

VOLKSSPORTING ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Saturday April 19, 2009

Archie Browning Sport Centre

1151 Esquimalt Road, Victoria (Esquimalt), V9A 3N6

ATTENDANCE:

Board Members: Ethel Hansen, Joan Sanderson, Kaye Farmer, and Brenda Dudfield

Voting Members:

Comox Gracier Wanderers	Shirley Wallis (Proxy)
Victoria "Y"	Carol Halvorson
Garden City Wanderers	David Cattrall
Juan de Fuca Pathfinders	Ed Kucey
Vancouver 'Venturers	Verni Brown
Surrey Trekkers	Brenda Dudfield
Mid Island	Ethel Hansen (Proxy)

Observing attendees: Peg MacMillan; Rod MacMillan; Judy Haynes; Hazel Dunham; Jean-Claude Dompierre; Helene Dompierre; John Lewis; Janet Lewis; Beverley Cattrall; Frank Dudfield; Ron Pitts; Ted Wallis

1 CALL TO ORDER: 2:45 pm

- a) Moment of Silence was observed for four people who were instrumental in keeping the CVF, VABC and Clubs going.
- b) Verification of attendance confirmed with 7 out of 10 Clubs represented.

2 AGENDA

- a) Addition to Revised Agenda - addition of Secretary's report.
- b) Adoption of Agenda - motion by Carol Halvorson, seconded by Verni Brown. Carried

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- a) Approval of Minutes - Corrections were noted.
Change of date of previous AGM minutes to 2007 (from 2006) and motion to approve minutes was made by Ed Kucey (removal of the name Len).
MOTION to approve the Minutes was made by Ed Kucey and Seconded by Shirley Wallis - Carried
- b) Business arising from the Minutes - There was none.

4 REPORTS

- a) President: Ethel's full report is attached. Ethel added that the improved Data Collection Forms made the job easier and that she would still be doing the 2010 Events, with the deadline from Clubs being July 15, 2009. She is shortly going to send Clubs forms for renewal and completion. The Phoenix weekend was fantastic and she thanked the organizers for hosting the walks and for arranging the AGM. Ethel thanked the Board Members for their assistance in making the job easier.

- b) Vice-President: No Report.
- c) Treasurer: Joan's report is attached.
MOTION was made by David Cattrall, seconded by Ed Kucey that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. CARRIED
- d) Secretary: Brenda Dudfield reported that as the only Mainland Board Member she collects and distributes Volkssporting BC to members, the YRE boxes and carries them to walks in the USA. She was instrumental in obtaining Volkssporting BC advertising from New Balance after an absence of a couple of years and from Kintec Footlabs who offer \$20 off sales in their 8 stores.
- e) Materials Manager: Joan's report is attached. Joan mentioned that book sales are down and that green books are not selling, with Clubs returning them for exchange for the higher credits.
- f) Sanction Coordinator: Kaye continues doing a great job with the sanctioning and statistics - the reports are attached.
- g) Web site Coordinator: No report
- 5 CLUB REPORTS:
- VICTORIA "Y": Carol Halvorson reported the Club would celebrate their 20th anniversary in October, with special different walks. They have 37 members. They usually have one walk a month and 5 YREs, the club is included in the integrated South Vancouver Island schedule and are an active club.
- VANCOUVER 'VENTURERS': Verni Brown reported her membership was at 40, down a few; there is a slim executive, no President, or Vice, they need more Club members to help rather than walk; they had 9 map walks and 5 YREs; do 4 newsletters a year; have a joint schedule with Surrey Trekkers. Thanks to the Surrey Trekkers for supporting VVVC walks. Verni explained there would be a Special Volkssport Challenge in honour of the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, running from January 1 to April 30, 2010 with two map walks and the six YREs in Vancouver, Richmond, Surrey and Whistler that go past Olympic venues. Cost would be \$2.00 for the programme book, which would cover the cost of printing and supplying an appropriate Certificate at the end of the Challenge.
- SURREY TREKKERS: Brenda Dudfield reported their membership was at 91 at the end of the year and presently at 76. The Unmarathon was changed to June from August, which brought a few more walkers and some from Washington State. The Club is sponsoring 25 Map Walks this year, plus the four unmarathon walks. The walks this year have been well attended. The January 3 walk was

postponed due to excess snow, which could have been unsafe for walkers. This will be rescheduled. The Club continues their Wednesday afternoon walks in the winter, and Thursday evening walks in the summer rotating through the YREs. They were lucky to secure www.surreytrekkers.com website. Membership fee is \$15.00 per member. An email is sent out weekly informing Clubs members of the upcoming walks. There were two newsletters put out last year. Kintec Footlabs put on a presentation "How to stay active on your feet, for life" about shoes and orthotics, with a tour of their fabrication plant, which was attended by 24 members and friends. Brenda also mentioned the Olympic programme.

JUAN DE FUCA: Ed Kucey reported they have 12 YREs, 3 of which are for VABC. They hold 1 or 2 Maps walks a month. There are 6 on the Executive Committee; they need help. The Club supports Garden City and Victoria "Y" Clubs.

GARDEN CITY: David Cattrall reported their membership is at 100, down from last year, mainly due to the 'head tax' with people only joining one club. The Club is strong with 22 events and the new YRE at Pearkes Rec Centre. They have also implemented the second Round and Long Distance Walk in Canada from Broadmead, with 7 different routes totalling 80 km for \$5.00 for all walks. So far 44 books have been sold. The Club works closely with the other Clubs for the South Vancouver Island calendar. An email is sent out each week to members in the Lower Island. Funds are in good shape. The Phoenix Festival still uses the Victoria International Walking Society title and is contributed to by the three clubs. There were an estimated 700 - 800 walks done in total, with about 350 individuals participating. Great. Thanks to everyone for their help and encouragement.

COMOX GLACIER WANDERERS: Shirley Wallis reported they have 67 members and their yearly dues are \$10.00 because of the 'head tax'. They have 16 events and 5 YREs. The Club is doing OK. Walkers who don't stamp will throw in a dollar.

MID ISLAND: No report.

6 ELECTIONS:

In the absence of Past President, Manfred Koestlmaier, Ethel conducted the Elections.

Nominations were received for President, Secretary, Director - Editor of Volkssporting BC, but not for Director/Web Coordinator, or Director/Publicity and Marketing. There were no nominations from the floor. The following were acclaimed:

- a) President: Beverley Cattrall - Ethel thanked her for agreeing to stand.
- b) Secretary: Brenda Dudfield
- c) Director/Editor of Volkssporting BC - Janet Lewis

Positions vacant:

- d) Director/Web Coordinator
- e) Director/Publicity and Marketing

7 NEXT MEETING:

Verni, on behalf of Vancouver 'Venturers, offered to coordinate the next AGM on the Mainland on Saturday April 17, 2010 in the Richmond community of Steveston. She suggested the Director's walk on Saturday morning, followed by the AGM in the PM. On Sunday, walkers could do the Olympic Challenge with a group YRE in the AM and PM.

8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Ethel requested a MOTION to change the signing authority at the TD/Canada Trust Bank to include new president Beverley Cattrall. MOTION was made by Verni Brown, that the signing officers for the organization be: Beverley Cattrall (Porter), Joan Sanderson and Brenda Dudfield. Seconded by David Cattrall.
CARRIED

Kaye said she had worked with Ethel for at least six years on the VABC Board and seen first hand what work Ethel has done. BC has benefited by having Ethel on the CVF Board. Ethel's retirement will be a big loss to all of Canada, as she attempted to speak on behalf of BC Clubs. CVF is for all of Canada and she worked not just for BC but what was best for everyone. Ethel worked well with Kaye on the sanctioning and made the job easier. She has left some big shoes to fill. Kaye presented Ethel with a plant, with thanks from all of us.

Ethel thanked Kaye and said that she enjoyed working in BC and enjoyed the organization, which works well together. She enjoyed meeting walkers and being included in activities.

9 ADJOURNMENT:

Ed MOVED adjournment of the meeting at 3:25 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Brenda Dudfield
Secretary