

VABC Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, September 13, 2003
Location: Millstone Eatery, Nanaimo

Present: Ethel Hansen, Kaye Farmer, Albena Howie, and Sheila Dawe.
Time meeting started: 1700 hrs (5:00 pm)

OLD BUSINESS:

- Vice President: Sheri Derby has accepted the position
- BC Walking Cup: Finalisation of Program.
- Name: Change to Walk BC: This was accepted.
- Number of clubs: It was decided that to complete the book one must walk all the active clubs (note active upon submission of the book). Thus "fifteen" was changed to "each active club".
- Presentation of the book: It was agreed that the books should be sent to the VABC official address. It was decided that 65 lb. Weight paper will be used for the books. The color will be antique golden rod. We will order 2000 copies at \$168.71.
- Presentation of Certificate: Sheila presented a certificate. It was generally accepted except for some changes. They were noted and will be corrected.
- Presentation of pin and patch awards: Ethel presented for Dave. It was discussed and decided that the pin and patch will be available for \$4 each, which is at cost.
- Michael Tauber (TS Computer Services) meeting:
Ethel met with Michael from TS Computer Services. He wants pictures of the Board of Directors for the website. He prefers a photo with a light background. Navigata sponsored us but they notified Michael that the funding was withdrawn. We acquired a domain name at a cost of \$53.50 and thought it would be the only fee this year. Then we received a bill of \$213.49 from Navigata. After some discussion the bill was negated and Navigata is once again sponsoring us. Ethel wrote a letter thanking Navigata. Ethel will be sending a letter thanking Michael for his valued help. Michael feels we should be selling more advertising. All agreed that Michael is doing a great job for us.
- Victoria International Walking Festival meeting: Ethel met with Don Evoy, Jim Carfra, and Cathy Sleeva. For individuals the cost has been changed from \$20 to \$18 for 3 days participation (note extra costs for marathon and ultramarathon participation). There will be once again a group rate discount of 15%. To qualify the group must be a minimum of 10 people, register as a group, and must wear some identifying clothing for all 3 days – note discount only eligible if participating in all 3 days.
- There will be prizes for the largest group and prizes for the largest Volkssporting group. Due to financial situations they may or may not be able to donate to VABC but they will still be buying an ad. They will be placing an insert for the Spring Walks. Clubs are able to have a table and display at the start/finish building. They are changing the location this year from the Victoria Curling Club to the Archie Browning Center in Esquimalt.
- Website coordinator: Jan Gavel has stepped down but will continue on the Board.
- Wine Country Walkers: They are officially inactive. They haven't paid their fees and there was difficulty getting their walk boxes operating. They had a week to respond to numerous e-mails and no response. Gilberte Bourk Jones will look after the walk boxes in Oliver and Penticton. The VABC will sponsor the walks as YRE's next year.
- Port Alberni Club: Ethel met with 6 people from the community. They seemed quite keen. But she has not been able to maintain any contact since.
- Quality of walks: Jan did a report which Ethel read. Jan recommends access on the website to include guidelines to setting up walks and a directive. She is willing to set this up. Also suggested are comment cards in the walkboxes. In general it is believed that the B.C. walks are of good quality.

New Business:

- Support for VABC Convention: Kaye Farmer recommended that \$100 sponsorship from the VABC to the hosting club. It was agreed that a maximum cap of \$100 for room rental with proof of cost would be paid by VABC to the host club. The sanction fee for the walks will be either reimbursed or the VABC will sanction them up front.
- Post CVF Convention Tour: There will be 9 walks on Vancouver Island. They need a minimum of 30 people. The CVF Convention Committee has requested the VABC to sponsor them for advertising. It was passed that the magazine advertising will be free. The VABC will pay for the website advertising under the condition that both VABC and Michael Tauber be acknowledged for the sponsorship.
- VABC constitution and bylaws: Ethel distributed the current constitution to be read by the directors and to advise her if there are any necessary changes needed to be made. Ethel also handed out 4 pages – 3 of which are how the bylaws are at present and the 4th is a more modern version in wording and style. She asked the present board to review these documents and respond to her within a week.
- Mount Hope: has become inactive. The YRE will be looked after by Mount Cheam. The present business that was housing the walk box has been sold so the start location will be changing.
- Lines of communications: Kaye Farmer stated that advertising for group YRE's should not come through her. It should go to Sheri and/or the website coordinator.
- Washington State Pathfinders: Kaye Farmer pointed out that this bimonthly publication is posting a number of B.C. walks and that we should send them a thank you letter.

Next meeting is TBA in December.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.