

VOLKSSPORT ASSOCIATION OF BC

Minutes of Board Meeting
Saturday, January 30, 2010
Held at the home of Kaye Farmer
2426 Sutton Road, Victoria, BC

Present: Beverley Cattrall, President
Jim Carfra, Vice-President
Ethel Hansen, Past President
Joan Sanderson, Treasurer and Materials Manager
Brenda Dudfield, Secretary
Kaye Farmer, Sanctions Coordinator

- 1 Meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm
- 2 The Agenda was approved with the addition of Walk BC, under Old Business and YRE Location Appreciation Certificates, under New Business.
- 3 Brenda summarized the minutes of the October 4, 2009 meeting, and they were approved as circulated.

4 Reports:

a **President:**

- i IVV: Beverley reported that she has been asked by Benoît Pinsonneault, CVF President, to represent CVF on a delegation to China to investigate the possibility of them hosting an Olympiad, and also to present a paper on Environmental Assessment, at a Walking Forum in Beijing in March. She has willingly accepted, and there will be no cost to either CVF or VABC.
- ii CVF: Benoît is looking for members' input regarding the proposed IVV changes to the Rules, especially to the addition of checkpoints at 5 km intervals. We felt this is unnecessary, makes more work, involves more volunteers and would belittle the integrity of the walkers. We wondered why this was suggested, and what the rationale behind it was.

The rewards system was also discussed. The suggestion, which we cannot fully understand, was not a simplification of the system. We all felt we should keep the system as it is, but have fewer distance awards, and have a patch, pin or certificate, but not all three. We felt the souvenir booklets were unnecessary. Distance walked means more to walkers than Events, as more the higher-level books are being sold, so we felt one book would be enough.

Beverley to send a letter to CVF expressing VABC's opinion.

- iii The CVF celebrates its 25 anniversary in 2012, and Beverley has volunteered to be on the committee.
- iv We looked at the CVF last financial statement with its surplus, thanks to the \$5 per member levy.

MOTION made by Jan, Seconded by Ethel. Given the fact that the CVF anticipates a surplus of funds for the 2009 year, we MOVE that the Individual Member Fee, established at the AGM in April 2007, be reviewed and, if possible, reduced.

CARRIED

This motion to be submitted by Beverley to CVF for inclusion at the upcoming AGM.

- v CVF Volunteer Awards, Beverley has sent the information out to Clubs for their nominations.
- vi VABC Clubs: We discussed the Kimberley Volksmarch Club which currently has two members. President Jim Webster has submitted the necessary dues and wishes to keep the Club open. The Seasonal Event last year had 3 walkers. Financial assistance has been offered in the past, but not accepted.

MOTION: It was MOVED by Kaye, Seconded by Jim, that VABC offer financial support to Kimberley Volksmarch Club for 2010 to a maximum of \$165.00. CARRIED

MOTION: Jan Moved, Seconded by Brenda, that accompanying the financial offer, the VABC Board would appreciate some feed back as to the future of the Kimberley Volksmarch Club.

Brenda to write a letter on the Board's behalf.

Garden City Wanderers Volkssport Club and the Juan de Fuca Pathfinders Volkssport Club are having discussions regarding a merger, which would need to be voted on by Club members.

- b **Vice-President:** Jim reported that the Government is inviting input from Societies with a view to updating The Society Act and particularly from those groups which find the present wording is creating difficulties. Mostly such changes involve large societies but it is his view that the current Act is working fine for us so we need not propose any legislative reforms. If and when a new Act is proclaimed, we will need to review it to see if it impacts on us.

- c **Treasurer:** Joan gave us a run down of VABC's financial situation. There are still some outstanding income and expenses to be accounted for before the Financial Report is ready to be given at the AGM.
- d **Materials Manager:** Joan reported that most Clubs are returning their green Event books, and she sells mostly the higher-level Distance books.
- e **Secretary:** Brenda had nothing to report.
- f **Past President:** Ethel had nothing to report as Past President.
- g **Web Site:** Ethel reported that "Front Page" used on the web site was a mistake to go to this year. It is expensive and needs to be more user-friendly. It is easier to transfer data from a Word document. We appreciate Ethel's willingness to continue.
- h **VolkssportingBC:** We felt that Jan did a great a job preparing this year's edition. It was a challenge to keep it to 28 pages, as well as keep it as slim and sleek as possible. Although, she did contact those who had previously advertised, Jan said she didn't push for advertising mainly due to keeping the number of pages down. We had 750 copies made this year, for \$650. There is some incorrect information, and updates are done when advised. It can be easily re-printed if more copies are required. A .pdf version is to be sent to the CVF Directors by Beverley.
- i **Sanctions:** Kaye reported that she has finalized the 2009 events. There were 122 Events with a total participation of 4,255. There was a total participation of 9,306 in YREs, 763 fewer than 2008. For 2010, 13 fewer Events have been sanctioned than in 2009, but this will probably increase. YREs are identical. We felt that it would be interesting if CVF published figures for all of Canada.

Kaye has since checked the CVF 2008 figures:
Total Scheduled Events - Canada - 455;
Total Scheduled Events - BC - 113 = 25%;
Participation in Scheduled Events - Canada - 15,062
Participation in Scheduled Events - BC - 3,591 = 23%
Total YREs - Canada - 277
Total YREs - BC - 86 = 31%
Participation in YREs - Canada = 32,392
Participation in YREs - BC - 10,069 = 31%

- 5 **Old Business:**
 - a Mail-in Registrations: Beverley reported she has received enquires from walkers.
 - b Walk BC: in the interest of time, Beverley said she would email a proposal.

- 6 **New Business:**
- a VABC AGM: Beverley wanted to thank Verni Brown, Vancouver 'Venturers, for all the work she has had to do on the walks, due the City of Richmond critiquing the route. We all felt the Open Meeting should be held for ½ hour prior to the actual Annual General Meeting. There would not be a group lunch, but walkers can find lots of places to eat in Steveston
 - b **Nominations:** Ethel reported that the incumbents for the positions of Vice-President; Treasurer; Materials; and Sanctions are willing to run again. We still need someone for Publicity and Web Site Coordinator.
 - c **VABC 20th Anniversary:** Beverley showed the Certificate of Incorporation, signed on 20 November 1990. It was decided to have to celebration cake at the AGM. Brenda will arrange to have one made.
 - d **Walk Fees:** Beverley felt that the fees need to be consistent. Sign-in sheets for VABC and Director Walks have been re-designed.
 - e **Appreciation Certificates:** Brenda reported she had seen a framed Certificate of Appreciation by the Walk Box in Fairhaven, Bellingham, USA, presented by the NW Tulip Trekkers Volkssport Club. She thought it was a good idea that start locations be recognized and that it should be a CVF initiative. She showed a couple of samples. It was decided that the Clubs would be asked at the AGM, if this is something they would like to do.
- 7 **Next Meeting:** There would be a short meeting following the AGM, the following one to be determined.
- 8 The meeting was adjourned by MOTION from Jim, seconded by Kaye, at 4:02 pm.

Brenda Dudfield
Secretary

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