

**American Volkssport Association
National Executive Council Meeting
June 24, 2009**

Announcement: Curt Myron, President, reported he had talked to Ed Tod about half an hour ago. He had been in a local hospital, but he had been released to go home to follow up with his own doctor. He was in good spirits.

A. Approval of Agenda – Marvin Stokes moved to approve the agenda. Mike Nelson seconded. Motion passed.

B. Reports of Officers.

1. President's Report. Curt has nothing new to add beyond what he reported today. The informal later, after this meeting, will act as an orientation for the new RD's and officers.
2. Vice President. Lynn Clark had nothing to report.
3. Secretary. Pat Lucero had no report.
4. Treasurer. Absent. Curt does have something to add when the Budget items are discussed.
5. Executive Director. Jackie Wilson had no report.

C. Old Business
None

D. New Business

1. 2009-10 AVA Budget Approval. AVA prepares a budget every year. The major detail work is done by the Director of Finance. It is 25 pages long by category with an explanation of each item. An example is the category of Promotions. There are several sub-categories listed.

What is unique about this budget is that it projects a loss. When this happens there are three choices: raise income, reduce expenses, or accept what has happened. The best estimate of income from Participation this current budget is down about 15% lower than estimated. We wish to continue the services we have had in the past. If Participation goes up, there will be no deficit.

AVA has around \$800,000 in the bank. We need to have that much to cover major losses, and the reserve set aside to continue our own operations for one year. This is about \$350,000. We should keep the rest to cover other expenses.

Glen Conyers moved to approve 2009-2010 budget as presented. Ginny Drumm seconded.

Marvin Stokes reminded us that a budget is a living document. It can be modified at any time. We normally have a mid-year adjustment.

Skip Coburn asked if we have enough budgeted in New Walker Kits. They cost \$2 to produce and we sell them for \$5.

Curt is working on an agreement with the State of Washington. Anyone new who identifies themselves as AARP will get a New Walker Kit. The cost is to be shared with AARP – Washington, \$1,000 to each organization. The \$2.00 covers the cost of printing only.

Lynn Clark called for the question. All in favor of ending the discussion, please raise your hand. The discussion is ended.

Now we will vote on the motion made by Glen Conyers and seconded by Ginny Drumm to approve the 2009-10 budget as presented. The motion was approved.

Curt said he did not have the item about our future meetings on this agenda, so it will be discussed in the informal meeting to follow.

We have an invite to Florida in Orlando in November. There will be a conference call to set meeting dates and locations.

E. The next agenda item is audience comments.

Leslie Penton asked if the clubs will pay for those NW kits done with AARP. Curt responded that the agreement with AARP has not been completed yet. The proposed agreement with AARP provides for the NW kits to be distributed free to AARP members at an official AVA event. The Washington State Organization would give the club holding an event the number of NW kits they think they will need. The club must return any unused customized NW packets and a list of names of those who showed they were AARP members and received a free one. No money changes hands and there is no expense to the club involved. If the test works he can get the results of the test to the other State Associations. If they want to try to get with AARP in their states they can discuss that with the AVA and they would be approved one by one.

Pauline Mellon asked if AVA was going to track the results. Curt responded there would be a written report. The 90 day period hasn't been chosen yet. There will be a written report following the trial period.

Joan Lampart asked if the State Association President would contact the state AARP or jointly with State and National President? Curt responded the State President and Curt should work on it together.

Jackie Wilson asked if contact with other state AARP's would be after the test program or concurrent. Curt responded it could be concurrent.

Sam Tollett said he had been asked what to do about aged and infirm who want to walk and the event organizer or club President feels that it would not be safe for the individual. Can you ban a person for safety reasons. Sam asked if AVA could send out a message saying that could be the solution. Curt felt that would not be a good

idea to do that. Curt said he would tell the person he would have to walk with a club member or not at all.

Heinz Johnson said he had talked to Helen Batemen, who had indicated she needed help with crossing guards at the President's Walk. She'll take whoever is available.

Heinz has enjoyed being a part of this National Executive Council. He wanted to say to Becky, Ginny and Skip it was nice working with them and good luck in the future. Curt added that when you took this office you may have heard war stories about the long meetings. You may have heard how taxing and stressful the meetings were. Curt said this council has been the most pleasant group of people he has had to work with. Each person has contributed and it's been wonderful.

Skip Coburn moved to adjourn the meeting. Mike Nelson seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pat Lucero".

Pat Lucero, Secretary