

**American Volkssport Association
National Executive Council Meeting
November 13-14, 2009**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the National Executive Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the President Curt Myron at the Holiday Inn Express, Orlando, Florida.

For the benefit of those new (or not so new) to the Council, Curt explained that about a year and a half ago, it was decided to try a new meeting format. The meeting started on Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. and was recessed around 9:00 p.m. The next day the meeting was reconvened at 8:00 a.m. and ran to the conclusion of the business.

2. **INTRODUCTIONS:**

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

Curt Myron (President), Wayne Holloway (Vice President), Pat Lucero (Secretary), Marvin Stokes (Treasurer), Sam Tollett (Atlantic RD), David Bradley (Mid America RD), Phil Hait (Northeast RD), Bonnie Johnson (North Central RD), Sam Korff (Northwest RD), Bruce McDevitt (Pacific RD), Mike Nelson (Rocky Mountain RD), Dennis Michele (Southeast RD), Glen Conyers (South Central RD), Heinz Johnson (Southwest RD), Jackie Wilson (Executive Director).

b. **Guests Signed In** (some arrived later):

Martha Myron, *Northwest Tulip Trekkers, Washington*, Doris Conyers, *Dogwood Trailblazers, Missouri*, Priscilla Johnson, *Texas*, Grace Holloway, *Placer Pacers, California*.

All officers are present. We do have a quorum.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Curt Myron, Chairman of both the Partners and Sponsors committees requested the agenda items 9h and 9k be combined for reporting purposes.

Dennis Michele moved to approve the agenda as revised. Glen Conyers seconded. The motion passed.

4. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

a. **Approval of Minutes**

- 1). **February 27-28, 2009** - Wayne Holloway mentioned there was an error on page 13, in paragraph following motion made by Becky Forsythe, the date June 2009 should be June 2008.

Phil Hait moved to approve the February 27-28, 2009, NEC Minutes as corrected. Mike Nelson seconded. The motion passed.

- 2.) **June 24, 2009** - Only item of business was approval of 2009-2011 AVA Budget. **Glen Conyers moved to approve the June 24, 2009, NEC Minutes. Phil Hait seconded. The motion passed.**

Orientation of new RD's followed the June 24, 2009 meeting.

b. **Approval of June 24-26, 2009 AVA Convention Minutes**

President Curt Myron had appointed a review committee (Sharon Moats, Don Vartanian, and Tom Doyle) to review the Convention minutes and have a report for the

November 13-14, 2009 NEC Meeting. The committee recommended convention minutes be approved

There were some suggested changes: 1). On page 3 insert "priority" in line 5 of **J. 'President's Report'** after the word "highest"; and 2). On page 6 (changes to 2a and 2b are shown in italics and underlined):

2. Ownership. In order for the Association to use intangible property (such as to reproduce; prepare derivative works there from; distribute copies of by sale, transfer, rent, perform or display, and publicity; and to protect privacy), the following shall apply:
 - a. Any individual or AVA member that submits to the Association for the purpose of the Association's use or publication intangible property that he or she prepares, creates, or authors shall grant the Association unlimited, non-exclusive use and perpetual license to use of that intangible property.
 - b. Any intangible property prepared, created, or authored by an Association officer, director, committee or commission member, or paid staff member in the performance of their duties belongs solely to the Association. (Last sentence was deleted in its entirety.)

Heinz Johnson moved to approve the June 24-26, 2009 Convention minutes as revised to include suggested changes. Mike Nelson seconded. Motion passed.

c. Recognition of Donations: See attached for details.

A number of donations were received:

Unrestricted:	\$2,344.50
Restricted:	572.00
In-Kind	5,053.90

See attached report.

d & e. Acceptance of New and Reactivated Clubs

Declaration of Inactive Clubs

**American Volkssport Association Acceptance of
New and Inactivated Clubs**

Current Information from 02/05/09-10/26/09

New

10AVA-0948 East Tennessee Wanderers	04/10/09
10AVA-0949 Amelia Island – Nassau County Volkssport Club	05/13/09
10AVA-0950 Fort Bragg MWR Sports & Fitness	06/05/09

Reactivated

None

Inactive

06AVA-0882 The Naturals Club	01/31/09
11AVA-0940 The Rainbow Rovers	03/02/09
02AVA-0082 The Pentagon Pacesetters	03/02/09
03AVA-0407 Mississippi River Ramblers	06/17/09
11AVA-0648 City of Roswell	06/29/09

03AVA-0137 Richmond Rascals	06/30/09
07AVA-0575 Ye Olde Chico Walking Club	06/30/09
04AVA-0919 Hearty Sole Walkers	07/06/09
03AVA-0164 The Miami Indian Trekkers	07/07/09
11AVA-0107 HQ U.S. Army Medical Command	08/04/09
03AVA-0804 Flusstalvolk	08/11/09
03AVA-0185 Cuyahoga Valley Spaziergangers	08/20/09

President Myron stated there are 305 active clubs at this time. He explained how we determine how many delegates we have to IVV meetings. If we fall below 301 clubs we will lose a vote. We presently have six votes.

- 2 votes Member country
- 1 vote President
- 1 vote for each 150 clubs or portion thereof

Mike Nelson moved to accept the Donation Report and the New and Inactivated Report. Glen Conyers seconded. Motion passed.

5. AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

There were no audience comments.

6. REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

a. President's - Curt Myron

1). Focus on Growth.

a). AVA Clubs. As you can see from item 4d of this meeting package, we are steadily gaining new clubs, but losing clubs to inactivation in greater numbers. If AVA's total number of clubs goes below 301 on December 31, 2009, AVA will lose one voting delegate position at the 2010 IVV Congress of Delegates. I want to thank those responsible for helping new clubs to form. Keep up the good work.

b). Participation Report. I'll attach a chart showing 2009 participation by region at the next meeting in 2010. Through the first half of 2009, participation is up about 4% from 2008, although slightly less than the first half of 2007. It is also possible that the 4% increase is due to the AVA convention events and surrounding year-round events.

c). Volkssport events in non-IVV countries. At our November 2008 meeting, we approved a motion to allow the AVA President to approve volkssport events in countries where there is no volkssport presence. Paragraph 4.04 of the AVA Policy Manual set this policy. Recently I received a request from a club to create a year-round event in Saudi Arabia. The request was clear that the purpose of the event was so that members of the club would have an event for their own participation. The request did not meet the requirements for liability insurance and for furthering volkssport so it was rejected. I bring this up to clarify that while the policy does not prevent year-round or seasonal events, these events must also promote volkssport locally and be covered by liability insurance.

d). AVA Projects.

- i). AVA Clubs in Schools.** Of all AVA projects, this one shows the most promise for growing our membership. When AVA forms a club in a school, we not only gain exposure to the students but their parents and their community. I have acted as the national coordinator and prepared documents that volunteers can use to raise the idea with their school. Our approach is to match one volkssporter with one school of their choice and help them present materials to the school administration or faculty to help them use volkssports to combat obesity and promote physical fitness. Heinz Johnson inquired about materials to be used.
- aa). Volunteers needed.** We need your help in finding both local volunteers and a person to take on my role as a national coordinator of AVA information and support to these volunteers.
- bb). Challenge to RDs.** During the last term, Regional Directors accepted the challenge to achieve a net increase of one new AVA club during their term. I'd like you to accept that challenge again, but with one addition. I challenge you to add one club in your region that is a club in a school.
- ii). AVA Clubs in the military.**
- aa). Club at Fort Bragg a real accomplishment.** The addition in June of a club at Fort Bragg, technically part of the Morale, Recreation and Welfare Office, is a great move forward to reach out to our military. We need to work together to expand on that accomplishment by adding clubs at forts and bases across the USA. In particular, I would like you to work with military volkssporters to find contacts in military units stationed or soon to be stationed in Guam. AVA is making a point with other IVV members over the unauthorized clubs in Guam. We can help this issue by creating our own clubs quickly within the military there.
- bb). Portland Marathon-sponsored shadow marathons in Iraq.** I learned that the Portland Marathon assisted with a couple of 'shadow' marathon events, held in Iraq near the same date for members of Ft Lewis' Stryker Brigade and units of the Oregon National Guard. I ask that the NW RD develop contacts at Ft Lewis and in Oregon so AVA can support Iraq marathons if they occur next year. He suggested a New Walker packet be given to those who participate.
- iii). AVA Conventions.** Jackie sent you a copy of a letter expressing interest in hosting the 2013 AVA Convention. AVA Clubs will decide whether to accept this bid, or any other, at the 2011 Convention. In the meantime, the NEC may determine whether to recommend approval. I reviewed the convention procedures and the after actions reports while preparing for the 2009 convention. AVA/NEC does not provide enough guidance to convention committees. Headquarters gives advice as needed and AVA does require an after action report. But we do not specify what goes into that report, nor is there any policy as to what we require the convention to do. I recommend that while we have the opportunity before selection of the site for 2013, we form a committee to develop written policy for future convention committees. The AVA Special Review Committee will review

this subject as well and make recommendations. We need a volunteer to compile the NEC's guidance and coordinate it with the Special Review Committee.

e). Visit USA with Volkssports. I am in the process of forming a new AVA club with two specific purposes in mind. First, the club will promote participation in AVA volkssport events to volkssporters from other countries. We intend to advertise on the IVV website and Calendar of Events to provide an advisor to tour groups and volkssporters from other countries. We intend to match them with existing events and year-rounds of other AVA clubs, but also to sanction a specific event to match the planned tours of foreign volkssporters. I also believe that AVA should add an "International page" to *The American Wanderer* where both American and foreign volkssporters and clubs may submit articles. A second purpose for this club is to promote the inclusion of Nordic Walking into AVA events. Another national audience could be brought into volkssport with a little effort to make selected AVA events Nordic walker friendly.

f). Other growth issues.

- i). AVA Sales. If you look at the financial statements from the end of Fiscal Year 2009, you will see that sales in every category were less than expected. I attribute this to a lack of emphasis of 'buying AVA' to support our sport, as well as the lack of an assertive sales policy which includes sales and promotions. I propose to form a Sales Committee to review policy and suggest ways to improve AVA sales. Officers and Regional Directors should emphasize 'buying AVA' for events, giveaways and club recognition awards.
- ii). Starting Point Sales. For 2010, AVA ordered 500 less copies of the Starting Point based upon the high number of unsold 2009 Starting Points. Sales of Starting Points have steadily declined over the years and smaller printings generally create higher costs. While AVA made roughly \$10,000 from the sales it did have, we have about \$8,000 worth of unsold 2009 Starting Points right now. The proposed sales committee ought to review sales discounts to sell as many Starting Points as possible each year, rather than have large numbers recycled. AVA's Sales Committee ought to look into the feasibility of selling the Starting Point on a CD format. Cost of production is very small compared to printing.
- iii). Associate Memberships. Another area that we seldom promote is AVA Associate Memberships. As part of our partnership with AARP, we offer a 20% discount to AARP members who complete AARP's walking program and follow the link to AVA. We ought expand this promotion with a drive to increase Associate Memberships. I have asked our Marketing Committee to look into an early 2010 promotion. Please communicate your opinions to the Marketing Committee.
- iv). TAW. We need to keep TAW fresh by adding new features. I suggest that we add a new section for International News. We can fill it with articles about IVV meetings – or subjects related to IVV. We can also invite other IVV countries to submit articles – or buy advertising – to promote tourism to

their country. Promotion of the International page to other volkssporting countries would be a good publicity project.

2). **Committee Approvals.**

a). **Partnership and Sponsorship Committees.** I am pleased to nominate Chuck Head from Saint Cloud, Minnesota as the Chair for the combined Partnership and Sponsorship Committees. With your approval, Chuck and I will trade places and I will continue as an active member of the committee.

I move that Chuck Head be approved as the chair, Partnership and Sponsorship committees. Marvin Stokes seconded. Motion passed.

b). **AVA Special Review Committee.** At the 2009 AVA Convention, I announced my intention to create this committee to complete a broad review of AVA's structure, rules, policies and operations to assure that AVA is organized as effectively as possible for the future.

I appointed Phil and Bev Jones of Twain Harte, California as Co-Chairs and they have already begun their review. Phil and Bev are retired professional business consultants and well-qualified to evaluate AVA.

I move that Phil and Bev Jones be approved as co-chairs of the AVA Special Review Committee. Wayne Holloway seconded. Motion passed.

3). **Activities.**

a). **Opportunities to represent AVA outside the country.** As you know, AVA is often invited to attend volkssport meetings in other countries. The AVA President usually attends the CVF (Canada) Convention each year, in addition to leading the AVA delegation to the annual IVV Congress of Delegates. AVA has set aside funds to reimburse the President for these two events, but other official delegates are not usually reimbursed. The costs of attending are, however, tax deductible. I have two opportunities to share with you.

i). 2010 CVF Convention in New Brunswick, Canada.

ii). China Volkssport Association will hold "The 2nd International Walking Forum" on 29th--30th Jan, 2010. The main topic of this forum is about "Walking and Natural Environment Protection", "Walking and Social Responsibility" and "Walking and Travel.". China usually offers to cover all costs within China, but AVA does not reimburse for this tax-deductible air travel. In addition, this is a speaking engagement and the representative will likely address a thousand people or more. If you are interested in future invitations from China, please let me know.

b). **Portland Marathon.** The Oregon Trail State Volkssport Association worked again with the Portland Marathon to produce a walker-friendly marathon. I participated in my first marathon at the event and joined 60 other volkssporters who received 42k credit for the event. If any club or state organization would like to know how to partner with a competitive event, consult the NW RD or OTSVA leadership.

c). **AVA Special Review Committee.** I spent many hours over one weekend discussing AVA policy, structure and many volkssporting issues with Phil and Bev Jones, the co-chairs of this committee. They submitted their initial report

to this meeting, but they plan a 20-month review project with several reports to us on their findings. Their survey sent to clubs produced about 100 responses and you can expect a copy of the response summary in the near future. Feel free to contact Phil or Bev with any changes that you think should be considered. (I ask that Regional Directors encourage their clubs to complete surveys and make their views known to the Chairs of the Special Review Committee. The greater participation in the review, the more valid the results).

4. IVV News

a). 2010 IVV Congress of Delegates

i). **Appointment of Delegates.** The AVA delegation to the Congress consists of six delegates. I appointed the following individuals for this Congress: Dave Johnston, Claudia Johnston, Kevin Ross, Dale Boone, Martha Myron. (FYI, Dave, Claudia, Kevin and Dale are all from Colorado and each has experience as an AVA club president). Each of these delegates accepted the appointment and will travel to the Congress at their own expense. Kevin Ross and Dale Boone were delegates at the 2009 Congress in Japan. Martha Myron has been an AVA Delegate to each Congress since 2005.

ii). **Potential motions for Congress of Delegates.** I advised each of you of proposed rule revisions that were submitted for discussion at an October 2009 meeting of European member countries. I have handouts for you that contain suggested rule revisions for IVV events, IVV Achievement Books and the formation of continental associations. I do not want any decisions on these issues at this meeting, but you should be prepared to advise and inform your clubs.

Because you will likely receive strong reaction to the proposals to modify or abolish the IVV books, I suggest we take a few minutes to review the facts of these issues. Once our clubs have time to review the issues, we will likely receive motions for our next meeting.

There was much discussion, both pro and con, about the proposal to abolish or modify the books. Curt pointed out that whatever they decide, there would have to be a five year transition period.

iii). **Potential AVA Motions for the 2010 Congress.** I circulated a suggestion in 2009 to all IVV members regarding the formation of continental associations in Europe, Asia and North America. Not wishing to allow the European members to be the only ones to suggest motions regarding continental associations, I will likely submit this concept at our March meeting for approval as an AVA motion to the IVV Congress. I have prepared a small information package which will give you background information on this issue.

b). **Continental Associations.** On November 2, I forwarded to you a report sent to me by IVV Vice President and President of Luxembourg Raymond Claude regarding a meeting of European volkssport federations. I added my notes to interpret or clarify some points. As I was present at the European meeting where these members received briefings about the European Union and learned that funding was available for volkssport. I believe this factor has led to the emphasis on creation of continental associations.

If there are no objections, I'll proceed with discussions with my counterparts from the Americas, including the direct member clubs in Paraguay and Argentina, to determine whether there is interest in forming a continental association within IVV. Further we should also invite the English-speaking direct member clubs in Australia and New Zealand to join in the discussion.

A continental association (CA) within IVV will allow each CA to be more flexible regarding IVV rules, have more control over their own operations and address cultural issues that often detract promoting the international volkssport. It appears that Europe is proceeding 'full steam ahead.' We in the Americas should do so as well.

Meeting was recessed at 9:00 p.m.

Jim Plummer made an announcement about the special activities at Disney World tomorrow. An announcement was made about dinner tonight. It will be at Black Angus. We will meet in the lobby at 5:30 p.m. walk over from here.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:05 a.m.

Curt mentioned he had put the discussion of the meeting schedule under Old Business.

b. Vice President - Wayne Holloway

1). Goals:

- a). Update and distribute Master Awards List and Awards CD.
- b). Update Club Information documents on the AVA Website.
- c). Update Policy Manual.
- d). Provide support to the Executive Director, President, Executive Council, and Administrative Support Staff.
- e). Butt into others' business when the urge becomes overwhelming.

2). Accomplishments:

- a). Updated the Master Awards spreadsheet with individual awards from the 2007-2009 Biennial Awards Booklet and emailed files to the NEC and Awards Committee members.
- b). With Linda Rebmann, completed update of the AVA Policy Manual in support of the Standards and Evaluation Committee.
- c). Got the Awards Committee formed and business underway.
- d). Provided "support" in accordance with items 4 and 5, above.

3). Activities:

- a) . Re- about stuff. scanning prior editions of Awards Booklets.
- b) . Chairing the Awards and Recognition Committee.
- c). Participating as a member of the Training Committee.
- d). Thinking.

4). Concerns:

- a). None.

5). Recommendations:

- a). NEC members become familiar with the AVA Policy Manual and the NEC Handbook.
- b). NEC members work cooperatively in furthering the goals of the Association.
- c). NEC members and committees establish attainable and measurable performance goals and report progress at future meetings.

Wayne also discussed the Sunshine Fund and what it should cover. Each of the NEC members donated \$20 to establish the fund. It would include the NEC and office staff.

c. Secretary - Pat Lucero

I continue to meet goal to have minutes out in a timely manner.

d. Treasurer - Marvin Stokes

- The budget is in place. AVA is in good financial condition. There are sufficient reserves.
- Many clubs don't realize that monies are not due with the report. In some cases waiting to have the money available makes the report late and subject to a fine.
- Help Candy and Cathy at the AVA office by filing reports on time. Don't pay at time of filing, wait for statement from AVA.
- Get officer and RD reports in to AVA on time.
45 days in advance of NEC meeting. Motions have to be sent out to clubs not later than 30 days before the meeting.
30 days in advance committee reports are due to AVA.
15 days in advance all reports are sent to NEC for inclusion in their meeting packets.
- Motions from clubs, committees and NEC must be sent to clubs.
- Reports including motions must capitalize and bold the motions to call attention to the motion. Brevity is better than longevity.

7. REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - Jackie Wilson

Jackie announced she will be retiring next year - date undetermined.

The test for the submittal of electronic after action reports went well. The plan is to implement this with all clubs for events that start on or after January 1, 2010. There are some clubs without computers. If they have problems they need to contact their RD. **Jackie Wilson moved that electronic After Action reporting be mandatory starting January 1, 2010. Heinz Johnson seconded. The motion passed.**

Coupons for traditional events will be sent in with the stamp. Clubs will simply write the event number and their club number on them and drop them in the envelope with the stamp.

Coupons for Year Round/Seasonal events are a little more difficult. Some clubs have expressed concern they will need to submit those quarterly. Apparently, they don't want to have to use an extra postage stamp to send them in. My original recommendation was that those be sent in quarterly within 30 days of the end of the quarter with the same info written on them. Because some clubs have complained about this proposed procedure, I felt we need to discuss other possible solutions. **Jackie Wilson moved that coupons received for YRE participation should be reported not later than the end of the calendar year. Wayne Holloway seconded. Motion passed.**

The TAW contract will expire November, 2010. Jackie would like to seek bids. The current contract calls for negotiation to take place so that a new contract is in place at least 60 days prior to the termination. Before the current contract was signed, a committee was assigned the task of going out for bids. It was my understanding that they received no replies except for the one from our current publisher. My plan is to let the ED handle the requests for bids with the new ED and/or the Executive Committee making the final decision unless any of you have a problem with that plan.

Starting Point will be available at the office later this month. Once received, orders will be shipped out as quickly as possible. There should be no problem with folks having these in time for Christmas. There was discussion about the declining sales. General comments were that the Starting Point is aimed at the already initiated. Wayne Holloway commented we need promotion of the Starting Point and Associate Membership.

A new contract is in place for IT support and maintenance of our computer systems. This is for the actual computers and not the programming which remains with Mike Potter.

Jackie said she had received a letter

8. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

a. Audit - Fred Sheets

AVA Audit Committee Responsibilities:

- reviewing qualified candidates and selecting for employment, the individual /firm to perform the annual audit of the AVA.
- receiving the annual report prepared and submitted by the individual/firm accomplishing the audit, and
- reviewing the audit report and making appropriate recommendations regarding its contents to the Executive Council.

Recommendation to the AVA National Executive Council:

We recommend that the AVA Executive Council accept the AVA Audit Report of the Financial Statements prepared by Carneiro, Chumney and CO., L.C., for the period ending June 30, 2009. We have reviewed the draft report and the accompanying management letter.

Committee Members:

Annette Tollett, James Geith, Fred Sheets

Dennis Michele moved that the Audit Report be given to the Executive Committee to review and accept. Phil Hait seconded. Motion passed.

It was pointed out that many of the reports have been coming in late. Another problem is the second page of the report. Many of the clubs have missed it.

b. AVA Biennial Convention Committee Report for the 2011 Convention Susan Pinneke, Chair

1) Accomplishments:

- Had a very successful convention presentation and t-shirt sales.
- Building for the Thursday night fun social reserved.
- Most committee chair positions have been filled.
- Web site launched and active.
- PayPal account established. Online "Meet me at the Barn" t-shirts available for purchase online.
- Suzy Belle articles in each issue of The American Wanderer until the convention.

2) Activities:

- Working on the revised preliminary budget, we've set assumptions, just have to get it formatted and submitted.

- Working on convention awards and specialties. We now have preliminary graphics, and are continuing to work with our graphic artist on our ideas
- Filling final committee chair positions. Committees are organizing and beginning work on their specialized tasks.
- Continuing to work on walk arrangements, as our new trail master assumes responsibility for this. We have a direction writing team and are working on start/finish set up plans and a trail marking system. Most routes are pretty much in place.
- Working on grant proposals available for trail users.
- Our newest activity is working on getting some sponsors for the various walks and preparing the presentation materials.
- Also, along these lines, working on getting materials put together for vendor solicitation, which we plan to start after the first of the year.
- Put together a list of suggestions for session topics and start working on presenters.

3) Concerns: None

4) Recommendations: None

5) Goals (by next NEC):

- Drafts of convention materials, vendor prospectus, etc in the works.
- Awards finalized.
- Budget tweaking.
- Continue to build committees and refine details on the walks.
- Continued articles for the Wanderer.
- Get us on Facebook and Twitter.

c. Publicity -

We need a chairperson.

The main function of this committee is to promote volkssporting. There is money budgeted for this committee for appearances at conferences such as AARP, as well as other reasonable expenses.

d. Standards and Evaluations - Heinz Johnson

Wayne Holloway and Sam Korff have volunteered to serve on this committee.

A priority is to work on the policy manual. The committee's goal is to standardize the wording. Heinz has observed that the same subject appears three different ways - garbled..

9. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

a. Website - Steve Hughart

Steve has resigned from the Website Committee.

There is a log of all changes made to the website.

Steve developed a proposed website design. The proposal has 3 sections: new people, current members, current, sanctioning and club maintenance.

Consider how we would implement the changes. Mike Potter does website design. Fee \$50 per hour.

b. Awards and Recognition - Wayne Holloway

1) GOALS:

- a). Review Policy Manual and NEC Handbook awards policy and procedures, to recommend adds, moves and changes to the NEC as appears appropriate. (March 2010)
- b). Review Award Nomination forms and make recommendations for changes if needed. (Summer 2010)
- c). Update Master Awards List spreadsheet. (November 2009)
- d). Provide an up-to-to CD to the NEC, Committee members, and others as appropriate (ED, Historian, etc.). (November 2009)
- d). Present 2009-2011 Award nominations to the NEC. (Winter 2011)

2). ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- a). Currently six members on the committee (AT, PA, NE, NW, RM).
- b). Updated the Master Awards spreadsheet with individual awards from the 2007-2009 Biennial Awards Booklet and emailed files to the NEC and Awards Committee members. (One file is a Region/Name sort.)
- c). Completed review and edit of Policy Manual Section 3 and NEC Handbook Section IX. (Drafts attached for NEC consideration/approval.)
- d). Added three additional duties to the Committee's list of responsibilities: drafting the Biennial Awards Booklet prior to submitting to the AVA President; maintaining and distributing the Master Awards List spreadsheet; and, conducting a biennial review and edit of the awards sections of the AVA Policy Manual and the NEC Handbook. (Complete list of responsibilities attached.)
- e). Re-scanned three of the previous Awards Booklets for inclusion on a CD to be provided to the NEC, Awards Committee, and others. (New software enables significant reduction in size of files...so far.)

3). ACTIVITIES:

- a). Reviewing afore mentioned awards document extracts.
- b). Scanning prior editions of Awards Booklets.
- c). Thinking about stuff.

4). CONCERNS:

None.

5) RECOMMENDATIONS:

NEC approve attached drafts of Policy Manual Section 3 and NEC Handbook Section IX.

Wayne Holloway moved to approve the proposed three sections o the Awards Booklet. Sam Korff seconded. Motion passed.

See three Attachments at end of this document: 2a - Policy Manual, Section 3; 2b - NEC Handbook, Section IX; and, 2c -Awards and Recognition Committee Responsibilities.

c. Bylaws - Dennis Michele, Chair

The committee has received one proposed bylaw change to review.

d. History - David Toth, Chair, Curt Myron, Liaison

He has three projects he's working on.

- 1) Registry of AVA Events. It includes regular events. YRE's will be more of a problem. The information he needs is shown below.
Year - Region - Club - YRE # - Date Occurred - Location - Special Events
- 2) Bibliography- Create a reference list of all articles that have been published in newspapers, etc.
- 3) Historical Biography sketch of NEC members - from beginning of AVA.

e. Marketing - no report

f. Nominating -Pat Lucero, Liaison

Need to get committee chair and members.

It's a little early to start work of committee.

g. Office Systems Mike Nelson

Mike reported Jackie had secured a maintenance contract for the equipment. They are looking for a router to replace the one in use now.

h. & k. -Partnership/Sponsorship Committee - Curt Myron

Curt welcomed Chuck Head and John Oscajca to the committee. Chuck volunteered to assume Chairmanship of both committees.

1) Sponsorship

FootMatters had a booth at the 2009 AVA Convention. Their premier item is footbeds. They had proposed that FootMatters and AVA enter into a licensing agreement. FootMatters will do all the marketing. For every footbed sold AVA would get a portion of the fee.

2) Partnership

Discussions in progress include:

a) Discussions continue for local sponsorship between AARP - Washington and Evergreen State Volkssport Association after we arranged a meeting and introduced AVA to AARP - Washington State. We promoted a partnership to offer a New Walker packet to AARP members who attend Washington volkssport events during a promotional time period.

b) AARP (National) - As part of a signed agreement from April 2--0, completed a page for AVA's website that receives and welcomes AARP members who complete AARP's Getting Fit on Route 66 walking program. Placed the page on AVA's test site and notified AARP, suggesting they build the link on their side directing members to AVA. AARP members who use the link to AVA will be given a free New Walker packet and offered a 20% discount from the first annual fee to become a Volkssport Associate.

Other contacts: Curt was contacted by a company called Go Motion. They market a flashlight that uses LED lights. They also produce several wearable lighting products aimed at walkers and runners. They are a possible sponsor.

Wyndham Hotels - They have twelve hotels. They want to work out a discount for volkssporters.

Bob's Red Mill - They have health food stores, use quality flour, and have gluten free products.

i. Special Events Committee, Phil Hait, Chair

ACTIVITIES: Report attached with all Special Event programs participation numbers for the period ending June 30, 2009. Please note that this report shows the financial contribution that the sponsoring club has sent to AVA as their 50% of profits from the program. This number is strictly from the submitted report and no audit was conducted to determine accuracy. The existing programs financial contribution for the six month period ending June 30, 2009 was \$6,152.07. Additionally a contribution of \$645.78 was received from the former Special Event program "Route 66" as part of the clubs final close-out. The total received was \$6,797.85.

ACTIVITIES: Subsequent to the AVA Convention in June 2009, a request for a program extension from the Great Lakes Special Event was received. After circulating the particulars to all members of the NEC for their input, a decision was made to grant the program a one year extension with a new end date of December 31, 2010. This change was made to the AVA web site and in the TAW. The Great Lakes POC is considering if the extension works for him or if the program would be better served by becoming a "club challenge" with no end date.

ACTIVITIES: I have fielded numerous inquiries from the volkssporting public about future potential Special Event themes. I have sent out a package of basic information about what is required and the timeframes under which any action can be taken.

ACTIVITIES: Inserted is a description of the Special Event Committee responsibilities.

The Special Events Committee is responsible for:

- Identifying and making recommendations as to AVA involvement in any new or ongoing special events or projects.
- Sharing information with the Marketing/Publicity Committee to promote special projects.
- Working with the Executive Director to help coordinate ongoing special events such as National Physical Fitness and Sport Month and National Volkssporting Month.
- Reporting to the Executive Council either personally or through project Chairs on the status of special events.

Sam Korff introduced an idea for a program "SNOBS" that would be for AVA NEC stamps. There was much discussion.

Sam moved the NEC adopt a program "SNOBS" that would be for AVA NEC stamps and run by the National Office and that we have a national contest to develop the award. Mike Nelson seconded. There was much discussion. Motion failed.

Dennis Michele moved the ED and her staff develop the proposed contest "SNOBS" and present it at the March NEC meeting.. Heinz Johnson seconded. Motion passed.

See attachments at end of this document:

Report for period ending June 30, 2009

Graph showing start & end dates for all existing & approved programs.

Potential "work sheet" for clubs to include in YRE Start Boxes.

j. Special Funds Development.

Is currently inactive. Curt asked Jackie to omit it from future agendas.

I. Strategic Planning - Marvin Stokes

Current is valid through 6/30/11. We need to develop one for 2011-12. Each committee and RDs and officers should develop goals. The goals need to be measurable, quantifiable, and realistic.. There is already a goal for the RDs to have a net increase of one club. Submit them to Marvin for inclusion in the Strategic Plan.

m. Training Development, Sam Korff, Chair

1). Goals:

- a). Review the Event Handbook as it pertains to AVA Training and make recommendations to the Standards and Evaluation Committee
- b). Establish a correspondence course and put it on the AVA website for AVA club presidents/vice presidents.
- c). Establish a correspondence course and put it on the AVA website for AVA club secretaries.
- d). Establish a correspondence course and put it on the AVA website for AVA club treasurers.
- e). Establish a correspondence course and put it on the AVA website for AVA club trailmasters.

2). Activities:

- a). The Training Committee is made up of a broad cross section of volkswalkers from across the country (recruiting is complete)
- b). Tasks have been assigned to various committee members
 - i). Committee members chosen to review the Event Handbook
 - ii). Committee members chosen to determine exactly what tasks are necessary for each position – lists will be prioritized. Deadline for this task is January 15, 2010
 - iii). Committee members chosen to create paragraphs/situations to get the courses written.

3). Timelines:

- i). The first timeline is to get prioritized lists of tasks to train for the AVA club positions – January 15, 2010
- ii). Second timeline is August/September 2010 to develop paragraphs/situations that will be used to train for these positions
- iii). The third timeline is December 31, 2010 to have the NEC comment and make recommendations
- iv). Have the courses on line and operational before Convention 2011.

4). Concerns:

None

5). Recommendations:

None

n. Youth Committee - Nancy Wittenberg, Chair

1).. Accomplishments:

- a). Responded to inquiries from Girl Scout Councils, Girl Scout troop leaders, volkssport clubs and individuals regarding volkssports, Girl Scout Walk-Togethers, and the AVA Master Program. I receive several inquiries a week.
- b). With Girl Scouts of the USA, updated the www.girlscouts.org website information about the Master Program and Walk Together program.
- c). Revised the Girl Scout Walk Together brochure with this year's patch and updated information about working with Girl Scouts to simplify the process.
- d). Wrote an article for the *Checkpoint* about this year's Participation Patch for Girl Scout Walks.
- e). Selected Loralie Cruz of the Saguaro Sun Striders in Surprise, AZ to work with local Girl Scouts to design the 2010-2011 Participation Patch for Girl Scout Walks.

2). Activities for the next period:

- a). Continue to respond to inquiries about the AVA Youth Program and provide support for AVA clubs, Girl Scout Councils and leaders, families and others who want to participate in AVA youth programs.
- b). Hopefully obtain members to the Youth Committee who will be willing to work with specific groups to involve youth, develop a plan for action, and carry out the work. Help from members of the Executive Council would be appreciated.
- c). Think about creating a patch to use for other youth groups in place of the Girl Scout participation patch.

3). Recommendations:

None at this time.

o. AVA Special Review Committee - Philip & Beverly Jones

1). Accomplishments:

- a). Submitted partial list of topics to AVA President for committee to review.
- b). Submitted budget proposal for Committee, for Y/E 06/30/2010, to AVA President.
- c). Completed first survey to all Clubs, officers, and RD's; received 85 responses. Input will be categorized, and available for review at first NEC meeting in 2010.
- d). Completed review of AVA Personnel Policy Manual.

2). Activities:

- a). Have begun review of allocation of RD's and alignment of Regions
- b). Have begun review of Term Limits for Officers and RDs; review of potential for staggering terms (elections); review of term lengths.
- c). Developing topic outline for review of AVA financial policies, procedures, and practices.
- d). Will be meeting with AVA President on 10/24/2009 to further identify and refine issues for the SR Committee to pursue; also will be working on timeline for completion of each issue.

3). Concerns:

None

4). Recommendations:

- a). Immediately update Article Six of the AVA Articles of Incorporation. Perhaps this has already been done legally; as of 10/10/2009 the on-line version is out of date.

There was discussion of the various points of the committee's report.

p. Liaison to Global - Heinz Johnson

Heinz reported only three bases had participated in the program this year. He is afraid the program will go away. The Air Force has changed their requirements for the MWR program.

q. AVA clubs in schools - Curt Myron

Curt reported we need a flexible program.

Becky Forsythe had developed a syllabus she has used in community colleges. It is available through Curt.

10. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Discussion of Guam situation

Letters have been exchanged between the Director of the Japanese Walking Association, and the IVV. (See letters that follow.) Curt had asked for a response by September 15, 2009 in order to resolve the situation. To date there has been no response.

Curt wants to contact the Japan Walking Association one more time, giving them a specific date by which to respond. If there is still no response, he will refer it to the IVV Arbitration Court.

Curt moved to contact the Japan Walking Association by postal letter, telling them if this doesn't get resolved by (date to be determined), he will send it to IVV Arbitration Court. Glen Conyers seconded. After further discussion the original motion was set aside and replaced by the motion that follows:

Dennis Michele moved a letter should go to the Japan Walking Association by postal mail. It should include a "return receipt requested" and copies should go to the IVV Presidium. Glen Conyers seconded. The motion passed.

President's Attachments:

ATTACHMENT 1A - GUAM

August 14, 2009

Toshio Yasaka

Secretary General

Guam Walking Association

Dear Secretary General Yasaka:

I hope you are in good health, enjoying life and successfully promoting volkssport to all people.

I write in regard to your November 2008 letter below, which requested that American Volkssport Association (AVA) membership information be sent to

you. The information was sent, but in case you did not receive it, I include that information again with this email letter.

It is AVA's position that Japan Walking Association/Japanese Volkssport Association does not have the authority to sanction or approve events in Guam without the permission of the American Volkssport Association. That permission was neither requested nor given. While we have no objection to an association between the Guam Walking Association (GWA) and the Japanese Volkssport Association, we must insist that GWA have an official association with, and have events approved by, the American Volkssport Association. Approval of events is very efficient in AVA as they are accomplished electronically via the Internet.

AVA desires to resolve this situation as soon as possible. Although we regard membership in AVA as a requirement, I hope we can reach a compromise acceptable to all parties.

I am ready to answer any questions you may have. Please respond to me by September 15 so we can proceed to a quick solution of this matter.

Sincerely,

Curtis D. Myron, President

American Volkssport Association

CC: Japan Walking Association

Japanese Volkssport Association

ATTACHMENT 1B - GUAM

FOR PRESIDENT JOSEF GIGL AND THE IVV PRESIDIUM

Greetings to the IVV Presidium.

I forward the following email sent today to the Guam Walking Association and the Japanese Volkssport Association for your information. The email is in regard to the approval of a club and volkssport events within the United States Territory of Guam. It is my wish that the IVV Presidium be informed of these discussions and I will continue to keep you informed.

At this point in time, I hope to resolve the issue between GWA, JVA and AVA without assistance from IVV.

I hope each of you are in good health and wish you the best.

Curt Myron

President

American Volkssport Association

ATTACHMENT 1C - GUAM

From: Yasaka [mailto:yasaka@2yai.com]
Sent: Friday, November 14, 2008 8:10 PM
To: president@ava.org
Subject: letter From GWA

November 15th 2008

Curtis D. Myron

President

American Volkssport Association

Dear Sir,

Immediately after we received your mail dated November 14th from our branch office in Guam, we discussed with Japanese Volkssport Association and Japan Walking Association. We also discussed with Professor Miyashita, Chairman of JVA.

As you may know that although Guam is a part of U.S.A, the islanders have own Governor but have no right to vote the U.S. President. Guam sends its own Olympics delegates. Because of such a queer situation of Guam, we misunderstood about the registration procedure of Guam Walking Association.

We apologize the misunderstanding and will take an appropriate action with this matter. We appreciate if you could send the AVA registration form to the following address:

Sincerely,

Toshio Yasaka

Secretary General

Guam Walking Association

CC: Japanese Volkssport Association

Japan Walking Association.

Guam Walking Association Japan Office

b. NEC Meeting Schedule

Various dates and locations were discussed.

Heinz Johnson moved to hold the next meeting March 12-14, 2010, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Glen Conyers seconded. Motion passed.

There was discussion about March 2011 in Colorado Springs.

Dennis Michele moved to have the fall meeting Sept 24-26, 2010, in Albany, New York. Sam Korff seconded. Motion passed.

Pat Lucero mentioned that was the Placer Pacers 20th Anniversary. We are planning a big celebration. Three of the NEC members are from the Placer Pacers.

After discussion, **Mike Nelson moved to move the September meeting to October 1-3, 2010 in lieu of the previous date selected (Sept. 24-26, 2010). Bonnie Johnson seconded. Motion passed.**

Curt suggested deferring decisions on 2011 until March meeting. We have invitations to go Colorado Springs, and also an invitation from the Southeast Region for February 2011

11. New Business

- a. Change to Policy Manual to cover Electronic After Action Reporting.

This is not needed now. Jackie Wilson withdrew the motion.

- b. Change to Policy Manual regarding remote start locations.

- 1) **Dennis Michele moved that AVA Change the Policy Manual paragraph 4.03. II by adding subparagraphs C and D:**

- a). **Clubs may elect not to have a year-round start point for events that are remote.**

- b). **If the club elects to do so, registration must be handled by mail and/or email and the participant is required to send to the club a signed waiver and credit payment, if applicable, before the club sends walk directions and a map by return mail/email.**

- c). **The mail/email registration may be used to accommodate travelers.**

Summary of Proposed Action: This will allow clubs to promote volkssporting by sponsoring events in remote locations. It more cost effectively manages events that require Points of Contact travel to service remote start locations. Further, it will accommodate travelers that wish to plan ahead by ensuring availability of walk directions. Mike Nelson seconded.

There was discussion about safety issues with remote locations. Curt said remote refers to the distance of the sponsoring club.

- c. Change to stamp policy.

Phil Hait moved that AVA clubs conducting YRE and/or Seasonal Events which have a renewal request in for the same event for the following year, not have to send the stamp to AVA each year. Glen Conyers seconded. Motion Motion failed.

- d. Conference calls:

- 1) March 19, 2009 - of Vice President Vacancy
- 2) April 20, 2009 - Decision on By Law Committee Recommendations
- 3) August 4, 2009 - Committee chairs, Guam, Meeting schedule

12. Audience Comments

None

13. Executive Council Comments

Phil Hait - Had a question. Is there anything new about National Park Service (11/1995) and AVA. Answer: No. NPS decentralized down to local level. Suggest contacting NPS in area where event to take place.

Sam Tollett - Could save time by not reading reports in their entirety since they are in our binders.

Dennis Michele -Defer to Bonnie

Bonnie Johnson - Defer to Mike

Mike Nelson - 1st weekend in August - NW Region Conference.

Jackie Wilson - has more copies of the audit report.

Marvin Stokes - Auction next door at 5:30 pm - walk to Black Angus for dinner tonight at 6:30 p.m.. Sunday register 9:00 am for Festival of Masters. Walk starts next door. He advises you start early to avoid the crowds at Disney World.

Marvin announced they had renegotiated the contract at the hotel in Savannah - Jan. 14-18, 2010. There is a continental breakfast

Curt Myron- Thanked all for bearing with the NEC. The meeting was longer than he wanted to see it.

Wayne Holloway- Get your reports in on time. Nothing to report is a report.

Pat Lucero - Met some new members. We will have a good team.

Glen Conyers - Thanked Jackie Wilson for all she does..

Sam Korff - Columbia River Gorge in June. Regional Conference in August.

Kimberly (David) Bradley - No comments.

Bruce McDevitt- First meeting. He looks forward to more meetings.

Heinz Johnson - Nice job.

Meeting adjourned.

Awards & Recognition Committee Attachments:

NEC HANDBOOK, SECTION IX

IX.

BIENNIAL RECOGNITION/AWARDS PROGRAM

The AVA Policy Manual contains the AVA recognition/awards policy, including nominations for IVV Honors. Members of the NEC should become completely familiar with Section 3 to adequately understand and comply with the Recognition/Awards Program.

The AVA Honors Program:

Nominations for AVA Hall of Fame, Distinguished Achievement, Trailblazer, Ted Ballman Memorial Award for Youth Volkssporters, and IVV Honors nominations must be reviewed by the Regional Director and forwarded, with recommendations for approval or disapproval, to the Chairperson of the Awards and Recognition Committee by December 1 of the year prior to the biennial convention. The Committee makes recommendations to the NEC. With the exception of the IVV Honors nominations, these are national level awards and the NEC is responsible for final approval/disapproval. IVV Honors nominations are submitted to IVV/whoever for final approval/disapproval.

Nominations for the AVA Meritorious Service, AVA Certificate of Service, and Certificate of Appreciation Awards are made by AVA Member Clubs, State Organizations, or members of the NEC. These are regional level awards and the nominations are approved or rejected by the Regional Director. The NEC may also present these awards.

The NEC reviews all nominations at the first meeting after January 1 of the year of the convention.

The Awards and Recognition Committee Chairperson and/or the NEC Liaison will provide each member of the NEC with a copy of all nominations for national level awards, and a ballot listing the names and award of nominees. NEC voting members will mark each ballot for final tabulation by the Committee Chairman, NEC Liaison (if not the chair), AVA President, and an NEC volunteer who is not a nominee.

Special Recognition Awards:

The AVA President may present special awards and recognitions, usually letters, mementos, and the President's Award. Nominations for the President's Award are sent directly to the President not later than December 1 of the year prior to the AVA biennial Convention. Suggestions for letters and mementos may be made at any time.

Regional Level Awards:

Nominations for the AVA Meritorious Service, Certificate of Service, and Certificate of Appreciation Awards are regional level awards and the nominations are sent directly to, and approved or rejected by, the Regional Director. The NEC may also present these awards.

Regional Directors may present Meritorious Service, Certificate of Service, and Certificate of Appreciation awards at any time during their 2-year term on the NEC.

The Regional Director must notify the Awards and Recognition Committee Chairperson no later than 120 days prior to the convention of regional level awards presented since the last convention so these awards can be listed in the Biennial Awards Booklet distributed at the convention.

The Regional Director may appoint a regional awards committee, but is ultimately responsible for the decision making.

The Meritorious Service Award, Certificate of Service Award, and Certificate of Appreciation Award accouterments (certificates, etc.) will be available to the Regional Director from the AVA office stock. Patches may be presented one time, first time.

The Regional Director is responsible for preparation (typing and printing) of the certificates for presentation.

Regional Directors should consult the Master Awards List when processing awards.

Presentations for all awards shall be the appropriate certificate and pin, and a patch for the first time award. (Subsequent presentations for the same award will not receive a patch.)

Presentation of Hall of Fame, Distinguished Achievement, Trailblazer, and Ted Ballman Memorial Youth Volkssports Awards will routinely be made at the convention, or as soon possible thereafter for absentees.

Presentation of Meritorious Service, Certificate of Service, and Certificate of Appreciation Awards is made at the local level by the Regional Director.

It is far more encompassing than just the “existing programs”. Additional members of the committee would be required to take the lead on the Marketing/Publicity Committee interaction as well as the coordination with the Executive Director for the monthly special events. Please let me know if you are interested or if you know of a qualified candidate.

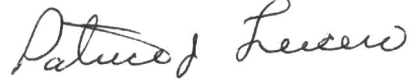
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Kimberly (David) Bradley - No comments.

Bruce McDevitt- First meeting. He looks forward to more meetings.

Heinz Johnson - Nice job.

Meeting adjourned,

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

Pat Lucero

AVA Secretary

Attachments: See file entitled: 11-13-14, 2009 Attachments

AVA DONATIONS

Agenda Item 4c

Date	Donor	State	Unrestricted	Restricted	In-Kind	Type
02/03/09	Witkowski, Sonia	NJ	10.00			
02/04/09	Vartanian, Nancy	WA	100.00			
02/04/09	Free State Walkers	KS	300.00			
02/05/09	Johnson, Bonnie	MN			23.70	
02/05/09	Coburn, Skip	VA			468.00	
02/05/09	Hait, Phil	MA			244.02	
02/05/09	Conyers, Glen	MO			859.58	
02/05/09	Johnson, Heinz	TX			2,957.47	
02/05/09	Myron, Curt	WA			501.13	
02/17/09	NW Tulip Trekkers	WA		422.00		To use for volunteer recognition and the Conference of the Americas
02/17/09	Illinois Trekkers Volkssport Club	IL		100.00		To use for website development or equipment used for website development
02/17/09	Keystone State Volkssport Assn.	PA	100.00			In Memory of Carl Baranski
02/23/09	Wilder, Phil	MD	50.00			
02/23/09	Wilder, Phil	MD		50.00		Office Appreciation Donation
03/05/09	Eby, Patricia	PA	25.00			In Memory of Dougie Eby
03/05/09	Ross, Sally	OR	75.00			
03/05/09	Williams, Cheryl	VA	20.00			
03/06/09	Sova, Susan	SC	25.00			
03/12/09	Vaca Valley Volks	CA	100.00			
04/01/09	Capita, Catherine	WA	20.00			
05/20/09	Ingram-Rich, Robina	OR	20.00			
05/20/09	Estey, Russell	CO	70.00			
05/29/09	Elms, Thomas	TX	20.00			
05/29/09	Inami-Asai, Joanne	CA	70.00			
05/29/09	Chambers, Glenda	WA	75.00			
06/02/09	Koerschner, Robyn	NM	20.00			
06/02/09	Harrison, Susan	TX	25.00			
06/03/09	Holter, Ruth	AZ	20.00			
06/03/09	Seibold, Janice Brown	GA	25.00			
06/04/09	LeVan, Leon	TX	20.00			
06/04/09	Fieldhouse, Wayne	MI	25.00			
06/04/09	Benning, Jill	CO	20.00			
07/07/09	Tobin, Jo Anne	DE	50.00			
07/16/09	AVA - South East Region	FL	10.00			
07/16/09	AVA - Mid-America Region	IL	47.50			
08/26/09	Cushwa, Nancy	WA	15.00			
09/02/09	Machacek, Thomas	NE	20.00			
09/03/09	Winer, Fredric	OH	20.00			
09/09/09	Botula, Charles III	IL	10.00			
09/09/09	Young, Donald	PA	15.00			
08/12/09	Herman, Ruth	ND	50.00			
08/24/09	Wilson, Kenneth	MD	100.00			
08/26/09	Dose, Jeanette	MA	25.00			
08/26/09	Liebig, Mary Beth	WI	50.00			
09/02/09	Long, Richard	MD	25.00			
09/02/09	Yegerlehner, Carol	OH	50.00			

09/02/09	Jarmulnek, Fern	VA	75.00			
09/09/09	Kahan, Sandra	MD	25.00			
09/17/09	Milmoe, Alice	FL	25.00			
09/23/09	Deely, Pamela	NJ	5.00			
09/23/09	Reedy, Gloria	PA	10.00			
09/23/09	Anderson, Morna	SD	25.00			
09/23/09	Vannorman, Dorothy	MN	75.00			
09/23/09	Reigel, Franklin	PA	25.00			
09/24/09	Mosely, Capt. Tommy L.	MD	250.00			In Memory of Tom and Betty Boyd
09/30/09	Dogwood Trailblazers	MO	100.00			
09/30/09	Muller, Thomas M.	VA	7.00			
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ATTACHMENT 3 TO VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

FOR THE NOVEMBER 13-14, 2009 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

FROM: Wayne Holloway

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

The Awards and Recognition Committee is responsible for:

- Working with the NEC and the Executive Director to assure consistency of recognition between regions;
- Developing and announcing procedures and timetables for soliciting nominations for recognition awards;
- Reviewing all applications for recognition and making recommendations to assure conformity and consistency with AVA policies and between regions;
- Recommending to the NEC those nominated individuals, clubs, or organizations for approval; and
- Working with the Executive Director in establishing time and method of distributing awards; and,
- Drafting the biennial awards publication prior to submitting to the AVA President;
- Maintaining and distributing the Master Awards List spreadsheet; and,
- Conducting a biennial review and edit of the awards sections of the AVA Policy Manual and the NEC Handbook.

Special Event Programs

Updated August 2, 2009

Start Date	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	End Date	
6/23/2003	Walking the USA - A - Z										none	
7/4/2004		US Presidents										7/4/2009
1/1/2005			Great Lakes									12/31/2010
1/1/2005			Europe in the USA									12/31/2009
1/1/2006				Pony Express								12/31/2010
1/1/2006				Riverwalk America								12/31/2010
1/1/2006				Railroad Heritage								12/31/2010
7/1/2006					American Authors							12/31/2010
7/1/2006					Cemetery Stroll							6/30/2010
1/1/2007					Courthouses							12/31/2009
1/1/2007					State Parks							12/31/2009
1/1/2007						Covered Bridges					12/31/2011	
6/1/2007						Native American Culture					12/31/2010	
6/1/2007						Islands					12/31/2010	
1/1/2009							Artistic Heritage				12/31/2011	
1/1/2009							Museums				12/31/2011	
1/1/2009							Veteran Memorials				12/31/2011	
1/1/2009							Waterfalls				12/31/2011	
1/1/2009							Americas Gardens				12/31/2011	
7/4/2009							Liberty Bell				7/4/2012	
1/1/2009							Historic Churches				12/31/2011	
1/1/2009							Americas Firehouses				12/31/2011	
7/1/2009							Hooray for Hollywood				6/30/2012	
1/1/2010							Forts of the United States				12/31/2012	
1/1/2010							Carnegie Libraries				12/31/2012	
1/1/2010							Hillside Letters				12/31/2012	
1/1/2010							Honoring Law Enforcement				12/31/2012	

AVA SPECIAL EVENTS YRE CHECKLIST

City, State, Event, Year, AVA Number

Qualifies	AVA Special Event	Program Dates
	50 STATES/51 CAPITALS	[Ongoing]
	ARTISTIC HERITAGE	[2009-2011]
	AMERICAN AUTHORS	[2006-2010]
	CARNEGIE LIBRARIES	[2010-2012]
	CELEBRATE AMERICA'S GARDENS	[2009-2011]
	COVERED BRIDGES	[2007-2011]
	FORTS OF THE USA	[2010-2012]
	GREAT LAKES	[2005-2010]
	HILLSIDE LETTERS	[2010-2012]
	HISTORIC CHURCHES	[2009-2011]
	HONORING LAW ENFORCEMENT	[2010-2012]
	HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD	[2009-6/30/2012]
	ISLANDS	[2007-2010]
	LIBERTY BELL REPLICAS	[7/4/2009-7/4/2012]
	MUSEUM WALK	[2009-2011]
	NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURE	[2007-2010]
	PONY EXPRESS	[2006-2010]
	RAILROAD HERITAGE	[2006-2010]
	RIVERWALK	[2006-2010]
	SPIRIT OF WALKING: CEMETERY STROLL	[7/1/2006-6/30/2010]
	VETERANS MEMORIALS	[2009-2011]
	WALK FIREHOUSES	[2009-2011]
	WALKING COURTHOUSES USA	[2007-2009]
	WALK EUROPE IN THE USA	[2005-2009]
Yes	WALK THE USA A -Z	[ongoing]
	WALK US STATE PKS	[2007-2009]
	WALKIN' WATERFALLS	[2009-2011]

Special Event Programs Book Sales and Completions

Program	Sponsoring Club	Jan 1 - June 30, 2009 Cumulative program				Start Date	Finish Date	\$ to AVA current	\$ to AVA total
		Books Sold	Books Complete	Books Sold	Books Complete				
Walking the USA, A to Z	AVA Headquarters	22		1545	416	6/23/2003	none	\$0.00	\$4,210.53
US Presidents	Heartland Walkers	0	10	794	385	7/4/2004	7/4/2009	\$0.00	\$2,724.02
Great Lakes	Mackinaw Walkers	2	5	291	100	1/1/2005	12/31/2009	\$8.00	\$471.08
Walking Europe in USA	East Texas Trekkers	0	17	497	159	1/1/2005	12/31/2009	\$0.00	\$862.93
Walking Courthouses	East Texas Trekkers	9	40	438	127	1/1/2007	12/31/2009	\$0.00	\$1,377.28
Walking State Parks	East Texas Trekkers	1	27	457	43	1/1/2007	12/31/2009	\$0.00	\$1,506.60
Pony Express	Yakima Valley Sun Striders	4	4	233	67	1/1/2006	12/31/2010	\$17.20	\$356.15
Riverwalk America	Free State Happy Wanderers	25	41	912	435	1/1/2006	12/31/2010	\$0.00	\$2,723.93
Railroad Heritage	Free State Happy Wanderers	18	32	826	434	1/1/2006	12/31/2010	\$0.00	\$2,403.93
American Authors	Granite State Trail Walkers	33	13	516	255	7/1/2006	12/31/2010	\$65.50	\$1,443.50
Cemetery Stroll	Tarheel State Walkers	11	43	545	194	7/1/2006	6/30/2010	\$55.00	\$1,279.62
Covered Bridges	Liberty Bell Wanderers	18	10	317	49	1/1/2007	12/31/2011	\$76.60	\$1,286.78
Native American Culture	Holy Family Walkers	25	23	356	81	6/1/2007	12/31/2010	\$125.00	\$1,064.05
Islands	Northwest Tulip Trekkers	17	5	298	39	6/1/2007	12/31/2010	\$34.79	\$814.16
Historic Churches	Germannan Volkssport Assoc.	180	53	348	53	1/1/2009	12/31/2011	\$818.60	\$1,112.00
Artistic Heritage	Central Minnesota Volkssport	108	7	243	7	1/1/2009	12/31/2011	\$318.67	\$726.09
America's Gardens	Central Minnesota Volkssport	127	1	262	1	1/1/2009	12/31/2011	\$419.61	\$850.63
Veteran Memorials	Holy Family Walkers	265	3	265	3	1/1/2009	12/31/2011	\$942.90	\$942.90
Museums	Penn Dutch Pacers	349	22	349	22	1/1/2009	12/31/2011	\$1,465.20	\$1,465.20
Walkin' Waterfalls	Finger Lakes Volkssports	192	0	192	0	1/1/2009	12/31/2011	\$571.62	\$571.62
America's Firehouses	Kitsap Volkssporters	327	0	327	0	1/1/2009	12/31/2011	\$1,233.38	\$1,233.38
Liberty Bell	Heartland Walkers					7/4/2009	7/4/2012		
Hooray for Hollywood	Footsore Fiends					7/1/2009	6/30/2012		
Forts of the US	Tulsa Walking Club					1/1/2010	12/31/2012		
Carnegie Libraries	Holy Family Walkers					1/1/2010	12/31/2012		
Hillside Letters	Black Hills Volkssport Assoc.					1/1/2010	12/31/2012		
Honoring Law Enforcement	Kitsap Volkssporters					1/1/2010	12/31/2012		

Donation check received from Elaine Samus from the Route 66 Program as a "final closeout"

\$645.78

\$6,797.85

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