



Ambler Meeting April 18, 2017

1. The meeting came to order at 7:00 p.m. Bob greeted everyone attending: Deb Peak, Gabriel Barcelo, Stella Ogunwole, Trudy Perkins, Rich Perkins, Karen Clark, Rocco Calabrese, John Carolus, Bob Schmick, Marie Wiser and Betty Davis.
2. Minutes. The February 2017 minutes are available on the Ambler website; had been emailed to members and were accepted.
3. Treasurers Report. John said that as of today, April 18, we currently have \$4,000.94 in the Ambler treasury.
4. Membership Report. Marie said we have one new member since our last meeting: Mary Brodowski. Please remember to tell your friends about us, and to join us for a walk soon.
5. Newspaper & Advertising. Bob passed around a copy of the Capital newspaper section “Announcements”. Our Saturday walks are posted, usually on Friday, and sometimes on other days.
6. Events
 - a. Bob said in March we had a nice guided YRE group walk at Cedarville—thank you Tom Dehetre. Walkers from six clubs were in attendance for the walk, the grilled brat lunch, followed by an MVA Meeting.
 - b. Ideas for future events were discussed: Deb Peak will check on a possible start point for an event at Piney Orchard.

Sometime in Spring 2018, we hope to have an event at the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center.
 - c. John Carolus has reserved and paid for a pavilion at Downs Park for an YRE group walk on Saturday July 1. Bob will grill brats for a cookout, and hold a quarterly MVA Meeting there as well.
 - d. Summer Picnic. July 29, time to be determined, Marie’s home.
 - e. Oktoberfest. We are waiting for the date to be posted by West Annapolis.
 - f. Boat Parade. December 9, 2017, Noon to 5pm., walk through Eastport & Annapolis.

7. Fall trip Williamsburg

At the February 2017 Ambler meeting, the group selected Williamsburg for our fall trip. Reservations can be made at the Williamsburg Hotel Historic District (formerly the Clarion) 351 York St. Williamsburg VA 23185. Phone 757-229-4100. The block of ten rooms is being held through Sept. 15, for weekend of October 6-8, at the rate of \$78.59, tax included. Folks who reserve room, just call and **ask for the group Annapolis Ambler rate**, for the weekend. In case we need additional rooms, we should be able to obtain them. There is a pool for those who care to swim. The hotel restaurant is run by a separate entity, and will be able to serve dinner to our group Saturday night. As the date gets closer, Marie will call and make dinner reservations. Additionally, there is at present no continental breakfast, however, breakfast is served on premises at cost in the dining room. It is possible that during

the soon-to-be completed remodeling, a breakfast room may be added. Hotel is within walking distance of the historic district. YRE's are accessible from the hotel.

8. Bob discussed the "Big Give" AVA fund request. AVA is a non-profit and can accept donations. Last year the Big Give raised \$50,000.00 for assistance to AVA headquarters. A motion for the Ambler Club to donate \$100.00 to AVA was made and passed.
9. Bob will attend the AVA Convention in Montana from June 3 – 11. A motion for the Ambler Club to donate \$500.00 to help pay for Bob's registration fee and other expenses was made and passed.
10. Bob said that AVA will elect a new president. The Ambler vote will be for Bob Wright, president of the Loudon Walk Club and a very capable, well qualified candidate.
11. At the recent March Regional District Meeting, a new Regional Director was elected: Mike Green will take office July 1. We will miss outgoing RD, Tom Jackson, for his exceptional service to our sport.
12. Reminder for those of you who are not sure which color event book you should be using.

Events

Increments of 10,30, 50 events – Green

Increments of 25 events (per book) to 600 – Purple. You may notice that certain shades of purple could appear to be pinkish colored, depending on dye lot.

Increments of 50 events (per book) to 1,500 events – Rose.

Increments of 100 events (per book) to 3,000 and up – Gold

Distance

Increments of 500 km to 8,000 km – Blue

Increments of 1,000 km to 22,000 km – Orange

25,000 km, then increments of 5,000 km to 80,000 km and beyond- Yellow

For information on bicycling events, swimming, please check AVA website.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Next Meeting June 20, 2017, 7:00 p.m., Edgewater Library

