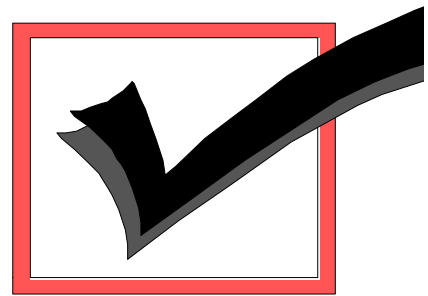


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Call for Agenda items

Clubs wishing to submit an item for the NEC meeting agenda should send it to their Regional Directors by Monday, November 21 for consideration, by using the form attached. The next NEC meeting will be held in Schertz, Texas in January 2012, on Friday evening (20), Saturday (21), and Sunday morning (22), if necessary.

TAW Deadline

The December/January issue of *The American Wanderer* deadline is October 25. All articles and photographs should be submitted directly to Laurel Parrott, Editor taw@bhi.com or mail to: 3526 Humboldt Ave. N., Minneapolis, MN 55412. Be sure to include "TAW" in the subject line if emailing.

2012 Starting Point Book

Please use the attached Club Pre-Order Form if requesting 10 or more copies for direct shipping to your club. Headquarters must receive from you no later than midnight Central Standard Time, Friday, November 11.

Quarterly Participation Reports

Due not later than October 30. Clubs are denied access to entering participation data after 30 days. If participation is not entered within this 30 days, you must contact Headquarters to enter the figures for you. A late report fee will be assessed.

Headquarters Renovation

The office will be partially closed for official business due to office renovation Monday, October 3, through Friday, October 7 – Monday, October 10 is a holiday. We will resume normal operations on Tuesday, October 11. Marie, Karen and Linda's desk computers will not be active – however, there are computers they can use to assist you. Clubs, RDs, and Officers are not affected, as all their work goes to the server. If you have an emergency contact Candace Purcell Acting Executive Director at candy@ava.org or by phone 1.210.659.2112.

National Volkssport Month

If your club did not pre-order the 2011 October NVM patch, it is available for purchase through Headquarters for your October event participants. Clubs pay \$2 per patch, no discounts, no shipping charge.

IVV Certification Stamp

When returning stamps to Headquarters, please use the same envelope in which you received the stamp. When a club returns event stamps in a regular envelope, it cost approximately .50 postage due. Sometimes the envelope is destroyed in the routing machine at the post office and the stamp becomes lost in transit.

17th Biennial Convention Meeting Minutes

A draft of the reviewed minutes have been posted to the *AVA Leadership* web page.

GoodSearch Registration Deadline September 30

AVA needs at least 10 new registrations by September 30 to be entered in the drawing for a \$500 donation. You can help us win by spreading the word to friends, family and colleagues and asking them to help you support American Volkssport Association. Get the word out about GoodSearch.com by sending an invite through Facebook, Email or Twitter. Invite your friends to join today. If you have any questions please contact Linda Goodman at lgwalkingfool@yahoo.com.

2012 Certificate of Liability Insurance

Has been posted to the *Publications-Forms* web page, *AVA Club Forms* link. Please begin using this form for all January 1, 2012 events.

What does the Event Insurance carried by AVA Cover?

All of our Participant Liability quotations are packaged with a companion Excess Accident Medical quotation. Participant Liability protects the named insured, (AVA) from certain bodily injury and property damage claims involving not only spectators but participants as well. Participant Liability coverage also offers legal defense costs and any punitive damages up to the policy limits. Excess Accident Medical coverage helps to pay for injured participant's medical bills. It's secondary medical coverage, so whatever the injured participant's primary health insurance does not pay (including primary health insurance deductibles) or if the injured participant does not have any health insurance - they can use our XS Medical coverage. The philosophy behind XS Medical is to help with medical bills in order to limit the risk of getting a liability claim. Please note that the person walking the event whether they pay or not must sign a waiver. If the person does not read the disclaimer of liability on the Start Card, it is a good idea for the club representative to briefly state they are walking at their own risk & they assume the Liability, and accept personal responsibility for damages or injury.

Help For Clubs Modules

There are 14 help modules for various types of revisions pertaining to Club data found linked on the home web page under the *AVA Clubs Only* area, *Help For Clubs* link http://www.ava.org/help_for_clubs/TableOfContents.htm. Take a moment to review these helpful tips.

Contact Your Regional Directors and State Associations First

All clubs are reminded to contact their Regional Directors and State Associations first with any questions or problems; Regional Directors are responsible for contacting Headquarters, and if necessary, will have Headquarters help the club directly. The Regional Directors' approval is needed for many things that Headquarters performs to help the clubs.

Special Programs Point of Contact

A request from the Point of Contact for the *Walking America's Murals* Program would like to know if your club has a sanctioned walk that passes a mural of at least 8 feet by 8 feet depicting any historical, cultural, or local happening on a painted stationary wall or building. If you do, the walk will qualify for this special event. Please submit your club information with the walk, the specific location, and date(s) of the walk to: Trudy Duffman, *Illinois Trekkers Publicity Committee*, trudyduffman@yahoo.com or mail to: 432 Timberline Court, Shiloh, IL 62269-3202. Telephone: 618.670.6920

Special Events Program Submittals

Any clubs wishing to submit proposals for a Special Event must submit to the Special Events Chair, Bonnie Johnson, 25-66th Way NE, Fridley, MN 55432-4202, (home) 830.980.5723, email secretary@ava.org by November 1. The *Special Events Administrative Policy* is attached. All Special Event Programs must abide by this policy and those rules. Per the policy, all Special Events will be approved or disapproved at the first NEC meeting of the next calendar year, January 2012.

Preliminary 2012 Starting Point Book Photo Contest Winners have been selected by your NEC.

Once we have the official draft setup sheets from the publishing company for the *Starting Point* book, we will announce the photo contest winners. Thanks to all for your input.

Attachments:

AVA Club Proposed Agenda item Suggestion Form
2012 Certificate of Liability Insurance
2012 Starting Point Book Club Pre-Order Form
Special Events Administrative Policy