

**Greater Des Moines Volkssport Association
Monthly Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2019**

Correction to the August Monthly Meeting Minutes: Executive Director of IRIS should read Evans.

New Members attending the meeting were Anne Lindsay and Diane Huntrods

Program: Jo Kay Boyle gave a presentation of her hike in Nepal with Above and Beyond, whose mission is to encourage those touched by cancer.

Minutes: Approved with correction noted as above.

Treasurer: Susan Pinneke reported a \$6001.66 as of 8/1/2019 listing events, donations, and Little Free Library Books as income and expenses of AVA, Storage Mart and the Capitol Hill donation.

2020 Committee: Peggy Watts reminded POC's that written instructions for the walks and the maps need to be in to her by October 1, 2019. She is working on a brochure to hand out to other clubs and at walks.

Social Media and Outreach: Jan Knock reported that she has identified 4 goals to work on.

1. Increase walker participation
2. Increase new walkers
3. Increase membership
4. Increase first time volunteers

Jan also asked for photos from walks for the FaceBook page and also an additional volunteer to help monitor the page for corrections and additions. Peggy Watts has been designated as administrator of the page.

Specialities: Jan Dunn reported that two Start Point books have been ordered and the final deadline for orders is September 30, 2019.

Presidents Report: Diana Ronk reminded the members of the Wednesday walks coming up and of the time change and start point change for the group Oktoberfest Walk in Valley Junction and that the sign up for the walk is through the AARP website.

Tales from the Trails: Phyllis Olson reported that the Walk Six Counties in South Dakota walks were cancelled because of rain but they were able to do 4 walks while there. The Wandering Wheels Club from Ohio stopped in Davenport for the walk and said it was a favorite. There was 37 walkers, 26 credit and the 11 non-credit, at the Brewery Walk September 7, and Meals from the Heartland had 10 volunteers from our club and did 20 cases of meals.

Old Business: Diana Ronk opened a discussion for changing the monthly meeting time from 7:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Motion was made by Diana Whited to change to 6:30 p.m. for winter hours only, specifically November through April. Members voted no. Peggy Watts made a motion to change to 6:30 p.m. for entire year and motion carried. Starting in October meetings will start at 6:30 p.m. Susan Pinneke reported that a special program for next year should be tabled for a year because of the 2020 parks walk involvement. Susan also needs volunteers for the September 28 Oktoberfest Walk and for the October 12 Walk for Wildlife.

Motion to Adjourn: 8:26

**Secretary
Barb Stone**