

**American Volkssport Association
National Executive Council Meeting
August 11, 2007**

1. **Call to Order:** The regular meeting of the National Executive Council was called to order by President Curt Myron at 8:00 a.m. at the Hampton Inn & Suites, Schertz, TX
2. **Introductions**
 - a. **National Executive Council Members Present:** Curt Myron (President), John Ferguson (Vice President), Pat Lucero (Secretary), Edward Tod (Treasurer), Skip Coburn (Atlantic RD), Ginny Drumm (Mid-America RD), Bonnie Johnson (North Central RD), Phil Hait (Northeast RD), Becky Forsythe (Northwest RD), Wayne Holloway (Pacific RD), Mike Nelson (Rocky Mountain RD), Glen Conyers (South Central RD), Marvin Stokes (Southeast RD), Jacklyn Wilson (AVA Executive Director).
 - b. **Guests Signed In** (some arrived later): Martha Myron (Northwest Tulip Trekkers), Doris Conyers (Dogwood Trailblazers), Garry Speir (Hill Country Volkssportverein), Pam Speir (Hill Country Volkssportverein), Charles Wortz (West Texas Trail Walkers), Ellen Ott (Randolph Roadrunners), David Toth (Trinity Trekkers).
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Curt pointed out that Items 5 and 12 each say "Audience Comments." When we get to those items, Curt will ask if there are any comments from the audience.

Curt asked are there any questions, comments, etc? If not, he'll consider the Agenda approved as written and distributed.

4. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. **Approval of Minutes** - NEC Meeting, January 27, 2007 -Approved as written and distributed.
 - b. **Recognition of Donations** – We extend our thanks to everyone who has given a donation. List attached.
 - c. **Acceptance of New and Reactivated Clubs** – There are two new or reactivated.

03AVA-935 MOVES		01/2007
03AVA-936 KALAMAZOO VALLEY WALKERS		04/2007
 - d. **Declaration of Inactive Clubs** – There are eight clubs on this list.

04AVA-MN	Minnesota Volkssport Assn	03/2007
04AVA-0793	Minnesota Sneakers	04/2007
04AVA-0871	Charles City Volkssport Club	01/2007
06AVA-0480	Monitor Petal Trekkers	04/2007
07AVA-0917	Flagstaff Scalawags	02/2007
09AVA-0879	Heart of America Volkssport Assn.	05/2007
10AVA-0879	International City Volkssport	01/2007
11AVA-0093	Bushwalkers	01/2007

Additions:

09AVA-0466	Missouri Marching Mules	01/2007
09AVA-0305	Missouri Milers	01/2007

Ed Tod (AVA Treasurer) said there were two clubs in Missouri that are not on the list and should be added: Missouri Marching Mules, 01/2007; and Missouri Milers, 01/2007. Most of the members have affiliated with other clubs. It was basically a consolidation effort.

With the addition of those two clubs the list now has ten clubs going inactive. There was discussion about the Flagstaff Scalawags. Change the effective date to 02/2007.

Curt commented to the audience that the officers and regional directors have just completed two days of conferencing that included some training, but mostly discussion of how we are going to organize to do our

business. We have discussed at some length the conditions of clubs and what we have to do to turn this around.

Are there any other questions on the Active and Inactive Clubs list? Hearing none, we'll consider the report correct as amended.

5. Audience Comments

Charlie Wurtz mentioned Big Bend National Park events October 5-7 of this year. He has placed a flyer at each officer's desk. These are not level walks, they are designed to be a challenge.

There were no other audience comments.

6. Reports of Officers

a. **President** – Curt Myron. See attached

Basically Curt has three topics that he would like to cover with the NEC.

The first two are traditional things that always happen in the first NEC meeting. AVA's By-Laws say there are two kinds of committees, standing committees which are required to be filled and go on every time, and then special committees. Special committees, the officers may decide to discontinue the committee, amplify it or modify it. They are formed or dissolved according to the needs of the officers. The By-Laws say that the President will nominate chairs for the committees, and as a check and balance, the officers approve the nominations.

6a 1). Committee Chairs

Curt does have some suggestions and nominations as shown below. Curt has consulted with the nominees and to his knowledge they have agreed.

Standing Committees (must be filled)

Audit	He will ask Annette Tollett, the past chair to continue. Ed Tod, Treasurer, Liaison
2009 Convention	Claudia Fitch, Chair Heinz Johnson, Liaison, Glen Conyers, South Central RD, 2 nd Liaison
2011 Convention	Susan Pineke, Chair Bonnie Johnson, North Central RD Liaison
Publicity	John Ferguson, Vice President. Joan Lampart, previous Chair, has agreed to continue to do the things she has been doing. John believes it is a necessary function to continue. It is not the only function the committee needs. We need to increase our focus on the non-Volkssporting community. Last year's Publicity committee will be kind of a sub-set of this year's committee. There will be additional people added to the community.

Special Committees (optional)

Standards & Evaluation	Ginny Drumm, Mid-America RD. This is Ginny's third consecutive council. She has had experience on other committees and has agreed to do this one.
Awards & Recognition	A vital committee. We had some big changes in the last term. We need to consolidate and define those changes and be sure that they have filtered all the way down to the club level. He doesn't have a chair at this time, but will have one by the next NEC meeting, if not before.
By-Laws	Sam Korff, Chair Pat Lucero, Secretary, Liaison
History	David Toth, the appointed Historian. He has agreed to chair the committee.
Marketing	Becky Forsythe, Northwest RD, Chair. It is a piece of the former "super committee.
Nominating	He will have a Chair for the next meeting.

- Special Events Phil Hait, Northeast RD, Chair. It's a tall order. In the past term, under the leadership of Joan Lampart, things have become more standardized.
- Special Funds Dev. Jackie Wilson, Executive Director, Chair It presently is a dormant committee. It is the committee that considers fund-raising activities, such as donations, a framework for instructions to bequeath funds to AVA.
- Sponsors No nominee at this time. Curt chaired it last time. What he found was he didn't think AVA was ready to go out and ask for sponsors, partly because we couldn't tell them how many members we had and so forth. We didn't have the documents to give to them to show what AVA was all about. Those documents have been developed now. If anyone is interested in this committee, please step forward. Curt will continue to shepherd this committee.
- Partners Curt Myron. He wants to do this committee. As part of his program of focusing on growth he wants to revitalize all of the agreements and reciprocal agreements that AVA had with other similar organizations, such as the American Hiking Society, Rails to Trails Organization, and partners with other non-profit organizations like AARP. He also wants to work on, to the degree we can, re-establishing our Memorandum of Understanding with government entities like the Bureau of Land Management, the US Forest Service, and the National Parks. Some of our clubs have had difficulty with park procedures and that needs some attention. He would consider it part of his job as the Partners Chair.
- Strategic Plan Most organizations have a Strategic Plan. The idea of a Strategic Plan is really to look five to fifteen years into the future. Usually it includes a Mission Statement, a Vision Statement and a Statement of what we plan to be like that far into the future and then it does say something about objectives to follow. What we need is someone to take our thoughts and arrange them into a Strategic Plan. He is looking for someone who would be willing to do that work.
- Training Wayne Holloway. Training has always been a function, but as our new officers learned yesterday, there is a substantial need for training, particularly at conventions, because they are just about out only to chance to meet people face to face.
- Youth Nancy Wittenberg, Chair, Bonnie Johnson, Liaison. Her main focus before was being a Liaison and doing publicity with the Girl Scouts nationally. She wants to continue this work and can devote more time to it. Curt has a project for her that he thinks would fall in her area. That is pursuing the idea of Volkssport clubs in schools. In the last six months there has been an elementary school in Iowa that asked to be a Volkssport club. The faculty and teachers would be the officers and advisors and the students would be the members. It is an idea that is worth duplicating and pursuing across the United States.
- Tech Office Systems This was formerly called the Technology Committee and it was chaired by Ginny's husband, Ron Drumm. He is the one that led the AVA into the age of automation with the installation of the sanctioning system, which has saved us innumerable hours of volunteer work, both for us and the clubs. However, Curt sees that the technology issues that AVA faces are more than one committee can handle. We have the sanctioning system and we also have the website. Then there are all the other office systems that we have. AVA has purchased a module that is called an E-Commerce System. That is going online now so that clubs and individuals can purchase things or order things through AVA's website, like a lot of other commercial aspects to websites. Between the commerce module, the in-house systems that AVA uses to track and record processing of books, approving of events, and life members and subscription lists and all that, the sum of all that leads me to

believe it is more than we should ever burden one person with. Curt's first attempt to try and do something a little bit different, is to split the Technology Committee into two functions. He will call them Office Systems and AVA Website. He has asked a few people if they would be interested in doing those two functions. He has a response on the AVA Website, Steve Hughart from California.

Web site Steve Hughart Curt Myron, President, Liaison

Curt has presented his nominations, given his explanations of the committees and the people involved.

Curt Myron moved that NEC XV approve the 2007-2009 AVA committee chair nominees. Ed Todd seconded. Wayne Holloway moved that Nancy Wittenberg not be chairperson of the Youth Committee. Motion seconded by Ginny Drumm. Wayne didn't feel Nancy was taking advantage of opportunities to expand youth program. **Becky Forsythe moved that Nancy Wittenberg be made co-chair to the Youth Committee, Mike Nelson seconded.** Phil Hait asked if there was a co-chair identified and receptive to working with Nancy. The answer is no, but it can be done. There was discussion about the past performance of Nancy Wittenberg and what expectations there are for the future of the committee. Curt interjected that he has the description of all the committees and what they do. "The Youth Committee is responsible for monitoring the development and implementation of the youth program and preparing and giving reports as necessary to the Executive Committee on the status of the youth program." The youth program has several parts: there is a mentoring program, a Master Walker program, the Girl Scout program. The Extra Small Youth Program would have come under the Youth Committee and that was why it was referred to Nancy. **Motion to amend the amendment passed. Wayne Holloway's amendment that stated that Nancy Wittenberg not be Chair of the Youth Committee is amended to read that Nancy Wittenberg be a co-chair of the Youth Committee. Motion passed.**

Vote on original motion as amended to "I move that NEC XV approve the 2007-2009 AVA Committee Chair nominees with the exception that Nancy Wittenberg be co-chair of the Youth Committee". Motion passed. The nominees are approved as presented and as amended.

6a 2). Selection of meeting locations and dates

Curt suggested we have one more meeting this calendar year, in 2008 have three meetings spaced out throughout the year, and in 2009 have one early in the year and an abbreviated meeting at the convention.

John Ferguson moved that NEC XV accept the proposed six meetings for the remainder of our term. Wayne Holloway seconded the motion.

There was discussion about the requirements for a meeting site. Curt asked if anyone had any suggestions. There were several suggestions: Northeast, New Orleans, Washington D.C/Baltimore area, Columbia River Gorge, Oregon (Cascade Locks) for June 2008, Middletown, Ohio Dec. 7-9, 2007, Des Moines, Iowa (site of 2011 Convention). Question was asked of David Toth what are the dates of his Disney World trip. David responded November 23-25, 2007 – Thanksgiving weekend. He said he chose that weekend because it is the one weekend of the year that all children are out of school.

Curt reminded us that there is a motion on the floor for the NEC XV to approve having six meetings for the remainder of our term. Motion passed unanimously.

Ginny Drumm moved to have the next NEC meeting in Middletown, Ohio, Dec. 7-9, 2007. Wayne Holloway seconded. Discussion followed about the area, airports, and transportation to and from the airport. Becky Forsythe was in favor of Disney World Thanksgiving. There was discussion about the pros and cons of having the meeting in Florida that weekend. John Ferguson reminded the

group that the primary purpose of the meetings is to take care of the business of the AVA. It is not to do the walks or have a good time, it is to do the business of the NEC, and that is what we need to be focused on. **Motion passed.**

Skip Coburn moved to have the location of the March 2008 NEC meeting in Washington, DC. Phil Hait seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Becky Forsythe moved that one meeting in 2008 be held during a Disney World Volkswalk weekend. Marvin Stokes seconded. Motion passed.

Bonnie Johnson moved that a meeting be held in July or August 2008 in Des Moines, Iowa. Phil Hait seconded. John Ferguson said the Southwest RD would not be available the second weekend in August. Motion passed.

Ed Tod moved to have the first meeting in 2009 in New Orleans. Glen Conyers seconded. Ed Tod said the city is still in recovery, but has lots of facilities now. Motion passed.

6a 3). IVV Report - Curt presented the following information:

World Calendar – The information needs to be in by Sept 15, 2007. The clubs need to have everything in to the AVA and approved by the 1st of September, so it can be forwarded to IVV in time to meet the deadline.

The next Congress of Delegates will in York, England. The dates he has are July 1–6, 2008.

The IVV budget was approved with no increase in dues.

At this time, President Curt Myron moved that the Executive Council go in to Executive Session so he could present information to EC regarding the IVV situation. Skip Coburn seconded. Motion passed.

Executive session is over. Present any motions at this time.

Becky Forsythe moved that we confirm the AVA President's authority to respond to the effects of the actions at the IVV Congress of Delegates of July 2007. Ed Tod seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Becky Forsythe moved that the AVA form an Advisory Commission appointed by the Executive Committee, for the purpose of planning the future of walking in the United States and for making a recommendation to the AVA Executive Council, regarding the AVA's relationship to the IVV. Wayne Holloway seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Skip Coburn moved that the members of the AVA Executive Council encourage all AVA clubs to submit as many ESRs as possible for events in 2008 prior to September 1, 2007 to ensure their inclusion in the IVV's Annual Worldwide event book. John Ferguson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

b. **Vice President** –John Ferguson -
ACTIVITIES:

- 1). Implemented the decision of PMS committee from NEC IV in registering AVA for a booth at the AARP*50 exhibition in Boston in September 2007. John McClellan of the Walk 'N Mass Volkssport Club will be the POC for AVA.

CONCERNS:

- 1). The Bylaw approvals at the Convention maintained the "Honorary Member" designation. It is recommended that the incoming Awards Committee develop procedures, eligibility, policies for the presentation of this honor and report these recommendations to the NEC at or before our third (3d) meeting.

2). The form currently in use for considering "Certificate of Service" awards needs major attention for proper consideration for this award.

c. **Secretary** – Pat Lucero. No report.

d. **Treasurer** Ed Todd
ACTIVITIES:

AVA Budget for FY 2007-2008 is approved and in place.

Completion date for recommendations for FY 2007-2008 mid-year adjustments is December 31,2007.

CONCERNS:

Recommendations:

1). That NEC consider increasing budget for AVA promotions and publicity at mid-fiscal year.

2). That new Special Events Committee consider revising reporting system from clubs that sponsor Special Events from quarterly to annually.

7. **Report of Executive Director** - See attached.

The main topics were the new IRS requirement of filing a 990N (also known as an e-postcard), and the apparent failure of some of the clubs to read the Check Point and make use of the information it contains. Jackie reviewed the highlights of the information about the IRS change. It is a mandatory form to file and failure to do so for three consecutive years will result in loss of tax-exempt status of AVA, not only the individual club.

Becky Forsythe said clubs should save the letter they receive from the IRS, particularly the numbers, as you will need the information later. Club Presidents should be sure to pass on the information to their successor if they are no longer in office. Curt explained the process required when a new law is passed, especially the official notification that this is coming.

Becky Forsythe suggested to Skip to check with his states (Mid-Atlantic Region) for requirements regarding signatures on officer reports (how many different signatures).

8. **Reports of Standing Committees**

8a. **AVA Biennial Conventions**

8a 1). 2007 Convention (Don Ratliff Chair, Wayne Holloway Liaison)

Curt commented Cady does not have a financial report yet as there are still some bills coming in.

Wayne Holloway doesn't have a written report, but can give a report on participation and transportation. The busses were well utilized and it looks like there was a profit of about \$4,000. Event participation ranged from high 600's to a high of 787 at Angel Island to a low of 532 at San Francisco. That was the last day, the recommended last walk. It appeared to Wayne that the Barbecue and Banquet had tremendous participation. He didn't remember seeing those numbers at previous conventions. He thought everybody had a good time.

8a 2. 2009 Convention (Claudia Fitch Chair, Heinz Johnson Liaison)

John Ferguson reported there were certain accomplishments. He asked Ellen Ott to stand up (she was modeling the pre-convention shirt). The shirts are available for purchase at the E-Commerce site at headquarters. March 2007 financial meeting and the operational plan was revised based on that. A presentation was made at the 2007 convention. The organizational chart is constantly being revised. Jackie Wilson and Candy Purcell came up last March and they had a pleasant discussion about the fiscal operations and other things relative to the fiscal operation of a convention. The committee had a meeting last month at the convention site. They looked at Sacramento – good and bad. The Treasurer has a goal to have a budget in place by October. Next meeting will take a hard look at outlying events (Oklahoma, Missouri, Arkansas).

8a 3). 2011 Convention –

Curt commented it's only been a month or two since Des Moines was approved as the 2011 Convention site. They had a very effective presentation, complete with a "moo" suit and "three piece chicken dinners", which were three kernels of corn.

Curt said he and John Ferguson had discussed whether the Council through that committee needs to give greater guidance to future conventions. For instance, do we want them to focus on making the convention "family friendly" or not. That reveals some guidelines of what we want them to do and it does effect their decisions.

John recommends a workshop. in the next convention (and probably every convention thereafter) about the sanctioning process and operating the club maintenance page on the AVA website. It's the only opportunity we have for face-to-face training with the clubs.

8b. Audit committee – No report.

8c. Standards and Evaluations – Ginny Drumm –Just appointed to committee. No report.

8d. Publicity/Marketing - Curt Myron.

His report is basically just recommendations to pass on to the next chair. In the last term we combined several functions: Publicity, Marketing, Sponsorships, and Partners. We have decided to separate these back out.

8d 1). Publicity – John Ferguson..

Curt feels confident that John Ferguson will focus more on national publicity and appearance at events where the non-Volkssporting public can be reached. AARP we are working on this year and have plans for next year. John has asked for names of conferences and public events to build into a list. It can be prioritized for publicity targets and appearances to reach the public.

8d 2). Marketing – Becky Forsythe.

We've talked in our training about some programs and ideas for marketing nationally. An example is in-school volkssport clubs. There is currently an elementary school club in Iowa. Curt will ask the Youth Committee to take the lead on this national initiative to work with the Committee through your regions and clubs. Currently there is a volkssport physical education course being taught at the college level. It has been a pilot program of the NEC for five years in Oregon. Becky Forsythe is the prime mover in that program. It is time now to take the program nationally. Becky's Marketing Committee will move that one forward.

8d 3). Partnerships – Curt Myron.

Curt plans to pay attention to the Air Force Global Program, and creating partnerships with military organizations across the country,.

8d 4). Sponsorships – no chair at this time.

Curt reported a document had been developed describing the Sponsorship Program. The recommendation of the committee was to update the information and move forward with that document.

Curt doesn't think that AVA should put sponsorship in the forefront for a while. We should pay attention to it and seek opportunities and jump on those that we get. Most sponsors have basic questions: number of members, how long have you been growing. Curt feels we need to get our ducks in a row first. We should focus on growth things.

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9. Reports of Special Committees

9a. Training Development - Wayne Holloway

Anticipates having some goals identified by next meeting

9b. Special Events

There is a proposal for a new Special Event: Walking America's Artistic Heritage. They would like it to start 1-1-2008 through 12-31-2012. Lois Head, of Central Minnesota Volkssports, couldn't be at this meeting and asked Jackie Wilson, AVA ED to present the request.

Discussion followed about policy or guidelines regarding the Special Programs. The initial approval of an event would be for three years. AVA Policy was set to limit to 15 at any one time.

Skip Coburn moved to approve the special event "Walking America's Artistic Heritage," for a period of three years beginning 1/Jan/2009 through 31/Dec/2011, subject to acceptance by the sponsoring club. Mike Nelson seconded. Motion passed.

Curt felt we need to define for clubs what the meaning of "program ends" means. He would like the Special Events Committee to clarify what "program ends" means. Discussion followed.

c. **Strategic Planning** – No report.

d. **Special Funds Development** – No report.

e. **Awards** – Becky Forsythe—She had submitted a report for the Biennial Report.

f. **Youth Program** – No report.

g. **Internet and Technology** –No report.

h. **Bylaws** –

Curt said Bylaws were addressed at the convention. There were three, one was passed and the other two were not. They were all more or less housekeeping and had to do with "honorary membership."

i. **History** – David Toth.

He had submitted a report for the Biennial Report. He also wanted to encourage everyone here to think about the biography we will be going to submit to him. He is looking for when did you get involved, what have you done, what do you think your important accomplishments were, and anything you want to say to future Volkssporters. It saddens David that there are some people who were very, very important to the AVA and nobody knows who they were and there is no one to do a biography on them.

j. **Nominating** – No report .

10. Unfinished Business

Curt has no unfinished business.

11. New Business

11a. **A motion submitted by John Ferguson who moved that the recommendation of the Special Event Program coordinator (Joan Lampart) for NEC XIV permitting the end for the College Special Event Program to be extended to the end of 2008 be approved.** The program is now done by headquarters. **Marvin Stokes seconded the motion.** John commented this basically was more or less an informal recommendation or decision from the last NEC. This is just a cost-keeping validation. Becky reported she had had a communication from a club who felt the program should be run by a club instead of the AVA office. **Motion passed**

11b. **Jackie Wilson moved that the following clubs be inactivated for non-compliance with AVA Bylaws and Policies. Ginny Drumm seconded.** Jackie commented she had letters from two of the clubs requested to be inactivated: Heart of America and North Country Wanderers. They are already inactivated. They should be removed from the list. Jackie explained what the issues of non-compliance were. **Motion passed.** See attached list.

Curt said these deletions will be reflected in the next issue of The Wanderer. The list of clubs in the second section of The Wanderer is the official list that AVA goes by.

John Ferguson explained there were procedures and policies in place for a club to apply for reinstatement.

11c. General discussion:

Skip Coburn asked what was the proper procedure to follow to refer something to the Bylaw Committee for consideration? He would like to propose that the Bylaw Committee that they look into, investigate, and perhaps recommend a procedure that would result in the staggered election of RDs, somewhat like the US Senate, that would preclude all the RDs being new at the same time. Curt explained the process. He also suggested that might be something that the Standards and Evaluation Committee could look at also.

11d. AVA sign

Skip Coburn asked about having the AVA sign at the office more visible. Present that to the Executive Director.

11e. Addition of new events.

Skip Coburn moved that in the interest of growth, the EC approve additional sporting events as possible sanctioned events – to include sports like, for example – canoeing, snowboarding, kyaking, skateboarding, running, rock climbing, surfing, roller blading, and scuba diving. Becky Forsythe seconded the motion.

Skip presented the reasoning for his motion: have more sports, appeal to younger people, etc. Jackie Wilson mentioned this had not been sent out to the clubs for consideration before action could be taken.

John Ferguson moved to amend the motion to “in the interest of growth, the EC consider additional sporting events, etc.,,(change the word “approve” to “consider.”). Marvin Stokes seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Original motion is now modified to read: in the interest of growth, the EC consider additional sporting events as possible sanctioned events – to include sports like, for example – canoeing, snowboarding, kayaking, skateboarding, running, rock climbing, surfing, roller blading, and scuba diving.

Becky Forsythe moved to table the motion (Skip’s), until the next meeting, so that we could take it back to the clubs, publish in the Check Point, etc. Marvin Stokes seconded the motion. Motion passed and motion tabled to the next meeting.

There was discussion about the various problems there could be, including insurance, administration, does IVV approve, what kind of books would be used.

11f. Next meeting.

There was discussion about what we would be doing at the next meeting. Wayne Holloway would like to see objectives and reports due.

Curt would like to add a “Comments” section for the officers. We have a section for public comment but no real way for the officers to flip out these ideas like Skip and Wayne did. He will be suggesting this for our next meeting.

12. Audience Comments

12a. Martha Myron, NW Tulip Trekkers, commented on something John Ferguson said earlier in the meeting. She agrees that conducting AVA business is the most important part of these meeting weekends. However, she thinks that meeting Volkssporters and going to a local event is the second most important part. She thinks every meeting should have an event in conjunction with it like Ginny is

planning in December. There are two reasons, one, you will get more walkers at your meetings, two, it also lets the officers get out and meet the people.

12b. Charlie Wertz, West Texas Trail Walkers, said basically, when you send out the agenda before the meetings, also send out reminders that committee reports are due. Sometimes, people need reminding.

12c. David Toth, Trinity Trekkers, wanted to remind us all about the Disney World events in Orlando Thanksgiving weekend. We are all, including our families, invited to attend.

12d. Ellen Ott, Randolph Roadrunners, thanked us all for stepping up to the plate. She feels we have an awesome responsibility. Ellen also thanked Martha for her comments. The reason we are here is to promote Volkssporting and to participate with the clubs and get out and meet the club members and have them meet you also. Ellen also had questions about discontinued special events. Does ending date mean just not selling new books or also processing the books. Curt commented he has asked for clarification of that from the Special Events Committee. Curt outlined how a similar program in the state of Washington is being handled.

12e. Doris Conyers, Dogwood Trailblazers, has a comment about Special Events also. When a program is discontinued is it still going to be on the "drop-down" list for clubs to enter for the Starting Point. In some past years discontinued programs were not listed in the "drop-down" list. Curt said he has discussed this issue with Phil Hait, Special Events Committee Chair.

12f. Garry Speir, Hill Country Volkssportverein, commented that Skip had used a dirty word - "competitive." He mentioned there had been a "roller skating" event in the past.

12g. Ellen Ott, Randolph Roadrunners, commented that as hard as it was to get the 5K walks approved through the IVV she can imagine how hard it will be to get other types of events.

13. Adjournment

Ginny Drumm & Marvin Stokes moved to adjourn. We are adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Lucero

Pat Lucero
Secretary

Attachments:

Committee List
ED Report
Donation List

04/25/07	Bormolini, Barbara & John	KS	25.00		
04/29/07	Hickey, Carol	AZ	5.00		
04/30/07	Inami-Asai, Joanne & Darryl	LA	100.00		
05/02/07	Elms, Tom & Linda	Germ any	20.00		
05/03/07	Harder, Shawn & Pamela	CA	20.00		
05/03/07	Clark, Connie	TX	25.00		
05/05/07	Burkholder, Nancy	OH	2.60		
05/16/07	Harrison, Susan	TX	25.00		
05/17/07	Holter, Ruth & Harvey	AZ	20.00		
05/17/07	McBride, Barbara	VA	50.00		
05/18/07	Mahaney, Pat	SC	20.00		
05/21/07	Tobin, JoAnne	DE	50.00		
05/31/07	Smith-Meck, Marjo & Matthew	IL	20.00		
06/01/07	Aronoff, Carol	PA	10.00		
06/07/07	Cumberland Valley Lead Foot Club	PA	100.00		In Memor
06/11/07	Eby, Patricia	PA	25.00		In Memor
06/12/07	Cutler, Kathryn	WA	1.50		
06/12/07	Engelhardt, Kathleen	CA	0.75		
06/25/07	Mid Florida Milers/William Uttenweiler	FL	70.98		
06/25/07	York White Rose Wanderers	PA	50.00		In Memor
07/01/07	Various Convention Participants	CA		20.00	AVA Mus
07/01/07	Fieldhouse, Wayne & Patricia	MI	25.00		
07/02/07	Davis, Jean & Beverly	CA	10.00		
07/02/07	Liebig, Mary Beth	WI	50.00		
07/04/07	Wilson, Kenneth & Ellen	MD		200.00	Towar
07/05/07	Lindberg, Shirley	WA			Purchase
07/05/07	Grabenstein, Gloria	PA	15.00		In Memor
07/10/07	Susquehanna Rovers Volksmarch	PA	25.00		
07/12/07	Wilson, Doris	MA	25.00		
07/13/07	Jarmulnek, Fern	VA	75.00		
07/16/07	Reed, Patricia	NY	10.00		
07/16/07	Yegerlehner, C.J.	OH	25.00		
07/16/07	Young, Donald & Frances	PA	5.00		

\$1,928.33	\$2,139.65	\$1,712.36
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AVA DONATIONS

Ending 7-24-07

<u>Date</u>	<u>Donor</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>In-Kind</u>	
10/25/06	Stokes, Marvin	FL	5.00			#1
12/05/06	Lindberg, Shirley	WA			306.71	Trip to AVA
01/05/07	Witkowski, Sonia P.	NJ	20.00			
01/08/07	Thomas, Andrew B.	TX	25.00			
01/08/07	Benning, Robert & Jill	ME	20.00			
01/10/07	Fontaine, Marguerite M.	CA	15.00			
01/10/07	Ferry, Gail A.	PA	10.00			
01/11/07	McNett, Ellen	NY	10.00			
01/12/07	Conway, Donald & Joyce	MD	20.00			
01/19/07	Coyne, Karen	CA	10.00			
01/25/07	Maryland Volkssport Association	MD		1,247.99		Lap
01/25/07	Chambers, Glenda	WA	75.00			
01/28/07	Holloway, Wayne	CA			795.40	T
01/30/07	Fields, Orvid	NM	40.00			
01/30/07	Spitzer, Craig & Chris	VA	25.00			
02/01/07	Herman, Ruth	ND	40.00			
02/05/07	Mountjoy, Patricia	PA	2.50			
02/06/07	Horne, Nettie	MD	55.00			
02/09/07	Kline, Stephen N.	FL	20.00			
02/10/07	Minnesota Volkssport Association	MN		671.66		Fun Fitness
02/21/07	McIntyre, Robert	IL	5.00			
02/22/07	Wilder, Phill	MD	50.00			
02/22/07	Eby, Patricia	PA	10.00			
02/28/07	Carneiro, Chumney & Co., L.C.	TX			350.00	Audit Convention R
03/02/07	Phillips, Charlotte	VT	15.00			
03/05/07	Franzen, Christine	CA	5.00			
03/07/07	Ross, Sally Ann	OR	75.00			
03/07/07	Hailey, Colleen	NY	10.00			
03/12/07	Lee, Thomas	VA	20.00			
03/15/07	Hardway, Roger	WV	25.00			
03/15/07	Stucky, Cindy & Thomas	MO	20.00			
03/19/07	Holt, Kenneth	MA	5.00			
03/19/07	Brown, Janice	GA	25.00			
03/20/07	Sova, Susan	SC	25.00			
03/20/07	Eheman, Christine	TX	25.00			
03/26/07	Riverbend Striders	MN	11.25			
03/31/07	Estey, Russell	CO	70.00			
04/01/07	Soles, Renee	WI	5.00			
04/02/07	Herman, Dale & Ruth	ND	40.00			
04/02/07	Riley, Patrick & Joan	PA	10.00			
04/11/07	Treasure Valley Volkssports	ID	100.00			Conv
04/16/07	Hermesmeyer, Dani & Jerry	TX	50.00			
04/16/07	Koerschner, Robyn	NM	20.00			
04/20/07	Lindberg, Shirley	WA	8.75			YRE

**Executive Director Report
August 11 2007
Schertz, Texas**

Welcome to NEC XV!

As I'm sure you are aware by now, the IRS has a new requirement that every AVA club will need to adhere to, even those under our umbrella. All details haven't been released but they are currently mailing information letters and the clubs are going into a panic because they think they are delinquent with something to the IRS. This new requirement won't take effect until 2008.

Basically, they will be required to go the IRS web site and file a 990N also known as an e-Postcard. There will be NO paper form so it must be done electronically.

Failure to file this form for three consecutive years will result in loss of tax-exempt status. What is not clear is to what extent this will effect the parent organization. I have talked to the IRS on several occasions and signed up for their electronic information and will keep you posted as well as put information out to the clubs in Checkpoint. I was told that the parent organization is responsible for their subordinates so it very well could result in total loss of AVA's exemption if the clubs do not comply. They do, however, give us three years so that should give us time to inactivate those clubs who refuse to take it seriously.

Speaking of Checkpoint; the questions I receive are making it pretty clear that our clubs are not reading it and are most certainly not discussing any of the info it contains at their meetings. While it is also available on the web, apparently most people are not taking the initiative to go there to read it. We need to ensure that clubs realize the importance of reading this document and passing the info to their club members.

I'm keeping this one short and sweet because I know that with all of the training during the first meeting you will experience overload! Feel free to call any of the staff members if you have any questions or need anything.

**AMERICAN VOLKSSPORT ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

Introduction of Business

I move that: The following clubs be inactivated for non-compliance with AVA Bylaws and Policies.

03AVA0012 Buckeye Wander Freunde
03AVA0090 German Village Wander Volk
03AVA0263 Zeeland Volks Corp
05AVA0308 North Country Wanderers
09AVA0018 Hermann Volkssport Assn.
09AVA0331 Heart of America Volkssport Assn.
10AVA0914 CV Hobo Hikers

Summary of Proposed Action

These clubs have not submitted the required IRS reports. Because of that, they were removed from our 501(c)(3) umbrella. Our Bylaws require that our clubs be non-profit. They either have to be under our umbrella or provide proof that they are exempt some other way. These clubs have failed to provide any such proof or to submit the reports and apply to come back under our umbrella.

In addition, Hermann Volkssport Assn. and CV Hobo Hikers have YRE events that have not supplied quarterly reports for all of 2006 and the first two quarters of 2007. Event stamps need to be picked up by a person designated by the RD and returned to HQs along with participation figures if available.

Motion made by: Jacklyn Wilson, Executive Director

Seconded By:

Action: Motion carried Motion failed

Please attach all backup materials to support the recommended action or motion.

Agenda item number will be assigned at the National Headquarters
