

Addendum A

Report of the 2014-2015 ad hoc TVA Bylaws Committee

A . ADMINISTRATIVE CORRECTIONS

1. Paragraph 3.6.8. Change “TVA” to “AVA”.
2. Paragraph 3.6.9. Change “... shall be required to reject...” to “...shall be required to *accept or reject*...”
3. Paragraph 3.7.2. Change “To conform to the By-Laws of the TVA” to “To *ensure member clubs* conform to the *TVA Bylaws*”.
4. Paragraph 1.5: Add “AFFILIATION. The TVA is chartered by and affiliated with the American Volkssport Association (AVA), which is, in turn, affiliated with the Internationaler Volkssportverband E.V. (International Federation of Popular Sports), also known as the IVV.”
5. Paragraph 2.1.1 through 2.1. 4 Delete current purposes and insert_state responsibilities as listed in the AVA Bylaws, Article VIII, State Organizations, as follows:
 - 8.3 Duties. State organizations shall be responsible to their Regional Director for:
 - (a) coordinating and carrying forward the AVA program and activities within the state;
 - (b) maintaining liaison among AVA Members chartered within the state and to the appropriate Regional Director, the National Executive Council and the AVA National Headquarters;
 - (c) reviewing applications from prospective Members and recommending action on chartering same to the appropriate Regional Director;
 - (d) in conjunction with the Regional Director, approving Volkssport event dates for AVA Members within the state;
 - (e) reviewing After Action Reports and Delinquency Reports and following up to ensure that all reports have been submitted and debts have been paid to the AVA;
 - (f) implementing disciplinary action against AVA Members in the state for violations of AVA or IVV rules;
 - (g) promoting development of new Members by visiting, corresponding with and making presentations to interested groups;
 - (h) developing and implementing programs, with the assistance of the AVA, for the mutual benefit of the AVA, IVV and Members within the state.
6. Delete Paragraphs 2.2.4 and 2.2.5 and insert the following:

“**ACTIVITIES.** The TVA will conduct its activities so as to be responsive to the needs of persons without regard to politics, race, religion, sex, age, national or cultural origin, place of residence, economic circumstances, lifestyle, or social status. The TVA encourages the variety of functionally enabled persons to participate in events to the best of their abilities and within the constraints of the type of event or location of event.”
7. Paragraph 2.2.6. Add to end of last sentence which reads “...except as reimbursement for authorized expenses.” to read “...except for reimbursement for authorized expenses or to aid ailing clubs **to help monetarily.**”
8. Paragraph 4.8.1. Change “TV” to “TVA”.
9. Paragraph 6.1.4. Add “of” to read “...meeting shall consist *of* twenty-five percent (25%)...”

B . MODIFICATIONS:

ARTICLES IV, V and VI [Due to the fact that these three articles are somewhat redundant and appear to have some paragraphs placed in inappropriate Articles, we are recommending a reshuffling of content. Also, since Officers are elected first and, in addition to their duties as such, are subsequently charged with serving on the Board, we are reorganizing the Bylaws to list Article IV - Officers first, followed by V - Board of Directors and then, an existing Article IV Meeting, which is connected to both.

The current Bylaws are published in pdf form and are formatted in a system which automatically numbers the articles and paragraphs, making electronic cutting and pasting very difficult (impossible for me). I had done a manual "cut and tape" in an effort to show the proposed reshuffling, but it was a mess and there were some renumbering errors as well.

To replace that mess, a copy of the existing Bylaws right off the TVA website will be attached to the transmittal for your viewing convenience and the listing, below, uses the existing paragraph numbers in hopes of explaining that proposed future step. In addition to the reshuffling, some revisions are proposed to individual paragraphs, using the current numbering for reference. Once revisions are approved, the resulting articles and paragraphs will be renumbered to fit in with the rest of the document.]

ARTICLE IV BOARD OF DIRECTORS (to be renamed OFFICERS)

Paragraphs 5.1 Term and Designation PLUS 4.1 Term of Office combined

Paragraph 4.2 Election

Paragraph 4.5 Removal

Paragraph 4.4 Vacancy

Paragraph 5.2 Duties (and all sub-paragraphs)

ARTICLE V OFFICERS (to be renamed BOARD OF DIRECTORS)

Paragraph 4.X (new, see Modification 19, below)

Paragraph 4.3 Authority

Paragraph 4.8 Committees

ARTICLE VI MEETINGS

Paragraph 6.1 General Membership

Paragraphs 6.2.1 Regular Meetings PLUS 4.7 Meeting and Attendance

Paragraph 6.2.2 Special Meetings

Paragraph 6.2.3 Location

Paragraph 6.2.4 Proceedings

Paragraph 6.2.6 Proxies

Paragraphs 6.2.5 Quorum PLUS 4.6 Quorum

Paragraph 4.9 Minutes

ARTICLE V OFFICERS (This will become Article IV upon approval and restructuring.)

1. **All references** to “Board” , “Board of Directors” and/or “Directors” in the newly organized Article, shall be changed to “Officer(s)” as applicable.
2. Paragraph 5.1 Delete the subject “TERM AND DESIGNATION” and replace it with “DESIGNATED OFFICERS”. In the first sentence, delete the parenthetical description “(Chairperson of the Board)”. In the second sentence, delete “their election” and add “the meeting at which they are elected.” In the third sentence, delete the parenthetical description (Chairperson). Delete the last sentence. Add the contents of Paragraph 4.1.
3. Paragraph ~~4.5~~ 4.7 Change the ending of the only sentence to read...do so at a *regular* or special meeting.
4. Paragraph 4.4 Change the only sentence to read “Vacancies of a designated Officer occurring between annual elections shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Officers.”
5. Paragraph 5.2.2.C Delete the entire paragraph.
6. Paragraph 5.2.3.B Revise to read “Serve as the Publicity and Public Relations Representative.”
7. Paragraph 5.2.4.F. Delete last phrase reading “except votes to elect officers of the TVA.” Add “In the case of multiple nominees for the election of TVA Officers, written (secret) balloting shall be used and the President shall appoint ballot tabulators to count votes.
8. Paragraph 5.2.4.G Add a sentence “Specifically, the Secretary shall record the proceedings of all TVA meetings and present a draft of the minutes to the Officers within 14 days of the meeting for review or correction. Upon any correction by the Officers, the Secretary shall immediately distribute to all TVA members for review and corrections and present for final approval at the next meeting of the Members.”

ARTICLE IV BOARD OF DIRECTORS (This will become Article V upon approval and restructuring.)

9. Add a first paragraph (It will become Paragraph 5.1, upon renumbering) “MEMBERS. The five TVA Officers shall constitute the Board of Directors; the President shall serve as the Chair.
10. All references to the “Chairperson (President)” in the newly created Article V Board of Directors shall be changed to the “Chair”.
11. Paragraph 4.5 Add “Meetings may be conducted by telephone or ~~other electronic means~~ email.
12. Paragraph 4.8. Add “The President is an ex-officio member of all committees, except for the Nominating Committee.”
13. Paragraph 4.8.1 Change the last sentence to read “The committee shall submit a slate of nominees to the President not ~~less~~ fewer than 20 days before the election meeting and the President will distribute to the TVA members within the following 5 days.” and add “Nominations may be made from the floor for all offices.”
14. Paragraph 4.8.4 Delete in its entirety.

ARTICLE VI MEETINGS (This article doesn't change its number nor its title.) **Whew!**

15. Paragraph 6.1.1 Change the name of the paragraph to “Gatherings of the Members”. Delete the text of the paragraph and add the following sub-paragraphs:

16. Paragraph 6.1.1.A ~~“Semi-annual meetings of the TVA Members shall be held on the 3rd Saturday in March and the 3rd Saturday in September. The budget for the coming year shall be presented at the first meeting and the elections shall be held on the second. All regular business of the TVA requiring approval of the Members shall be conducted during these meetings.”~~

Paragraph 6.1.1.A **Meetings** Semi-annual meetings of the TVA Members shall be held on the 1st Saturday in March and the 1st Saturday in August. TVA shall cooperate with the sponsoring club to sanction a coordinated event. The budget for the coming year shall be presented at the first meeting and the elections shall be held on the second. All regular business of the TVA requiring approval of the Members shall be conducted during these meetings.

17. Paragraph 6.1.1.B ~~“Additional TVA sponsored events shall be held on the 2nd Saturday in June (Founders Day and Memorial Remembrances) and New Years Eve (Celebration day-time walk)/New Years Day (traditional Midnight Walk).”~~

Paragraph 6.1.1.B **Events** Additional TVA sponsored events shall be held on the 2nd Saturday in June – (Founders Day), except in years when conflicting with AVA Conventions and Remembrances, and New Years Eve (Memorial day-time walk) / New Years Day (Traditional Midnight Walk).”

18. Paragraph 6.1.5. Add “Officers (unless voting as a Member) do not have a vote. If there is a tie vote, the President shall cast the deciding vote.”
19. Paragraph 6.2.1 Supplement the text by adding Paragraph 4.7.
20. Paragraph 6.2.5 Replace with Paragraph 4.6.
21. Paragraph 4.9 Delete the entire paragraph and add “The Secretary shall record the proceedings of all Board meetings and present a draft of the minutes to the Board within 14 days of the meeting for review or correction and approval. Upon approval the Secretary shall immediately distribute to the all TVA members.”

ARTICLE VII MISCELLANEOUS

22. Paragraph 7.3 Add “sexual orientation” to the list of nondiscriminatory classifications.

END of Report

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