



Washington DC Area Volksmarching Club

WANDERFREUNDE

April 2010

A Note from the President

Spring (and on some days, early summer) has arrived with a flourish, and the walking has been great.

The WDCAVC will do its part by conducting two walks this month. The first will be this Sunday, April 18, in association with the annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers. More than 8,000 geographers are attending that meeting, and the volksmarch is being discussed in a number of contexts, so I'm hopeful we'll see some of them join us. If you can help us as workers for the day, please let us know, or just show up and tell one of your officers you're there to help. Even if you can't work, please join us for the walk. The event brochure is attached.

Two days later, on April 20, we will hold our first evening walk at the Barrett Library. The April trail will wander beneath Wilson Bridge and down to the Belle Haven Marina. This trail has always been a popular one, and the weather should be great. We'll follow that walk with our April club meeting, and you should feel welcome to join us there.

I'm already playing geographer at the AAG meeting, so I'll keep this message brief. I do hope to see you at one or both of our events, and I ask you to enjoy your walks and all else you do!

Thomas Baerwald, WDCAVC President

Looking for a Calendar?

Please note that the Atlantic Regional Calendar now is attached (or mailed) as a separate file.

You can access that calendar at:
<http://www.walkvirginia.com/AtlanticRegionCalendar.html>.

You can print paper copies in PDF or Excel format from links at the bottom of that page.

Minutes of the WDCAVC Meeting

March 16, 2010

The meeting was opened by President Tom Baerwald at 7:00 PM. Attendees were Sandi Cahill, Marshall Hansen, Nancy Stenger, and guest Ginny Drumm. Recent walking experiences included Nancy and Ginny, who enjoyed the YRE in Richmond that begins at the Legends Brewpub. They said it was nice, as was the Charlottesville YRE. Tom had done the White River Park YRE in Indianapolis.

Minutes from the January meeting were approved. The treasurer's report included both January and February. Marshall said there is "a little more money" than at the same time in 2009.

Events:

National Mall and Iwo Jima Memorial YREs required rerouting around construction detours. Tom will rewrite the instructions.

AAG, April 18 -- The trail will be two 6-KM loops. The brochure is done. Tom is writing up Marshall's trails. Workers are needed.

Evening walks (April 20, May 18, June 15, August 17, and September 21) -- It was agreed to re-use some of the previous trails instead of creating new ones. Tom will prepare the April trail, but will not be at the event until about 7:00 PM.

Little Bennett Regional Park, Oct. 9 -- The event has been sanctioned and Montgomery County has given us permission to use the park.

Alexandria Holiday Walk, Dec. 4 -- It has been sanctioned. The club will need to decide what awards to order.

Publicity: Nancy continues to maintain the club's website.

MVA: There may be a meeting at the Regional Conference on March 20.

The Atlantic Regional Conference will be March 19-21 in Annapolis. The Amblers are planning to make a motion to keep the weekend of the Atlantic Regional Conference free of any other regional events except those at the conference site. The Germanna Volksmarch Club will probably make a presentation to hold the March 2012 Conference in Fredericksburg.

National news:

Two new clubs have been established. There are new Special Events, including baseball and grist mills. The 2011 Convention website is moving along. A Letter of Intent is being prepared to hold the 2013 AVA Conference in

Hastings, Nebraska. The 2009 Starting Point is available for the cost of shipping.

Other issues: The Barrett Library will be changing its hours sometime in the next few months, probably in July. This will affect evening events and meeting location. Sandi has access to an exterior storage space for stashing the table and such used for the walk. The club is still allowed to meet outside if it wants to do so. Members agreed to wait until the actual announcement before deciding if alternate meeting sites should be considered.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandi Cahill, WDCAVC Secretary