

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
February 6, 2010

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING February 6th @ 1:00-4:30pm

Location: UT Arlington - Fort Worth Center, 1401 Jones Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102

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| # | Clubs | President | Club Representative | Count |
|----|---|---------------------------------|---------------------|-------|
| 1 | Amigo Amblers (AVA 769-TX89) | Mary Seagrove | Mary Seagrove | 1 |
| 2 | BTC Oddsports Club (AVA 789 – TX ?) | Dr. Clay Baulch | Clay Baulch | 2 |
| 3 | Buffalo Chip Kickers (AVA 182-TX 39) | Chuck Samus | Chuck Samus | 3 |
| 4 | Castorville Chamber of Commerce (AVA 939-TX ?) | Janet Bednarz | N/A | |
| 5 | Colorado River Walkers (AVA 077-TX24) | Nancy Middlebrook | N/A | |
| 6 | Dallas Trekkers (AVA 034-TX11) | Helen Bateman | Helen Bateman | 4 |
| 7 | East Texas Trekkers (AVA 863-TX 099) | David C. Porter | David C. Porter | 5 |
| 8 | Friendswood Fun Walkers (AVA 251-TX 62) | Raz Creamer | Anna Cottrill | 6 |
| 9 | Hill Country Volkssportverein (AVA 023-TX 09) | John Bohnert | John Bohnert | 7 |
| 10 | Hood County Hummers (AVA 718-TX 83) | Arlene Miller | Ed Cottrill | 8 |
| 11 | Houston Happy Hikers (AVA 015-TX 06) | Catherine Kellner | Catherine Kellner | 9 |
| 12 | Kerrville Trailblazers (AVA 106-TX 29) | Brian Fisher | Brian Fisher | 10 |
| 13 | Lone Star Walkers Volkssport Club | Heinz Johnson | Priscilla Johnson | 11 |
| 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 | David Toth | 12 |
| 17 | Plano Walking Club (AVA 124-TX 32) | Margaret Cole | Maggie Cole | 13 |
| 19 | Randolph Roadrunners (AVA 044-TX 14) | Ellen Ott | Ellen Ott | 14 |

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| 20 | San Angelo Volkswalkers AVA 933-TX | Charles Winkelspecht | N/A | |
| 21 | San Marcos River Walkers (AVA 411-TX 58) | Barbara Piersol | Barbara Piersol | 15 |
| 22 | Selma Pathfinders (AVA 088- TX 26) | Phyllis Eagan | Phyllis Eagan | 16 |
| 23 | ShoeLeather Express (AVA757-TX 87) | Elaine Scott | Elaine Scott | 17 |
| 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 | 18 |
| 27 | Tarrant County Walkers (AVA 019-TX 08) | Susan Fine | Susan Fine | 19 |
| 28 | Texas Wanderers (AVA 006-TX 03) | VACANT | Gerald Kamicka | 20 |
| 29 | Trinity Trekkers (AVA 200-TX 41) | David Toth | David Toth | 21 |
| 30 | Trotting Texas Turtles (AVA 205-TX 43) | Beverly Kittinger | Beverly Kittinger | 22 |
| 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 | Charles Wortz | 23 |

I. Call to order - TVA President

- The meeting was called to order at 1:16 p.m. by Catherine Kellner

II. Determination of Quorum Present - Secretary Leslie Penton

Minutes of August 2009 Board Meeting - Secretary Leslie Penton

- There are 23 of 32 club represented. A quorum is met.
- The minutes were reviewed by the membership. Leslie stated that she would change the title on the minutes to read “minutes” instead of “agenda”. Gerald Kameka moved to accept the minutes with the noted change. The motion was seconded by Chuck Samus. The motion passed.

Ila. Comments/remarks-AVA SW Regional Director – Heinz Johnson

- Jackie Wilson, AVA Executive Director is ill. They have replaced her stem cells and she had chemo therapy and she is having a tough time. She is back at Wilford Hall Medical Center (Lackland AFB). Jackie’s address is: 161 Sage Dr., Universal City, TX 78148.
- There are 147 YREs in the SW Region. All reports were sent out on time with the exception of 2.
- The E-After-Action reports are active now. You can still fill out the worksheet sent by the AVA but you have to complete on line. Do not send the paperwork back to the AVA. YRE Quarterly Reports are also online. You may use the old report as a worksheet for completing on line.

- The "free new walker coupons" can be held but don't show them on the After Action report until you actually send them in. On the back of the coupon, write club #, then 5 digit event #. Heinz suggests that you send in the coupons with the event stamp.
- There are two new seasonal events starting in May. Abileen seasonal events by the Randolph Roadrunners. The Shoe Leather Express has the right to take back at a future time if desired. Hopefully, there will be a new seasonal around June in McAllen, TX.
- If you put in an ESR in a hurry, you need to send Heinz an e-mail as he doesn't look every day.
- In November, Heinz announced a moratorium on event brochure approval. It is not necessary to send event brochures to Heinz (at this time).
- Regarding recognition awards. There is an electronic form with a block for Certificate of Appreciation for Business/organizations. You can also save and e-mail it. This can be done anytime. They get mention in the Convention Awards Booklet.
- The AVA has a new Start Card. They tried to make it more user friendly. There is a spot for the event #, so if you are holding two events simultaneously, you can identify which card belongs to which walk. Heinz has boxes of the Start Cards to take with us.
- The next AVA NEC meeting is in Albuquerque on 12-14 March.
- The AVA is trying to co-ordinate 6 June walks with Weight Watchers. WW is trying to pull together walks on June 6 with Dallas & Houston on the targeted markets. Have to let Curt know by Monday. There are still a lot of unanswered questions.
- Some of the bills send from the AVA this week are double billed. if you were double billed, let the AVA know.

III. Reports

A) Treasurer – Siba Spence

- As of January, the balance is \$11,477.41. We have pending expenses to include patches, sanction fees for the Reunion Walks, after action fees for the Memorial/Midnight Walks and web expenses. There is no written report as in past meetings.
- Siba still needs to send out statements for a few clubs for last year.
- The Memorial/Midnight walks did not make profit.
- The Treasurer has no budget to present.
- Charles Wortz moved: that the TVA continue current budget expending at the same rate until the next meeting. Elaine Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposition.

B) 1st Vice President – Phyllis Eagan

1) Memorial and Midnight Walk, December 31, 2009 – 1 January 2010

- 202 walkers on memorial, 175 for IVV credit. 107 at midnight/77. wants to thank volunteers. Carol did outstanding job with food.

2) Reunion Events, March 6-7, 2010

- The Reunion events will be in Norse, TX. Between Waco & Temple and go west. The events qualify for Historic Churches. Brochures are available. Leslie will send out request for volunteers. Heinz will do finish, John & Tina Bohnart will do food.

C) 2nd Vice President – Carol Shaner

- The patches and petals have been inventoried. The report is included with the minutes. Carol has patches & petals are available for purchase.

- The Memorial Walk, had a display remembering deceased Texas walkers. Carol asked that she be sent info for deceased walkers so that they can be memorialized at the next Memorial Walk.
- Carol worked on the committee for promoting for volkssporting in Texas. She will give a report later in the meeting.

D) President – Catherine Kellner

- Wants to thank everyone for participating at the Memorial/Midnight event, especially to John & Tina Bohnert for their black-eyed peas. Thanks for all of the volunteers for our walks.
- The Fredericksburg newspaper ran great article on our walk.

E) Webmaster - Gary Whitford

- TVA is on Facebook. www.facebook.com/texasvolkssportassociation. Gary would like to see more people to become a fan. Gary encourages people to put pictures on facebook.

IV. Old Business

A) August 7, 2010 Meeting to be hosted BTC Oddsports)

- Will be hosted by BTC Oddsports on the campus of Sul Ross State-Rio Grand College in Uvalde. Trying to arrange a swim between the meetings and a walk in Cooks Slough Bird Sanctuary. Plenty of Hotels.

B) Committee Report-Joann Forinash

- Committee members are: Joanne Forinash, Greg Sells and Carol. Committee met in Fredericksburg, TX. A report, provided to attendees, Explains what can be done as Individuals, Clubs, and State Organizations.
 - Talk to everyone about volkssporting.
 - Suggest making business cards for members to hand out.
 - Write a letter to the local Chamber of Commerce of towns you do year-rounds and if you stay at a local hotel, use the hotel stationery.
 - Important points: wear good shoes, include instructions for using YRE, have AVA Volkssport Associate membership forms available.
 - Per Heinz, need to include special event info in directions at the point in the directions where the item is.
 - Free walker coupons could be available to clubs. Let Heinz know.
 - Ellen has DVD about volkssporting.
 - Gary suggest putting on U-tube. DVD given to Gary to put on TVA website.
 - Recommendation that the TVA publish the AVA forms. This was tabled as no budget and not on current spending.

C) Other Old Business

- 35 on I-35 brochures available for any walk in a community that borders I-35.

V. New Business

- Need meeting site for Feb 5, 2011. Phyllis Eagan will do the walk.

VI. Committees

A. Nominating - Officers for President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary

- need 3 people on nominating committee. Priscilla Johnson, Joanne Forinash, and David Porter volunteered.

B. Auditing

- need 3 people on committee . Gerald Kameka, Linda Goodman, and Charles Wortz.volunteered.

VII. Miscellaneous Business

- There was discussion of having several clubs come together in creating collectable awards. There would be limited awards available for each walk. Suggestion was that 8 clubs could go in for the series and that steins or mugs might be a good award with a "Walk Texas" wrap around design. It was decided that since we were unable to make any decision at this meeting, that the idea be brought up at the August meeting.
- Per Heinz, when you put in an ESR, make sure that you put actual building of the start point. Don't put address. That goes in a different field. Info must be in electronically NLT 60 days prior to the event.
- Heinz introduced Tom Spencer who helped start the AVA and was in on the ground floor.

VIII. Announcements

- Belton YRE. New start will be available soon.
- 29-31 of May in Universal City for Randolph Roadrunners. 3 walks, 3 stamps on I-35.
- Walk tomorrow starts inside the hotel. Start between 8-9:30.
- Pamela's walk in Orchard. \$25 at day of registration. Today registration is \$20. Registrants might get a raffle prize, might get food. Registration goes to scholarship fund. Walk in memory of Catherine's daughter.

IX. Adjournment

- Gerald Kamicka moved and Chuck Samus 2nd. Adjournment at 3:45.

Respectfully Submitted,



Leslie Penton
Secretary
TVA