

Board Members Present: Helen Bateman, Dianne Duke, Bob Rountree, Deborah Carter, and Helen Hull.  
Advisory Members and Guests: David Sheppard and Sue Wolfson.

Meeting called to order, Oct minutes reviewed and approved.

### **President's Report**

Following the December elections, Helen B has submitted the officer report to the regional director.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Bob presented the year-to-date income and expense statement. Actual income for 2009 is \$5660.37 and expenses are \$6250.15. Bob has completed the IRS and AVA reports and submitted them via e-mail.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President's Report**

The club successfully completed our last event for 2009 at Fossil Rim. Our next event is scheduled Jan 9 starting at It's a Grind in Deep Ellum which will be available as a DART-n-walk event. There will be a workers' walk on Jan 2 at 10:00AM. Helen B is the walk director. Other 2010 walks are currently scheduled:

May 8 (Deborah Carter) - Rockwall – the board approved paying the \$25 pavilion use fee for the start/finish point.

May 29 (Helen Bateman) - Farmers Branch as part of the Liberty Fest

June 5 (Marilyn Nash) - Waxahachie Gingerbread Houses

Oct 30 (Helen Hull) - Garland area

Nov 20 (Bob Rountree) - Veteran's Cemetery.

The board discussed sponsoring a seasonal event during the 2010 State Fair in the State Fair grounds. Deborah indicated that she had a tentative route mapped out. Bob and Helen H volunteered to help her to verify the distance. The Women's Museum, Fire Museum, and DAR building have been proposed as possible start point for the walk.

With the closure of the Samuell Farm walk, the board decided to replace that 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday walk with a 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday walk at Cedar Ridge for 2010.

The club will also try to do a group walk at Fossil Rim, possibly Sunday, Apr 18 or 25 to take advantage of the spring wildflowers. Currently Apr 17 and 24 are claimed by other clubs.

The board will request the following dates in 2011 for events at the Jan 9 North Texas AVA associations meeting: Jan 1 (Canton 1<sup>st</sup> Monday), Feb 12, Mar 19 or 26, Apr 23 and/or 24 (possible Muenster Fest collaboration with Irving, June 11, July 9 or 16 or 23, Aug 6 or 13, Sept ?, Oct 29, and Nov 12 and/or 13 (possible joint collaboration with Hood County or Tarrant County with walks in Granbury/Fossil Rim area).

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President's Report**

Helen B distributed the 2010 slugs for the YRE to the walk POCs. They are to change the slugs around Dec 31 to Jan 1. Bob has requested a second stamp for the Cedar Ridge walk due to the starting point being closed on Sundays and with group walks scheduled on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays. Other group walks scheduled are:

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday – Cedar Ridge

Sunday mornings (except 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday) – White Rock Lake

Wednesday evenings – Richardson Whole Foods

Helen B will try to schedule an SMU group walk and Helen H will try to schedule a downtown walk sometime in Jan/Feb.

The club needs to produce and distribute a new 2010 YRE flyer and will include a membership form as part of the flyer.

Membership meetings are tentatively scheduled as follows:

Jan 12 – El Fenix downtown – White Elephant gift exchange

Mar 9 – Trinity Hall at Mockingbird Station – 6:00

May 11 – Downtown social and walk

July 13 – TBD – Deborah Carter to select place

Sept 14 – Uptown social and walk

Nov 9 – TBD

Group walk scheduled for 2009: Denton on Dec 20 at 3:00.

### **Other Business**

Merchandise – Helen B will order additional distance and event books. The club has 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary t-shirts and pins available for sale.

The board discussed electronic sanctioning and event reporting. The board will update the current Dallas event report form. Event walk directors will turn in the report and stamp to the 1<sup>st</sup> VP (Deborah) who will then mail the new walker coupons and stamp to AVA after the event and submit the electronic report. POCs for YREs will turn in quarterly reports to the 2<sup>nd</sup> VP (Dianne) and the Treasurer (Bob).

Sue Wolfson reported that we had 90 walkers at Fossil Rim, which generated \$450 in entry fees to be shared by Fossil Rim and High Hope Ranch. Sue requested that the club donate an additional \$100 to High Hope because of the extraordinary assistance given to the club by them in developing the trails. The board approved the request.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 PM.