

**TEXAS VOLKSSPORT ASSOCIATION
AAA-TX
TVA General Membership Meeting Minutes
28 February 2022
Virtual Meeting
Via Zoom**

1 Secretary note: Andy Thomas

An in-person meeting was scheduled for 5 February 2022 at the Inn of the Hills in Kerrville, but could not be held due to inclement weather and likely lack of quorum.

2 Call to order: TVA President, David Roberts

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President David Roberts.

3 Determination of quorum present: TVA Secretary, Andy Thomas

Fourteen of 22 clubs were represented. The requirement for a quorum was met.

4 Introduction/Opening Comments: TVA President, David Roberts

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

5 Approval of TVA General Membership Meeting Minutes

The general membership minutes of 13 November 2021 were emailed to each club and therefore not read during the meeting. There were no corrections. A motion was made by John Bohnert to approve the minutes. Gerald Kamicka seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6 Officers' reports

- a. Vice President, Jill Troyer: Nothing to report.
- b. Treasurer, Michael Marke: For additional details, refer to revised documents that are attached with the minutes. For the 6 months ending 31 December 2020:
 1. Total revenue was \$195.71
 2. Total expenses were \$150.00. Largest expense was \$100 for AVA Big Give.
 3. Net revenue was \$45.71
 4. Total in checking account was \$1,923.20
 5. Total in Money Market fund was \$7,499.10
 6. Total funds were \$9,422.30
 7. Dues statements for TVA dues for FYE 06-30-2022 were due no later than July 31, 2021. The statements were sent to the clubs in June 2021, and some clubs paid their dues prior to June 30, 2021. The dues for those clubs were recorded as FYE 06-30-2021 revenue and will result in a shortfall of FYE 06-30-2022 revenue.
 8. Audit committee met on 12 February in San Antonio. Members were Ellen Ott, Suzanne Markgraf, and Siba Spencer. Ellen could not participate much due to being involved with coinciding walk event. Suzanne and Siba reviewed TVA finances and did not find any problems. They have both given their approval.

9. Later in the meeting, the budget was brought up for approval. Gerry Kamicka recommended increasing "Event Supplies" from \$330 to \$500 because the hotel for the next meeting may charge as much as \$180 for the meeting room. The deficit would increase to \$170. A motion was made by Gerald Kamicka to approve the budget incorporating this revision. Mike Schwencke seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. There is no money budgeted for sending a representative to the AVA convention because the AVA is not having a normal convention (see paragraph 9.f)
- c. TVA Webmaster, David Sheppard: The TVA website registration has been renewed. Nothing else to report
- d. Southwest Region Webmaster, Donnie King: Not present.

7 Special Program Reports

- a. El Camino Real de los Tejas and Texas Hill Country Challenge, Susan Medlin, Chair: Susan reported selling one book since the last meeting but was unable to say which program it was from.
- b. Historical Markers and Walk Texas, Ellen Ott, Chair: Not present
- c. Texas Coastal Cities and Rio Grande Valley, Kathy Schwencke, Chair: One book sold since last meeting for a total of 21 books sold, one book completed.

8 National Update, Helen Hull, SWRD

- a. Seasonal walks are being sanctioned in some Texas counties that have been requested along the Red River. Texas Wanderers are adding Pittsburg and possibly one more. Texas County Walkers are adding Greenville, Bonham, Gainesville, Henrietta, Vernon, Graham, Decatur, and Bowie. There are still certain counties that need to have walks for those who are trying to complete their Texas county walking program, so some of the "graduations" may be delayed into 2023. There may be a 2-3 day traveling group walk series similar to the MLK Weekend Louisiana walks.
- b. Paid Participant Sanction Fee (PPSF) is an option for YRE sanctioning that eliminates the usual sanction fees but instead the AVA charges the club an extra \$1.00 per participant. It is intended for walks that have few participants or are located a long distance from the club's city. The club must notify the regional director to request changing a YRE to PPSF, before submitting the sanction, and the RD has to do this change before approving the sanction. This must be done every year.

9 Special Reports

- a. Louisiana Parish Update, Helen Hull, President, East Texas Trekkers: About 24-25 walkers attended the walks each day over MLK weekend. There are eight parish YREs in eastern Louisiana, plus a traditional walk in Mississippi. One of the attendees was a new walker who now wants to start a county walk program in Alabama. Later, Tater Tours came with 48 people to do 7 of the parish walks and 2 Mississippi walks.
- b. Ruidoso, N.M., Helen Hull, SWRD: Sun Country Striders are holding a walk fest in April with 7 seasonal walks, one traditional walk, and two YREs. Helen is also starting a new county program for New Mexico and sold out of her initial printing of books and had to print more. There are four county YRE walks in eastern New Mexico for this year.
- c. A new program has started called the Charley Pride Challenge, using several existing YREs and adding a few new ones. It has a total of 14 walks between San Antonio and Phoenix, Arizona. New walks in Texas were sanctioned in Del Rio, Lamesa, and Sanderson. Program will continue through 2023.

- d. San Antonio IML Update, Susan Medlin, President, Texas Trail Roundup: The 2022 IML event was held on 18-20 February. Susan thanked volunteers and clubs for their support. There were 170 participants from 7 countries.
- e. 2023 Olympiad, Susan Medlin, AVA Vice Chair: The 2021 IVV Olympiad, which was postponed to October 2022, was to be held in South Korea, but has now been canceled. Susan said this is good news for the San Antonio event scheduled only a few months later as Asian participants in South Korea's events if held, might not want to come here. Volunteers needed from all clubs so that San Antonio clubs do not get burned out during the weeklong event. There will be an online signup. Olympiad is Feb. 19-23, 2023 and IML is Feb. 24-26, 2023. At least 8 tour groups among participants.
- f. AVA National Convention, Susan Medlin: Due to the Olympiad, there is no normal convention in 2023. There will be an in-person business meeting in San Antonio on the afternoon of Feb. 24, and later in the year there will be an electronic meeting. Helen Hull said she thinks the national officers will be elected at that time.

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10 Old Business

- a. Eclipse walks: There was not much of an update. Hotels in Kerrville and Fredericksburg don't allow registration more than 1 year in advance, and eclipse is in April 2024. Ellen spent some funds, roughly \$60, for eclipse glasses and wants reimbursement. David Roberts approved reimbursement from "Event Supplies". Request for up to \$1,000.00 can be added to the FY 2023 or 2024 budget at a later date.
- b. In the November 2021 meeting there were questions about what the AVA insurance covers at walk events. Henry Rosales has answered that there are two parts to the insurance. General liability covers club officers and the event location if they requested to be on the insurance, to protect from lawsuits. Medical rider covers participants who may get injured but only if they don't have insurance or exhausted their insurance. Coverage is \$10,000 with \$100 deductible. Also they have to be a member of AVA or club. Several people disagreed saying that people paying the walk fee and signing the waiver should be covered.
 - Post-meeting note: David Roberts asked Henry Rosales to clarify whether non-members are not covered. Henry responded: "Yes that is correct, "non-members" (not a member of an AVA club or AVA Associate member) are not covered by the medical rider."
- c. As discussed in the November 2021 meeting, the next meeting in November 2022 is being planned for Sulphur Springs. Gerry Kamicka is planning to research the area further and may move it to one of the other towns in that area.

11 New Business

No new business

12 Miscellaneous Business

(This was discussed very early, during the roll calling). The TVA was chosen as a grand prize winner in the AVA Big Give, and the prize was a certificate valid for a free registration to the Olympiad and IML in 2023. The TVA held a random drawing from the member clubs and Houston Happy Hikers was drawn. Club president Catherine Kellner was asked to let David know if she wanted to have the certificate.

- Post meeting note: The Houston Happy Hikers did accept the AVA Big Give prize and the prize has been mailed to the club.

13 Final announcements

- a. Barbara Piersol with the San Marcos River Walkers said the two YREs that start at the activity center have been unavailable since November due to flooding and repairs at the start point. The reopening date keeps getting delayed but is currently expected in April. Walkers can contact her and arrange to meet her to register before the building reopens. A few people from out of state who came for the IML event did that.
- b. David Roberts, president of Volkssportverein Friedrichsburg, asked for volunteers to assist with the Llano walk on March 12.
- c. David Roberts said the recording of the Zoom meeting would be available upon request.

14 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Andy Thomas