who can access it.

**Minutes:** Approved as presented.

**Treasurer Report:** Susan Pinneke reported a balance of \$6,241.83 as of 7/31/19.

**2020 Committee:** Peggy Watts reported the August deadline has been met and they are now working on the October deadline of routes mapped and directions written. She is working on a bus tour to the 7 State Parks in Eastern Iowa.

**Specialities:** Jan Dunn is ready to preorder the Start Point Books.

**Membership and Outreach:**

**Social Media Branding:** Jan Knock is working on a new logo, color, and a recognizable style.

**Website:** It has been determined that a new easier to find and user friendly website is needed. The \$340 cost for the next 3 years was voted upon and the expenditure approved.

**Tales from the Trails:** Peggy Doane reported the Bison Days Walk was a great success with 25 Volkssport members walking, 14 Meetup walkers, 2 new walkers packets and 1 new membership.

Peggy Watts stated the Belmond walk has had walkers from 4 states.

**Old Business:** Discussion to have all walkers pay a \$3 fee was presented. Diana Whited gave the points that it would be less confusion and that our club could get help from the NE club with the transition, of which they have just completed. The proposal was put to the club with all in favor. Motion carried.

**New Business:** President Diana Ronk passed around the refreshments schedule for members to sign up for 2020. She also presented the idea of changing the start time of the monthly meetings 6:30 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m. After discussion the idea was tabled until the next meeting.

Deb Gaskins asked for volunteers for Meals from the Heartland for August 30th. She asked that anyone interested sign up on the sheet she has provided. Volunteers would meet at Vets Auditorium at 9:45 a.m. and travel together to the site.

Susan Pinneke said the club could submit another special program for 2021. She will bring ideas and choices at the next meeting for members to decide. There is an October deadline to submit.

It was noted that the September 28, 2019 Valley Junction Walk start point has been changed from the Git N' Go to the Big Acai Bowls, 117 5th Street, Valley Junction, West Des Moines.

AARP will sponsor and provide snacks. Start time will be between 12 and 2.

On September 4, a bus group will be in Davenport to walk the 5k there and will start between 3 and 4. Members who can are asked to join them,

Little Free Library specialties program has sold 211 booklets so far and 26 have been redeemed.

Deb Gaskins is writing for the TAW and asked for any memory quotes or short stories about the State Parks to help promote the 2020 State Parks Walks.

**8:24 Meeting adjourned**

**Barb Stone, Secretary**