

**American Volkssport Association
National Executive Council Meeting**

June 21, 2011

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the National Executive Council was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by the President, Dennis Michele, at the Convention Center, Des Moines, Iowa.

2. **INTRODUCTIONS:**

a. **National Executive Council Members Present:**

Dennis Michele (President), Marvin Stokes (Vice President), Pat Lucero (Secretary), Annette Tollett (Treasurer), Kimberly Bradley (Mid America RD), Bonnie Johnson (North Central RD), Sam Korff (Northwest RD), Bruce McDevitt (Pacific RD), Mike Nelson (Rocky Mountain RD), Duncan Brantley (Southeast RD), Glen Conyers (South Central RD), Heinz Johnson (Southwest RD), Sam Tollett (Atlantic RD), Patty Proulx (Northeast RD). All officers are present. We have a quorum.

b. **Guests Signed In:**

Curt Myron, *Volkssport USA*, WA; Matt Pernick, *The Bad Pennies*, VA; Paul Lamb, *Thunder Mountain Trekkers*, AZ; Joan Lampart, *KSVA*, PA; Leonard Wojtysiak, *Illinois Trekkers*, IL; Nancy Stenger, *Heartland Walkers*, NE; Fred Lopez, *US Freedom Walk Festival Club*, VA; Chuck Head, *Central Minnesota Volkssport*, MN; Lois Head, *Central Minnesota Volkssport*, MN; Ron Drumm, *Queen City Skywalkers*, OH; Ginny Drumm, *Queen City Skywalkers*, OH; Herbert Webber, *Placer Pacers*, CA; Doug Reynolds, *ESCV and Suncoast Sandpipers*, NY/FLA; Helga Slade, *Purple Penguins*, OH; Dawn Gruber, *Ohio Wanderfruede*, Dayton, Ohio; Bill Hamilton, *Volkssportverien*, Fredericksburg, TX; Charlene Hooker, *Volkssport Verien*, Fredericksburg, TX; Linda Blanton, *Xenia Walking Club*, Xenia, OH; Thelma Goris, *Trail Trolls*, Fairborn, OH; Jackie McCombs, *Ohio Volkssport Assn*, Fairborn, OH; Nancy Breen, *Thunder Mountain Trekkers*, AZ; George Grilley, Des Moines, IA; Barb Griller, Des Moines, IA.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Marvin Stokes moved and Glen Conyers seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

4. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

a. **Approval of Minutes - February 18-19, 2011**

There were several changes to the minutes as outlined below:

Page 1, 2a: List Patty Proulx as absent.

Page 2, iii: correct motion to read "accept both resignations" and delete sentence "Resignations stayed in place."

Page 4, item 6d: s/b Marvin Stokes

Page 4: Move "RECESS" to between 9b and 9c.

Page 8, 11a: change "Phil" to "Sam Korff".

Annette Tollett moved to approved minutes as amended. Mike Nelson seconded. Motion carried.

5. Budget 2011-2012 - Candace Purcell

Budget for 2010-2011 shows a loss of about \$86,000. Budget for 2011-2012 is \$33,000 which is \$56,000 less than the current budget. She has budgeted for NEC two in-person meetings and two telephone conference meetings. The staff salaries are frozen to current salaries.

Staff are cleaning up the building. Getting rid of unneeded items. The building owner will look into repairs.

Insurance - Biggest expense. Sam Korff asked if meetings costs would go down if all meetings were held in San Antonio. Not known at this time as it depends on where the meetings are held. Candy feels it is important to have first meeting of term in San Antonio. If meetings are in San Antonio the staff would be available to answer questions, make copies, etc.

Patty Proulx feels it is important to have all NEC meetings in San Antonio at headquarters.

Dennis Michele hopes all the NEC members will stay within their budgets.

Marvin Stokes reminded the NEC the budget is a planning tool and a flexible and living document and it can be changed by the Executive Council.

Sam Korff moved and Mike Nelson seconded to approve the 2011-2012 budget. Motion passed.

6. Draft Strategic Direction

Annette Tollett moved to add Section 3.3.1. Also recommended are 1.3.2. and 1.3.1. Suggested we add 3.3.5 (Girl Scouts) and 3.3.6 (Boy Scouts). Kimi Bradley seconded to recommend the Draft Strategic Direction as amended to the next NEC. Motion passed.

Dennis commented if you are a chairman of a committee, your awards, certificates, folders are available. Please pick them up.

Question asked what is bottom line of projected budgets: 2010-2011 loss of \$83,000 plus and 2011-2012 projected loss of \$33,265.

7. Audience comments:

Doug Reynolds commented he felt "Membership" should be a standing committee instead of a regular (limited term) committee.

8. Officer comments:

Annette Tollett - just on NEC a short time.

Duncan Brantley - just on NEC a short time.

Patty Proulx - just on NEC a short time.

Bruce McDevitt - enjoyed time on NEC.

Heinz Johnson - an unusual NEC. We need to put past divisiveness behind us. He thanked everyone for all their hard work.

Sam Tollett - thanked Candace Purcell (Financial Director) for stepping up to also cover Executive Director position. The office staff are doing a good job. We need to learn how to work together.

Kimi Bradley - We are looking forward to another two years.

Bonnie Johnson - Thanked for coming to Iowa.
Sam Korff - thanked everyone for their service.
Mike Nelson - thanked Candy and staff at AVA office.
Glen Conyers - Previously was opposed to term limits but has changed mind and thinks "term limits" are fine.
Candace Purcell - The staff really cares about their job and the organization. She thanked the NEC for their support.
Marvin Stokes - Thanked Candy and staff. Thanked colleagues. We need to pull together as a team.
Dennis Michele - Looking to returning to RD position. Thanked Candy. We (the NEC) need to work together as a team. Come in with an open mind.

Pat Lucero

Meeting adjourned.
Pat Lucero, Secretary

**AMERICAN VOLKSSPORT ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

Introduction of Business

I move that: The attached budget for fiscal year 2011-2012 be approved.

State the motion so that when the question is asked "All those in favor/opposed?", it can be answered with a yes or no.

Summary of Proposed Action:

1. The attached budget is for 2011-2012 and is needed so that the AVA can spend money during the upcoming year.
2. The budget is for a projected loss of \$33,265.
3. During the upcoming year, the NEC needs to find ways to raise more revenues, because the budget is about as barebone as we can get and still have employees.

Submitted By: Annette Tollett

Seconded By:

Action: Motion carried

Motion failed

**AMERICAN VOLKSSPORT ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

Introduction of Business

I move that: The NEC recommends consideration of the following items from the draft Strategic Plan:

1.1.1, 1.1.5, 1.2.4, 1.2.7, 1.3.1, 1.4.1, 1.4.2, 1.4.3, 1.4.5, 2.1.3, 2.1.4, 2.1.6, 2.1.10, 2.2.1, 2.2.2,
3.1.1, 3.1.1, 3.3.4, 3.3.6, 3.3.7.

This recommendation for consideration is made to the incoming NEC members.

State the motion so that when the question is asked "All those in favor/opposed?", it can be answered with a yes or no.

Summary of Proposed Action:

1. The NEC felt that some of the Implementation steps in the draft Strategic Plan had merit and ought to be followed up on for future consideration.
2. The ones listed above are the ones that at least six of the NEC members who forwarded comments favored.
3. More could be added when the rest of the NEC responds to what they think ought to be considered for future evaluation.

Submitted By: Annette Tollett

Seconded By:

Action: Motion carried

Motion failed
