

## AMERICAN VOLKSSPORT ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

### Introduction of Business:

**I move that:** AVA create a category of “affiliate club” for organizations that want to affiliate with the AVA. This requires a change to AVA By-Laws.

**Summary:** This will help AVA grow by having U.S. organizations be able to sponsor once-per-year fund raising events.

The purpose is to achieve growth for AVA by the creation of a lesser category of club to allow a variety of US organizations the opportunity to participate in volkssports. Suitable organizations include fraternal, health and wellness-related organizations, parent-teacher groups, chambers of commerce or government entities such as parks and recreation departments. An affiliate club should be a non-voting member of AVA and the privileges of membership should be less than for a full AVA member club.

Application procedures for becoming an AVA affiliate club should be similar to those for AVA member clubs.

Requirements for an affiliate club ought to include:

- An affiliate club is a non-voting affiliate of AVA
- The affiliate club must meet all federal and State requirements as a non-profit organization, part of a parent non-profit or part of a government entity.
- An annual fee less than that required of AVA member clubs, but high enough to cover the cost of AVA’s per club annual dues to IVV and the cost of materials/subscriptions to be given to the affiliate club.
- A limitation on the number of events per year that an affiliate club may hold. (Recommend one event per year, either traditional or year-round/seasonal).
- The club must show that they consulted a certified AVA trailmaster to create their event/trail route.

This concept provides a low cost means for many organizations to qualify for holding a once-per-year fund-raising event. While the affiliate gains access to AVA volkssporters, AVA and member clubs gain access to the affiliate club’s membership, exposing many new participants and local volunteers to volkssporting. The creation of affiliate clubs also increases the value of what AVA has to offer to national partnerships.

The availability of certified Trailmasters provides expertise to affiliate clubs and assures that event quality stays high when the AVA name is added to an affiliate's event. Once the concept is approved, the appropriate AVA Committee should be tasked to market the 'affiliate' concept to suitable organizations.

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**Seconded By:**

**Action:**

**Motion Carried**

**Motion Failed**