

MEETING MINUTES
Texas Volkssport Association
General Membership Meeting
February 7, 2009

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING February 7th @ 1:00-4:30pm
 Location: REI, 4515 LBJ Freeway, Dallas, Texas 75244 (972)490-5989

I. Call to order - TVA President

The meeting was called to order at 1:09 P.M. by Catherine Kellner, President

II. Determination of Quorum Present - Secretary Leslie Penton

There were 20 of 35 members present with a 21st member arriving late. There was a quorum.

#	Clubs	President	Club Representative	Count
1	Amigo Amblers (AVA 769-TX89)	Mary Seagrove	N/A	
2	BTC Oddsports Club (AVA 789 - TX ?)	Clay Baulch	Clay Baulch	1
3	Buffalo Chip Kickers (AVA 182-TX 39)	Chuck Samus	N/A	
4	Castorville Chamber of Commerce (AVA 939-TX ?)	Tot Albro	N/A	
5	Colorado River Walkers (AVA 077-TX24)	Nancy Middlebrook	Greg Sells	2
6	Dallas Trekkers (AVA 034-TX11)	Helen Bateman	Helen Bateman	3
7	East Texas Trekkers (AVA 863-TX 099)	Jan Wood	Jan Wood	4
8	Friendswood Fun Walkers (AVA 251-TX 62)	Raz Creamer	Anna Cottrill	5
9	Hill Country Volkssportverein (AVA 023-TX 09)	John Bohnert	John Bohnert	6
10	Hood County Hummers (AVA 718-TX 83)	Emily Kinney	Ed Cottrill	7
11	Houston Happy Hikers (AVA 015-TX 06)	Catherine Kellner	Catherine Kellner	8
12	Kerrville Trailblazers (AVA 106-TX 29)	Carol Talpey	Robert Theis	9
13	Lone Star Walkers Volkssport Club	Heinz Johnson	Heinz Johnson	10
14	McAllen Parks & Recreation (AVA 350-TX 05)	Larry Pressler	N/A	

15	Midland Walkabouts (AVA 897-TX 103)	Alex Rose	N/A	
16	New Braunfels Marsch & Wandergruppe (AVA 036-TX 12)	Ray Menzel	N/A	
17	Plano Walking Club (AVA 124-TX 32)	Margaret Cole	Margaret Cole	11
18	Rainbow Rovers	Dr. Barbara Brehm	N/A	
19	Randolph Roadrunners (AVA 044-TX 14)	Ellen Ott	Ellen Ott	12
20	San Angelo Volkswalkers AVA 933-TX	Sue Giddings	N/A	
21	San Marcos River Walkers (AVA 411-TX 58)	Barbara Piersol	Barbara Piersol	13
22	Selma Pathfinders (AVA 088-TX 26)	Phyllis Eagan	Phyllis Eagan	14
23	ShoeLeather Express (AVA757-TX 87)	Chris Scott	N/A	
24	Smithville Volkssport Club	Adena Lewis	N/A	
25	Sparkling City Strollers (AVA 179-TX 37)	Margery Wessell	N/A	
26	Star Trekkers (AVA 681-TX 82)	Gary Whitford	Gary Whitford	15
27	Tarrant County Walkers (AVA 019-TX 08)	Susan Fine	Susan Fine	16
28	Texas Wanderers (AVA 006-TX 03)	VACANT	Carol Shaner	17
29	Trinity Trekkers (AVA 200-TX 41)	David Toth	Ellen Ott	18
30	Trotting Texas Turtles (AVA 205-TX 43)	Beverly Kittinger	Beverly Kittinger	19
31	U. S. Air Force GLOBAL	Philip Heeg	N/A	
32	U. S. Army Medical Command, Fort Sam Houston AVA 107-TX 30)	Jaime Cavazos	N/A	
33	Volkssportverein Fredericksburg (AVA 001-TX 01)	Joyce O'Rear	Robert Theis	20
34	Weslaco Pacers (AVA 883-TX 101)	Lana Marie Paris	N/A	
35	West Texas Trail Walkers (AVA 060-TX 19)	Charles Wortz	Charles Wortz	21

Ila. Minutes of August 2008 General Membership Meeting - Secretary Leslie Penton

The minutes were reviewed. Charles Wortz moved to accept the minutes, Ellen Ott seconded the motion. Motion passed.

IIb. Speaker- Christina Conklin - Texas Round-Up (Health & Fitness Initiative)

Christina Conklin could not attend today. Ellen Ott advised that this is an initiative by the governor to promote health & fitness in TX. All that is required is to have 1 fitness activity in order to be recognized as a "fit city". In towns that have an AVA club, this puts volkssporting on their website for public reference. Mayor of each community must agree to the event and support. The TVA will probably attend the roundup in Austin on the 24th of April .

IIc. Comments/remarks-AVA Vice President-John Ferguson

John was unable to attend the meeting today and there were no remarks.

Comments/remarks - AVA SW Regional Director – Heinz Johnson

- Heinz Johnson recognized The Texas Trotting Turtles, represented by Carl & Bev Kittinger – for 25 years as an AVA club with a "25 Year Ribbon" & Certificate from the AVA. Heinz also has an award for the Buffalo Chip Kickers.
- Every year at convention, there is a list of those passed away. Heinz will be sending out the existing list and is asking for clubs to submit any additional members that should be included so it can be ready for convention.
- Willard Raiffeisen – Midland Walkabouts passed this week.
- Disasters impact YREs. Going forward, please notify Heinz (club officer or POC) of situation so a determination of how to handle the suspension/closure can be made. You should not notify AVA HQ before Heinz.
- Heinz has been getting brochures for events that don't match the ESR. This is confusing. Clubs can make change to ESR for distance. Heinz would have to change location and date but work with him to do that so that the information in the brochure matches what is on the ESR
- Heinz tasked with cleaning up the event brochures. Need to do things that are consistent. Heinz is creating simple outline as guide. He will be sending out the guidelines for comment before implementing the format. Guidelines are recommended. Not going to stifle creativity.
- AVA is recommending 4 clubs be deactivated. Clubs must send in an annual financial report, update the club officers yearly. If this is not done, it will cost more money and the RD gets notification. Heinz sends out letters to clubs. Club officer update can be done via web.
- Heinz's term in office ends in a few months. He called on Anna Cottrell to chair nomination committee for the SWRD. Heinz will review with Anna and set up an electronic ballot. Heinz will be running again.

III. Reports

A) Treasurer – Helen Bateman

- Helen passed out reports listing assets, budget approved at the August 2008 meeting. Currently, we are at about \$291 loss. Budget seems to be on track.
- Total of deposits is \$11,722.43.
- Helen mentioned that the TVA might consider eliminating the \$5 sanction fee on all or some of the events. She asked the clubs to give this some thought.

B) 1st Vice President – Charles Wortz

1) Memorial and Midnight Walk, December 31, 2008 – 1 January 2009

- The Memorial walk had a total of 169 walkers earning \$420.00.
- The Midnight walk had a total of 174 walkers earning \$315.00.
- There were \$162.48 in donations.
- Expenses were \$673.48.
- Profit was \$224.00

2) Reunion Events, March 7-8, 2009

- The Reunion Walk coming up next month and flyers are available. The Saturday walk is on the Lake Somerville Trailway – out & back. The Sunday walk is 2 loops in the Nails Creek unit. We will be at pavilion 3 – about ¼ mile from the Park HQ.

C) 2nd Vice President – Carol Shaner

- Carol spoke about the Patches and Petal programs. She provided brochures and order forms on table.
- She expects her mailing address to change next week but mail will be forwarded and her address will be updated on web.
- Forms to notify Carol of a member's passing for The Memorial Walk are on the back table. Please pick one up and make as many copies as needed so we can honor them at the next Memorial walk and also at the 2009 convention.
- The Wine & Cheese Social at the Midnight Walk was a success with a special thanks to Ellen Ott.

D) President – Catherine Kellner

- Catherine thanked Fredericksburg club for help and the Memorial/Midnight Walks. They helped mark trail and helped at Start. Want to recognize others, Ellen Ott, Helen Bateman, Leslie Penton, Carol Shiner, Charles Wortz, Heinz Johnson, Bryan Fisher, Clay Baulch, Mike & Larry, Linda Goodman and David Toth. Thanks to Delores Benke for publicity
- Catherine thanked Ellen Ott for serving on the TVA Board and other support to the TVA. Ellen was awarded an AVA jacket for her service.

E) Webmaster - Gary Whitford

- Gary has received the new pricing for the TVA website. The cost of the TVA website will be increasing to \$95.40 for the server use and the cost for the domain name up to \$35.

IV. Old Business

A) 2009 AVA Convention (AVA Convention Committees-Deborah Sheppard)

- Sue Wolfsson spoke – She is in the process of organizing groups of volunteers to work. Estimating the need for over 100 volunteers over the 5 days. E-mails should be distributed to

members so they can volunteer. Shifts will run from 3 to 5 hours. Volunteer info will be on the web.

- Deborah wants to thank the TVA for having booth.
- The convention committee is conducting workers walks this weekend. Convention brochures should go out soon.
- Ellen has silent auction forms. Think of something you want as a walker and hopefully not big baskets as can't be transported home due TSA requirements.
- Spread convention by work of mouth. Brochure will be on the web.
- Joplin would like to host Joplin & Wichita worker's walks on May 30. If interested, sign form or send your name to Helen Bateman so she can pass it on.
- Jan wood having workers walk on April 11 at Bolger City Boardwalk in La. and then in Hope, Ar. Purchases at convention will have to charge sales tax. Don't have to charge on pre-registration. Awards are only on pre-registration. Pre-registration for awards is advised for AR & LA walks as only 100 for each walk is being ordered.
- Tuesday evening will be a social. Our goal is not to run out of food.. Wednesday night is free night. Thursday night is barbeque. The food is good- it took care of George W. Bush's inauguration. There will be entertainment at the barbeque. Will be riding dart to the barbeque so you can drink. Friday night is a semiformal to comfortable banquet to say good-bye.

B) TVA Booth at Convention

- TVA has agreed to sponsor a booth at the 2009 AVA Convention in Richardson, TX. If you want to help, tell Carol Shiner today or as soon as possible.

C) August 1, 2009 Meeting to be hosted Lone Star Walkers

- Heinz Johnson is coordinating this meeting. Heinz will be getting info out as it becomes available.

D) February 2010 Meeting to be hosted by Tarrant County Walkers

- There are no firm details on this meeting.

E) Other Old Business

- Discussed the TX YRE Books that Jan Wood worked on. After discussion, a motion was made by Phyllis Eagan to have 1000 black & white copies made. Motion was seconded by John Bohnert. Motion passed. Estimated cost is \$300. This is out of the TVA publicity budget. Books will be available for the clubs and to pass out at the AVA Convention.

V. New Business

- Need volunteers for the Reunion Walk. Signup with Charles Wortz today.
- The TVA would you like to make this a special event with food or something like that. Would need volunteer to bring grill and do the cooking. Recommendation is that the food is at the expense of the TVA. Contact Catherine if you are able to help with food for the Reunion Walk.
- Bev Kittinger will research the availability of getting T-shirts from the previous vendor and contact Catherine.
- Ellen recommends taking out a full page advertisement for the convention program for \$250.

VI. Committees

A. Nominating Committee- Officers for Treasurer, 1st Vice President

- Volunteers for this committee are: Susan Fine and Phyllis Eagan.

B. Auditing

- Volunteers for this committee are: Anna Cottrell, Bev Kittinger, and Tina Bohnert

VII. Miscellaneous Business

- There was no new Miscellaneous Business

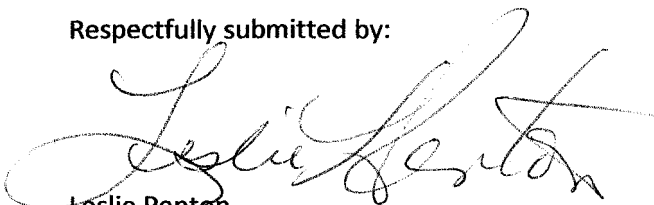
VIII. Announcements

- Thanks to the Dallas trekkers for all their hard work getting meeting set up, supplying refreshments and leading us on walks.
- Cameron walk rescheduled for May. Also, there will be a walk on August 29 at the Vineyards at Florence near Florence for Trotting Texas Turtles.
- Phyllis Eagan requests more info for meetings on web.
- Dallas Trekkers will host a walk on November, 21 for 30 years anniversary. There will be a 10k, 20k, and 30k walks.
- Crop Walk March 1 by Randolph Roadrunners.
- BTC Odd Sports will have their first canoe event on Sunday, May 3 near Hunt, TX.
- The Tarrant County Walkers will celebrate 30 years with a walk on October 24 in Mineral Wells, TX.
- The WTTW will be at Palo Duro in October.

IX. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Susan Fine. Phyllis Eagan seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:57 P.M. with no objections.

Respectfully submitted by:



Leslie Penton
Secretary
Texas Volkssport Association