

Iowa's Walking Club
May 15, 2021
Monthly Membership Meeting Minutes
Millstream Brau Haus, Amana, IA

President, Jan Knock, opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanking them for coming to the group walk of the Amana YRE and annual meeting celebrating the 36th Anniversary of the Club. There were 36 walkers and 32 people stayed for the social time and meeting at the Millstream Brau Haus. One beverage of choice and delicious pretzel bites, wings and cheese curds were provided by the club. A drawing for prizes to be held after the meeting.

New members, guests, and members of the board were introduced. Nancy Pugh was introduced as the POC for the Amana YRE. The treasurer's report was approved. The club has approximately 150 memberships; 100 singles and 50 family.

The Board has been meeting monthly via Zoom to do the general business of the organization. They will be meeting in person on July 26 at Norma and Phyl's House to plan the walk schedule for 2022. A POC meeting will be held via Zoom on May 25.

The 22nd Biennial AVA Convention will be held in Madison, WI June 29 - July 3. Jan Knock is our club delegate and Susan Pinneke is the alternate. Our club will be supplying the volunteers for the pre-convention walk in Galena, IL on June 26. All helpers are welcome. Many will be going to Dubuque on June 25 to do the seasonal walk and stay before volunteering the next day. Susan Pinneke is accepting donations of money or items for the AVA silent auction fundraiser. At the convention it will be announced that Susan Pinneke has been elected by the 12 clubs in the 6-state region as the North Central Regional Director to serve a 2-year term on the AVA Board of Directors.

Permanent name badges are being ordered for anyone that would like. They are in the shape of Iowa and will have your name and Iowa's Walking Club imprinted. The pin style costs \$10 and magnet style \$11. If you would like one, please let Susan Pinneke know by June 1.

Event Information: **Winterset:** June 5, Registration and start will be at the City Park; group walk starts at 9:30 am. **Altoona:** June 21, Group walk, potluck and meeting starting 4:00 pm at 1307 – 6th Ave SE, Altoona. Bring a dish to share, table service and lawn chair. **West Branch:** Event should be reopened by June 1. **Capital and Waterways:** Walk box is at the Botanical Gardens. **Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge:** Peggy Doane is checking to see if the Learning Center will be opening soon.

An AVA Recognition Award was presented to Matt Scott, Iowa Parklands, for developing wonderful maps and directions for the 20 Parks in 2020 challenge.

Respectfully Submitted,
Phyllis Olson

Everyone attending the walk event was entered into a drawing for prizes. The prizes and winners are listed below:

\$25 Gift certificate from Fitness Sports – Dean Gordon
Des Moines Botanical Gardens admissions (up to 4) – Peggy Watts
2022 GDMVA, Iowa's Walking Club membership – Nora Hudson
6 pack of Millstream Root Beer – Dana Bresler
REI water bottle gift bag – Susan Pinneke
REI Op Outdoors gift bag – Ann Bresler
REI drinking glass gift bag – Norma Wessel
Trunk organizers donated by Image Solutions – Pat Reeves
Eddie Bauer Socks donated by Paws & Effects – Nancy Pugh
Jumbo water bottle donated by Paws & Effects – Barb John
2 Free 2021 GDMVA walks, seasonal, year around or event – Lindy Samorajski
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