

**TEXAS VOLKSSPORT ASSOCIATION  
AAA-TX  
TVA General Membership Meeting Minutes  
6 February 2021  
Virtual Meeting  
Via Zoom**

**1. Call to order: TVA President, Susan Medlin**

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by President Susan Medlin.

**2. Determination of quorum present: TVA Secretary, Andy Thomas**

Twelve of 23 clubs were represented. The requirement for a quorum was met.

**3. Introduction/Opening Comments: TVA President, Susan Medlin**

President Susan Medlin welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced all TVA Officers and all credentialed club presidents and club representatives.

**4. Approval of TVA General Membership Meeting Minutes**

The general membership minutes of 7 March 2020 were emailed to each president and therefore not read during the meeting. There were no corrections. A motion was made by Ellen Ott to approve the minutes. John Bohnert seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**5. Officers' reports**

- a. Vice President, Donnie King: Due to increased work schedule, he was absent from the meeting and submitted brief comments for the meeting packet. He is unable to attend most walk events and is trying to maintain the Southwest region website and wants to have clubs continue to send him information. There was a suggestion that he just participate in YREs as he may not be able to participate in traditional events.
- b. Treasurer, Michael Marke: For additional details, refer to documents that were sent by email before the meeting. For the year ended 31 December 2020:
  1. Total revenue was \$251.50.
  2. Total expenses were \$298.75.
  3. Net revenue was minus \$47.25
  4. Total in checking account was \$2,072.90
  5. Total in Money Market fund was \$7,432.37
  6. Total funds were \$9,505.27.
  7. The TVA took over YREs in the Rio Grande Valley from the deactivating McAllen club in September 2020 and no revenue was received from them until very late in the year. The TVA paid some past due AVA invoices for the McAllen club. The budget reflects last year's deactivation of the McAllen club and this year's announced deactivation of the Kerrville club.
  8. TVA budget for fiscal year ending 30 June 2022 was presented to members. There was discussion about including an amount for the silent auction at the AVA convention. The current budget, ending 30 June 2021, has \$700 available for convention expenses, of which some could be used for the silent auction, because Susan Medlin plans to pay out of pocket for the convention.

9. A motion was made by Gerald Kamicka to approve the budget. Ellen Ott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

c. TVA Webmaster, David Sheppard: Nothing to report at the meeting. Remarks from the packet: he renewed the website for another year. Total costs including security certificate, site hosting, and name registration was \$188.66. There was discussion of possibly combining the TVA and Southwest region websites.

## **6. Election of TVA Officers**

d. David Roberts nominated himself for President in advance of the meeting. There were no other nominees from the floor. Ellen Ott closed nominations. A vote was held to unanimously elect David Roberts as president

e. Andy Thomas was nominated for a second term as secretary in advance of the meeting. There were no other nominees from the floor. A vote was held to unanimously elect Andy Thomas as secretary.

## **7. Special Program Reports**

a. El Camino Real de los Tejas, Susan Medlin, Chair: 44 books sold, 14 books completed. Profit is \$163.37

b. Historical Markers, Ellen Ott, Chair: Books sold: 86 and books completed: 44. Program had total expenses of \$275 and total revenue of \$860 for a profit of \$585.

f. Walk Texas, Ellen Ott, Chair: Books sold: 52 and books completed: 18

g. Texas Coastal Cities and Rio Grande Valley, Kathy Schwencke, Chair: 19 books sold, no books completed. \$190 total profit.

## **8. National Update, Sammy Hunnicutt, SWRD**

a. The Southwest Region was the biggest contributing region to the 2020 Big Give, contributing a total of \$17,758.54.

b. AVA is holding a special virtual membership meeting on Zoom in March to approve bylaws changes, which is needed to be in legal compliance with Texas incorporation laws.

c. Planning continues for the 2021 AVA convention in Madison, Wisconsin, but COVID-19 continues to be a concern. The state and city have not reopened enough yet and the AVA board will meet in March to consider options.

d. The AVA moved its headquarters to 1008 S. Alamo in the King William District which has an active walking community so it will be more visible. In addition, the laser printing operation will be located at The Neighborhood Place at 3014 Rivas on the West Side of San Antonio in a former elementary school, co-located with a number of other non-profits. The laser printer can be used for projects with at-risk children and the AVA may have some grant opportunities.

e. A new prospective club is forming in the Golden Triangle region of Southeast Texas.

## **9. Special Reports**

a. World Heritage Festival Update, Susan Medlin: There were 143 walkers at the virtual event in September 2020. The 2021 walk is scheduled for 11 September and hopefully won't need to be virtual. Planning will begin soon

b. San Antonio IML Update, Susan Medlin, President, Texas Trail Roundup: The 2021 IML was canceled due to COVID-19. The 2022 event is scheduled for 18-21 February with planning under way, and hopeful that COVID will be out of the way by then.

c. Louisiana Parish Update, Helen Hull, President, East Texas Trekkers: Helen was absent, but Susan Medlin said roughly 12-15 attended the walks during Martin Luther

King weekend and a group dinner, and encouraged members to do the YRES if they missed the group walks.

- d. Ruidoso, N.M.: Sun Country Striders holding big event in April 2022.
- e. 2023 Olympiad, Susan Medlin: The IVV awarded this to the AVA so it is our chance to shine. To be held in February. Mon-Tue-Wed Olympiad, then a Thursday AVA business meeting, instead of an AVA convention that year, then Fri-Sat-Sun IML Texas Trail Roundup. Susan asked for anyone who has been to a previous Olympiad to give their input about what they liked and didn't like.

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## **10. Old Business**

Update on 2020-21 New Year's Eve walks: Attendance was greatly affected by near-freezing temperatures, strong wind, and mixed precipitation on New Year's Eve. The Cross Mountain walk had 10 walkers on December 31 daytime. The Pilgrimage walk had six walkers on Dec. 31 evening. The Cemeteries walk had 18 walkers on January 1 with sunny but cold weather. There was discussion about whether to hold the 2021-22 walks in Fredericksburg or another location. For the best turnout, the event should be held geographically central to reduce driving distance or where we have more volksmarchers. The San Antonio clubs will look at possibly holding the events in downtown San Antonio, and this may lead to the TVA holding a vote by email.

## **11. New Business**

- a. Selection of meeting site for the next TVA meeting in November 2021: Susan Medlin suggested offering it to the Colorado River Walkers, since they were scheduled to host the November 2020 meeting which was canceled. Carol said they would like to have it in either Round Rock or Pflugerville and they will hold a walk while the TVA will find a hotel for the meeting. Susan suggested for February 2022 meeting that it could be hosted by the new club forming in the Golden Triangle.
- b. TVA table at AVA convention: Ellen Ott offered to man it.
- c. SWRD position: Sammy Hunnicutt decided not to run for a second term. If no one comes forward to fill the position, the Southwest Region will be merged into another region.

## **12. Final announcements**

AVA awards: If clubs want awards in the convention awards booklet, they should be sent to Sammy Hunnicutt by 24 February. Susan can help with referencing who was previously given awards in the 2019 convention.

## **13. Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Andy Thomas