

## MEETING AGENDA

February 6, 2010

TVA SPECIAL CALLED MEETING AGENDA

**TIME TO BE 30 MINUTES AFTER THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR TVA MEETING**

Location: UT Arlington - Fort Worth Center, 1401 Jones Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102  
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**I. Call to order - TVA President**

- The meeting was called to order at 4:14 p.m. by Catherine

**II. Determination of Quorum Present - Secretary Leslie Penton**

- 23 clubs out of 32 clubs are present. A quorum is established.

**III. Dissolution of the Texas Volkssport Association**

- Helen Bateman requested meeting to dissolve the TVA. At least 9 clubs responded that they would like to discuss dissolution.
- Helen moved that the TVA be dissolved at a date to be determined in the future. Gerald Kameka 2nd.
- Discussion:
  - Ellen provided discussion points for actions after determination is made.
  - Heinz read letter from Curt Myron, President of the AVA. Heinz prepared and e-mail/letter. He wants to make sure that everyone knows how the AVA feels about state organizations and what the AVA expects from them.
  - Charles Wortz. Many of the duties of the state organization are not done anymore. Charles feels that we should get back to doing some of things that are expected. Dissolving would cut down the number of clubs in the AVA and also reduces representation in the IVV.
  - David Porter believes changes need to be made to help improve communications. We need to be thinking of new ideas.
  - Greg Sells: His club is undecided. Greg is undecided but thinks that keeping the TVA is a good idea. Networking and support of clubs is needed.
  - Gerald Kamicka People need to step up and fill positions for the TVA to continue.
  - Catherine Kellner: TVA board has worked very hard. Think about the networking you did today-whether business or personal. Face to face discussion enhances the meeting experience. Catherine feels the networking is valuable and would be missed. Catherine understands the meetings are expensive but the benefits would outweigh the costs.
  - Elaine Samus: feels that we should not dissolve but restructure to include all of the regions.

- Chuck Samus: Getting volunteers is a concern. It continues to get more difficult. Maybe we need to reassess what we are doing. That doesn't mean we dissolve but we determine what we need to do and go there. Maybe more would volunteer to help if the goals are moving in a direction the TVA wants. If that doesn't work, talk about dissolution.
- Devor Jedlick: a state of this size with this many clubs would be hindered without a state organization. There has to be a goal and purpose. Most of what goes on is process. People are not motivated by process. If more focus on the substance and less on the process we would be more successful.
- Ruth Cade: 30 year walker. Wonder what brings us together. People are not as young as they used to be. Something brought us all together. When new people come on board, how will they learn without an organization to help them. TVA is 1 of 12 State organizations. Believe we need to bring ourselves together and we need something to stay together.
- Carlin Forinash: 40 year volkssporter. Attended TVA for 15 years. Like being involved. Lot of good has come out of the organization. Maybe we haven't put together the right effort to get the volunteers we need. I will volunteer to be part of the non-voting group that would evaluate info from clubs.
- Ed Cottrell: What was the original criteria for a state organization. It was required at 10 clubs in a state. Everything was done by paper. The only criteria we meet is # of clubs.
- Thomas Spencer: Started state organization to communicate with clubs having events - didn't want to over schedule events. When YREs came into effect, no real reason to have to co-ordinate anymore. TVA never organized control/quality of club trails etc. Suggest the TVA promote better trails, better YREs and better real events. Need to have socialization. We need to be more than walk/stamp/leave. Dissolve the TVA if it doesn't have a purpose. If you want to have a TVA, decide what you want the purpose to be a go forward. Should be in management and control.
- Phyllis Eagan: show member clubs what a volkswalk should be. We should be what the clubs look up to when putting on an event.
- Deborah Carter: feels that the TVA is just putting on another walk competing with the other clubs. On the idea of quality and control. Are you willing to be policed or be the policeman?
- John Bohnert: Takes pride in the club and trails - which includes port-a-pots. Provide food tables for socializing.
- Anna Cottrell: Believe that the papers that Ellen handed out should go home to the clubs for discussion:
- Heinz Johnson: Years ago, the TVA had someone who critiqued the walks and the clubs got mad. There is a move by the AVA to have a program to have a national certification for trail masters.
- Helen Bateman: stands by the initial e-mail and discuss a solution. We love volkssporting. Would like it to continue. The TVA is not functioning. We need

to look at the leadership and need to assess if we have the depth of leadership to continue.

- Dianne ?: TVA Bylaws are to promote volkssporting but we are preaching to the choir and should be helping bring in new members. Important to volunteering is to bring in new members.
- Charles Wortz called the question. 2nd by many. The motion to call the question passed.
- A voice vote was held. Five clubs voted to dissolve the TVA. Eighteen clubs voted to keep the TVA.
- David Porter moved “that the President and RD appoint a committee and make proposal for by-law amendments, purposes and objectives and report back to the august meeting.” The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charles Wortz. Motion passed.
- Heinz & Catherine requested volunteers. The following volunteered and were selected to serve on the committee: Charles Wortz, David Toth, Anna Cottrill, Brian Fisher, Clay Baulch, David Porter, Carl Kittinger, Helen Bateman, and Carlen Forinash
- Heinz believes that having discussion is good for an organization and applauds Helen

### III. Adjournment

- Geralk Kamicka moved to adjourn. Ellen Ott 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Leslie Penton  
Secretary  
Texas Volkssport Association