

August 1, 2009 MEETING MINUTES

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 1:00 pm

Fellowship Hall, San Pedro Presbyterian Church, 14900 San Pedro Ave(US-281), San Antonio, TX 78232

I. Call to order - TVA President

by Catherine Kellner 1:12 pm.

- Host, Heinz Johnson introduced wife of 55 yrs, Priscilla and thanked her for being the hospitality czar for our meeting. Heinz & Priscilla are members of the San Pedro Presbyterian Church and that is why we are at this site. Walk tomorrow will start at coffee house and will have selection of food for purchase. Dinner tonight at Quicksand's. soup & salad.
- Moment of silence for past members

II. Determination of Quorum Present - Secretary Leslie Penton

- Minutes of February 2009 General Membership Meeting - Secretary Leslie Penton
- 18 of 34 so quorum is present. Ellen Ott moved to approve. Bev Kittinger seconded. Passed.

#	Clubs	President	Club Representative	Count
1	Amigo Amblers (AVA 769-TX89)	Mary Seagrove	N/A	
2	BTC Oddsports Club (AVA 789 – TX ?)	Dr. Clay Baulch	Clay Baulch	16
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)	Greg Sells	Greg Sells	17
6	Dallas Trekkers (AVA 034-TX11)	Helen Bateman	Helen Bateman	1
7	East Texas Trekkers (AVA 863-TX 099)	Jan Wood	Anna S. Cottrell	2
8	Friendswood Fun Walkers (AVA 251-TX 62)	Raz Creamer	N/A	
9	Hill Country Volkssportverein (AVA 023-TX 09)	Tina Bohnert	John Bohnert	3
10	Hood County Hummers (AVA 718-TX 83)	Emily Kinney	Ed Cottrill	4
11	Houston Happy Hikers (AVA 015-TX 06)	Catherine Kellner	Catherine Kellner	5
12	Kerrville Trailblazers (AVA	Carol Talpey	N/A	

	106-TX 29			
13	Lone Star Walkers Volkssport Club	Heinz Johnson	Heinz Johnson	6
14	McAllen Parks & Recreation (AVA 350-TX 05)	Larry Pressler / Mike Hernandez	N/A	
15	Midland Walkabouts (AVA 897-TX 103)	Anne Severson	N/A	
16	New Braunfels Marsch & Wandergruppe (AVA 036-TX 12)	Helgard Hollis	Helgard Hollis	18
17	Plano Walking Club (AVA 124- TX 32)	Margaret Cole	N/A	
19	Randolph Roadrunners (AVA 044-TX 14)	Ellen Ott	Ellen Ott	7
20	San Angelo Volkswalkers AVA 933-TX	Sue Giddings	N/A	
21	San Marcos River Walkers (AVA 411-TX 58)	Barbara Piersol	Barbara Piersol	8
22	Selma Pathfinders (AVA 088- TX 26)	Phyllis Eagan	Phyllis Eagan	9
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)	Carol Woodfin	N/A	
26	Star Trekkers (AVA 681-TX 82)	Gary Whitford	Gary Whitford	10
27	Tarrant County Walkers (AVA 019-TX 08)	Susan Fine	Susan Fine	11
28	Texas Wanderers (AVA 006-TX 03)	VACANT	Gerald Kamicka	12
29	Trinity Trekkers (AVA 200-TX 41)	David Toth	David Toth	13
30	Trotting Texas Turtles (AVA 205-TX 43)	Beverly Kittinger	Beverly Kittinger	14
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	Gerald Kamicka	15
33	Volkssportverein Fredericksburg (AVA 001-TX 01)	Joyce O'Rear	N/A	
34	Weslaco Pacers (AVA 883-TX 101)	Lana Marie Paris	N/A	

35	West Texas Trail Walkers (AVA 060-TX 19)	Charles Wortz	N/A	
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Ila. Comments/remarks - AVA SW Regional Director – Heinz Johnson

- Thanks for reelecting me as the SWRD. Thanks to Anna for working so hard on recognition for the SW Region. Thanks for all who helped at the convention. Deborah Carter was key in convention planning & execution, Helen Bateman did the walks, Maggie Cole was in charge of convention hall and Ellen Ott did great with silent auction. Susan Fine & Leslie for publicity and Gary Whitford was treasurer. We did not meet room quota so that will cost the AVA. Heinz believes that the AVA needs to hire a convention planner.
- If you have an event that needs to be cancelled, please let Heinz know – don't contact the AVA HQ.
- Several clubs have overdue balances. Please reconcile the balances. Don't let problems drag on.
- Please make sure all your + slugs are removed.
- There is a new IVV policy for walks that are 2 days.
- IRS form 990 needs to be filled out and the AVA Financial Report must be in by November. Club updates can be made any time.
- Volkssport month patch must be ordered 30 days in advance.
- Ava is testing e-after action reports.
- Girl Scouts have new patch. Cost \$1.
- Heinz has copies of the AVA Bi-annual Report and the National Awards Booklet, if anyone wants to see them.

III. Reports

A. Treasurer – Helen Bateman

- Advised membership of proposed budget and actual bank balances. The Financial report is ready and will be passed to new Treasurer.
 - Gary Kamicka motioned to approve the budget as presented. The motion was 2nd by Ellen Ott. Motioned Carried.
- Audit committee – Anna Cottrell. Reviewed and found the books in good order.

B. 1st Vice President – Charles Wortz

- 1. Memorial and Midnight Walk, December 31, 2009 – 1 January 2010**
 - Will have the Memorial/Midnight Walks in Fredericksburg as usual under new VP leadership. Hope to make memorial walk more significant.
- 2. Reunion Events, March 1 & 2, 2009**
 - See report on back of budget.
 - Thanks to the Bonharts for their assistance with the food.
 - There was very poor attendance. The By-Laws do not specify that we have to have walks both days. The membership suggested that there might be better

turnout if the walks were in a more populated area, and not so long a drive. Also a consideration is the new IVV policy on 2 day events. David Toth moved to let the new 1st VP determine walks. Susan fine 2nd. Ellen wants to do crop walk on same week-end. Passed with 1 opposed.

C. 2nd Vice President – Carol Shaner

- Carol thanked those who helped at Convention TVA Booth: Larry Cook, Leslie Penton, Catherine Kellner, Linda Goodman, Gerald Kamicka. Carol had a great time.
- Patches and petals are here today and so if need any, see Carol after the meeting. There is a new address for ordering – please update club records to show new address for ordering.
- Carol has forms to submit for recognition at the Memorial Walk. If you have pictures or funeral program, please submit those too. Carol would like club members to invite family members to come to the Memorial Walk.

D. President – Catherine Kellner

- Part of the TVA President's responsibilities at the convention included facilitating the state meeting with other state associations. The NW Region seems to do the most.
- Catherine worked on arrangements for the 2009 Memorial/Midnight and the Reunion Walks.
- Catherine has worked on publicity for both Fredericksburg and Summerville walk with Delores Benke.
- Catherine envisions a TVA Event Committee with the 1st VP as chair. This would mean more clubs would actually participate in the events. It would not be just 1 person doing everything. This committee would include 2nd VP to help with refreshments and also TVA would provide wine, cheese & beverages and or have pot luck Hors D Oeuvres.

E. Webmaster - Gary Whitford

- Gary requests club changes be forwarded to him. If you find errors, let Gary know.
- Will start posting minutes and meeting agendas and also the TVA walk brochures for the Memorial/Midnight & Reunion walks. May try putting walks on Facebook.

IV. Old Business

A. Tarrant County Walkers to host February 6, 2010 meeting

- Susan Fine says it will be in the north Ft.Worth area.

B. Reunion Walk-March 6, 2010

- The new 1st VP will arrange

C. 2009 AVA Convention (Follow-up Summary)

- Deborah Carter thanked all the volunteers.
- There were 348 registered for all events.
- Deborah believes the convention went well and was efficient.
- Curt and the NEC will evaluate how future conventions going forward.
- Financially, we did not make money for the AVA.
- Deborah is pleased with the overall effect.
- Deborah appreciates all the support from Heinz, Helen, Maggie and all support from the TVA.

D. Other Business

Catherine advised that there was still a hole box of TX YRE books left. She asked if we can find a way to place these somewhere. Gerald Kamicka moved that we do not print anymore TX YRE books. Ellen Ott 2nd the motion. The motion passed.

V. New Business

A. Volunteer to host August 7, 2010 Meeting

- BTC Oddsports will sponsor.

VI. Miscellaneous Business

- Catherine is asking organization if we are living up to our stated purpose of promoting volkssporting in TX.
 - Ellen ott stated that she has gone to health fairs and other events and the attendees are there for the handouts and not there for the message that we promote.
 - Gerald Kamicka stated that there was \$ voted for publicity and that it falls under the 2nd VP.
 - Ellen was working with “Fit City” representatives enlisting cities to sign up as fit cities. TVA is looking for 2 people to work with carol shaner. Joanne Forinash and Greg Sells.
- Phyllis Egan stated that in the past, the TVA voted to allot money for the TVA President to represent TVA at the convention. Phyllis suggested a motion to grant \$500 to reimburse Catherine for convention expenses.
 - Ellen Ott moved to donate \$500 for convention expense to Catherine. The motion was seconded by Phyllis. During discussion, an amended Motion made to donate up to %500 for convention expense to Catherine (maker of motion not noted). The amended motion was seconded by David Toth. The amended motion passed.

- Ellen Ott asked about the sanction fees. Helen Bateman believes that our bank account would support not collecting the TVA Sanction Fees, for awhile,
 - Ellen Ott moved to eliminate the sanction fees for 1 yr starting 1-1-10 for traditional and YREs for 1 year only. The motion was seconded by Phyllis Egan. Motion passed.
- Heinz advised that the logjam on ESRs will open on Monday. As soon as Heinz approves, it is posted on the AVA website.
- Heinz says that a lot of clubs that appoint persons as event organizers. Heinz has a working paper to help event organizers. Heinz will also send the paper electronically. Heinz wants consistently.
- The US Medical Command will be inactivated tomorrow. Ft. Sam Houston, under which the TX Wanderers' fall, will assume the Fiesta Walk.

VII. Election of Officers (1st Vice President, Treasurer)

The nomination committee was Barbara Piersol, Susan Fine and Phyllis Egan.

- The nomination for Treasurer is Siba Spencer, who is not present. Gerald Kamicka moved to close nominations and David Toth seconded the motion. With nominations for Treasurer closed, Siba was elected Treasurer.
- The nomination committee had no nominee for 1st VP. The floor was opened for nominations. Phyllis Egan was nominated by Susan Fine. David Toth seconded the nomination. Gerald Kamicka moved that nominations be closed. David Toth seconded the motion. With nominations closed, Phyllis Egan was elected 1st VP.

Share Positive info:

- Carlen Forinash spoke about the Old Spanish Trail (OST). The Randolph Roadrunners sanctioned walk. Most of the participation is in San Antonio area. OST goes through Houston. There are 3 or 4 events in Houston and Kerrville near or on the OST. Walks anywhere between Orange, TX and Anthony, TX within 5 miles of the OST would qualify.
- Ellen Ott is talking about 35 events on i-35 on the 35th anniversary of the AVA. Ellen will see if it can go on the AVA NEC agenda.
- The post convention walks qualified for Court House or State Park Special Events. These programs end 12-31-2009. If you still have these Special Event Books at the end of the year, please send books back to Jan Wood. State Natural Areas and Reserves etc do count.
- Tarrant County Walkers are celebrating 30 years in October. The "A" award is a t-shirt.
- The Trotting Texas Turtles are having walk 8-29 at New Vineyard celebrating their 25th anniversary. There is no shade and it will be hot.
- The Randolph Roadrunners will hold their Founders Day event Oct. 24 at Alamo.
- The West TX Trail Walkers' walk in October is at Palo Duro Canyon. Canyon is the city to make reservations.
- Oct 31 Walk Dallas by the Dallas Trekkers on east side of Dallas.
- Dallas trekkers 30th anniversary walk will be at Fossil Rim Nature Preserve on Nov. 21. Bring water.

- Wurst Fest Walk 10-31 & 11-1 includes a free ticket to Wurst Fest in New Braunfels.
- Seabrook Walk in November includes brunch on the bay, In October the Houston Happy Hikers are walking Downtown Houston with Avon.
- Jan Wood's East TX walk flyers are on the table.
- Tomorrow's walk is an Old Spanish Trail walk.

VIII. Announcements

- None

IX. Adjournment

- A motion to adjourn was made by Phyllis Eagan and seconded by Ed Cottrell. The meeting was adjourned at 3:39

Respectfully Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leslie L. Penton".

Leslie L. Penton
Secretary
Texas Volkssport Assn.