

Iowa's Walking Club

Annual Membership Meeting: November 16, 2020

Iowa's Walking Club met for their annual membership meeting November 16, 2020 by ZOOM.

Fifteen members were in attendance.

President Diana Ronk opened the meeting with an invitation for introductions.

Two new members from Cedar Rapids connected to the club through the State Park Walks inquired about organizing a YRE in Cedar Rapids. Diana W. will follow up with them regarding the timeline and steps in creating a sanctioned walk.

Minutes

Peggy W. moved and Diana W. seconded the minutes be approved as read. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report

Treasurer Susan P. reported as follows: Balance \$8,506.00 Deposits \$800.00 Withdrawals \$500.00. The withdrawals were for printing costs.

Election of Officers

The nominating committee presented the slate of officers for 2021 as follows:

President: Jan Knock
Vice President: Nora Hudson
Secretary: Candice Bennett
Treasurer: Susan Pinneke
Historian: Phyl Olson and Norma
First Year Director: Peggy Watts
Second Year Director: Deb Gaskins

Candice B. preferred another candidate be selected for Secretary per Jan Knock. Diana R. agreed to serve.

Pat B. moved the slate be accepted and officers elected with the same voice vote.

The amended slate was approved. No other nominations were received from the floor. The slate was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Diana R. extended congratulations to the newly elected officers.

Old Business

Walk reports:

Brewery Walk: 45 walkers

Jester Park Walk for Wildlife: 18 walkers

Weekday Walks: Valley West Mall, 13; Jordan Creek, 20; Raccoon River Park, 15.

New Business

Diana R. noted membership renewals are due by years' end.

The following upcoming walks were discussed as to viability in light of the spike in COVID-19 transmission rates and Governor Reynolds' mandates:

Indoor: New Years Day Mall Walk and Skywalk Event

Outdoor: Opt Out and Christmas Lights

Discussion included individual members' comfort levels, the evolving nature of the pandemic, availability of indoor spaces (mall and skywalk) to our group, and the governor's just announced mandates.

Agreement was reached that the board would make a final decision the first week of December.

Peggy W. announced Cathy Law has agreed to photograph walks for the club's benefit.

Pat B. shared that Margie Nash, former club president of the Mississippi River Ramblers passed away from COVID-19.

Several members have received scam emails purporting to be from AVA.org. Members were advised to be alert. Training on how to recognize scam emails will be provided for members.

Peggy W. proposed the club put together a five year plan and agreed to chair the effort.

President elect Jan K. said she would call a board meeting in January that would include the following agenda items: committee chairs, meeting structure during the pandemic, and AVA convention planning

Tails from the Trails

Jean L. reported on her recent trip to North Carolina where she participated in walks with the Asheville Ramblers in Greensborough, Asheville and Winston-Salem.

No meeting of the membership is scheduled for December. The annual Christmas party has been cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic.

The next regular meeting will be held January 18 by ZOOM. The link will be emailed on week prior.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Knock
Secretary Pro-tem