



## American Volkssport Association Agenda Item for NEC Discussion and Approval

### Title: Traveling IVV Stamp for Guided Walk Events

**Proposed Motion:** I move that “For a two year period starting April 1, 2017 AVA will conduct a pilot program for a “Traveling Guided Walk” event with a unique IVV Stamp that can be used for multiple guided walk events. At the end of the test period, the NEC will assess the impact on AVA and determine if the program should be continued.”

### Proposed Wording: Policy Manual:

4.02 II. A. 3. “Traveling Guided Walk” events allow a club to hold multiple guided walks on different routes in their area when there aren’t sufficient year round or seasonal events close by and they do not expect enough participation to cover the sanctioning costs of normal guided walks. Events may be offered with the following conditions:

- a. The club requests that their first event be sanctioned by going to the ESR system and selecting “Traveling Guided Walk” instead of “Guided Walk”. The rest of the data is entered the same as it is for any other guided walk.
- b. There is a \$75 fee charged after sanctioning the first event; there is no sanctioning fee for subsequent events during that calendar year. The club will receive an IVV stamp that they may use for the rest of the year at multiple guided walks. The participation fee will be the same as usually paid for IVV credit. Each event must be sanctioned.
- c. The IVV stamp for Traveling Guided Walk (TGW) events may be renewed for subsequent years by sanctioning a Traveling Guided Walk for the next year and paying the current fee.
- c. The details of Traveling Guided Walks must be publicized at least 6 weeks in advance in the same manner as other traditional events including electronic forums such as Facebook or Meetup.com.
- d. Traveling guided walks may not be sanctioned when other traditional walks are sanctioned within a 75 mile radius.
- e. Traveling guided walk events must not be held on currently sanctioned year round or seasonal year round walk routes and clubs must not eliminate current year round or seasonal walk routes.
- f. The sponsoring club using the TGW IVV stamp must also sanction a traditional walk event that does not use the TGW IVV stamp.
- g. All requirements for Guided Walks must be followed.

Renumber #3 as #4.

**Rationale for Proposed Change:**

The intent for this change is to help clubs attract local walkers and volkssporters who wish to walk frequently, but can't or do not want to travel the time it would take to walk in areas far from their home. Frequent walking provides a means to fulfill our vision, mission and purpose to encourage and increasingly engage people in noncompetitive physical fitness activities. Similar to the rationale of the traveling bike stamp, many walkers do not want to walk the same route over and over. The proposed change would also allow those who participate in AVA special programs to be able to complete their books in a timely fashion. It would also encourage clubs to develop new routes locally as well as in remote areas.

It is designed especially for remote clubs without sufficient year round or seasonal sanctioned walks within an hour or less to provide frequent walking opportunities. Walking opportunities exist of course, but not for Volkssport credit.

The ESR should have "TGW" added as an event type to accommodate this type of walk.

This stamp would eliminate the need for AVA to create a separate event stamp, mail it and monitor its return except at end of year. If at the end of the calendar year the club decides they will not be sanctioning future Traveling Guided Walk events, the stamp must be returned, just as is done for year rounds or seasonals that are not renewed. If they do decide to continue the next year, the club will sanction a TGW event for the next year. AVA will bill them the current sanction fee for the TGW IVV stamp for the next year and issue a year number as is done for year round events.

The Traveling Guided Walk stamp will work similarly to the Guided Bike stamp currently being tested.

**Submitted By:** Nancy Wittenberg, Northwest Regional Director

**Seconded By:** Lilac City Volkssport Association

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**NEC Use Only:**

**Approved**                      Rejected  
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