

Volkssporting Association of British Columbia

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

3:30 pm, Saturday, April 8, 2006

Quality Inn (formerly known as Bayside Oceanfront Inn and Resort)

240 Dogwood Street, Parksville

Attendance:

Board members: Ethel Hansen, Brenda Dudfield, Joan Sanderson, Kaye Farmer

Voting Members:

Bastion City Wanderers:	Ron Pitts
Comox Glacier Wanderers	Ted Wallis
Garden City Wanderers	Brenda Waksel
Juan de Fuca Pathfinders	Ed Kucey
Mid Lisland	Tom Constable
Mount Cheam	Lesley Slot
Peachland	Arne Roosen by proxy
Richmond Trailblazers	Verni Brown by proxy
Surrey Trekkers	Len Colebert
Vancouver 'Venturers	Verni Brown
Victoria "Y"	Jim Carfra

Observing attendees: Murray Farmer, Wendy Pratt, Gord Keeble, Pat Grove, Angela Pitts, Rilla Ballantyne, Peter Toft, Shirley Wallis, Jay Dempsey, Janet Dempsey, Frank Dudfield, Gisela Kibblewhite

1 CALL TO ORDER

- a) Moment of Silence was observed for walkers that have passed away in the last year, in particular Sheri Derby
- b) Verification of attendance confirmed - 11 out of 13 Clubs represented.

2 AGENDA

- a) Additions to agenda
Motion by Ted Wallis that the CVF should be asked to make a clear policy in writing about fees for walks, was made, but then withdrawn.
Motion by Arne Roosen, seconded by Brenda Waksel that a Letter of Reference be sent to Don and Heather Evoy and Anna and Ray McAnally
Carried
- b) Adoption of agenda as amended- Motion made by Tom Constable.

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- a) Approval of Minutes Motion was made by Len Colebert and seconded Verni Brown that the minutes be adopted as circulated. Carried
- b) Business arising from the Minutes - none

4 REPORTS

- a) President -
 - Ethel Hansen reported that Kimberley Volkssport Club has been reactivated, sponsoring a 6 month Seasonal Walk starting April 16 to

- October 15. Start point has yet to be determined.
 - Wine Country Volkssport Club has become inactive. The Penticton and Oliver walks are now VABC Director Walks. Arne Roosen and Gisela Kibblewhite are the contacts and trying to find new walkers.
 - Northern Lights Pacers Volkssport Club is also inactive. The Prince George walk continues as a VABC Director Walk.
 - VABC now has two Affiliate Members - Victoria International Walking Festival Society and Adventures BC Travel - they have all the privileges but no vote. Adventures BC run Elderhostel Programmes and are joining CVF and plan to sanction walks or work with existing Clubs.
 - A Director's Walk is also in Kamloops.
 - Ethel has a contact in Salmon Arm who is willing to set up a walk in the area and she will be wheeling it in the summer - would like to see walks along major traffic routes - Cranbrook, Creston. Walks here would support people coming to Kimberley. VABC would look after box requests, and is looking for people to look after the walks.
 - Highlights for the year as a CVF Director - new walking programmes have been initiated - Capital Cities - has to be in Victoria with the Legislature as a criteria; Lighthouses - implied a club could only have 1 walk, but can have any number, as long as a lighthouse can be seen; and the Winter Walking Programme to support more walks in the winter.
 - The issue of the increasing fees charged by another organization with which a Volkssport event is held, has been settled. There is no need to have CVF Board approval when the fundraising entry fee is increased. The advertising must state the other organization's fee in addition to the \$2.00 Club walk fee.
 - Event Stamps for Round and Long Distance Walks can now be taken more than once a year - one stamp for every 20 km.
 - Revision of Club Guidelines Document - IVV and CVF rules and regulations compared, as all electronic versions have been lost they have all had to be re-typed, including info how to organized a Club and run meetings. Suggestion made to have it produced as a .pdf file.
 - A Convention guideline - who pays for what, when, has been developed.
 - To encourage walking in BC the Elderhostel programme is planning two walks in September with two island clubs, the Okanagan Wine Festival and Lighthouse walks in 2007. Have a 20 to 40 passenger bus. The sanction fee would be paid and participants' fee included in their trip fee. Other suggestions were natural history trips, Othello Tunnels, Burns Bog, There would be an expert to talk about the area.
 - Nordic Walking - there is no provincial organization, but Volkssport would welcome their walkers.
 - Walks BC - those who have completed the book are encouraged to start again. Other programmes will be developed.
- As Editor of Volkssporting BC 1,800 copies were printed, increase of pages to 32 pages. Decreased cost because bids were received from Victoria and Nanaimo. Camosun College printed it at less cost and provided a good Product.

b) Treasurer - Apologies were sent by Albena Howie, but a detailed six page

financial report was handed out. Bank Balance at December 31, 2005 was \$1,056.67 in Canada Trust and \$5,40.34 in ING Direct. As BC Walk sanctioning is done by VABC, 25% of the fees comes back to VABC.

Moved by Jim Carfra that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Carried.
Albena has been Treasurer for 8 years, Moved by Ted Wallis, seconded by Verni Brown that a Letter of Thanks be sent, and if possible a CVF Award.

- c) Materials Manager - Joan Sanderson reported she sells the record books, pins and other miscellaneous items held on consignment from CVF. This past year she sold 626 books for a total of \$4,382 and pins etc for a total of \$94.40. Most of these items are sold at cost. At March 31, 2006, inventory on hand was \$3,031.15 which included \$2,800 in books. She also has an inventory owned by VABC which includes golf shirts, pins, arrows and Walk BC pins and patches. At March 31, 2006, inventory on hand was \$676.06.
- d) Sanction Coordinator - Kaye Farmer prepared and handed out 7 colourful pages of statistics. The sanctioning for 2006 went very smoothly with all Clubs providing her with the information, for which Kaye thanked everyone.
- e) Web site Coordinator - Ethel reported that we had to start paying for web hosting to Island Net.com. This process went to bids.
- f) Secretary - Brenda Dudfield reported that the Board held 2 meetings this year, and the minutes are emailed to Club presidents and are also posted on the web site.
The Walk BC programme has been completed by Ethel Hansen; Angela and Ron Pitts; Kaye and Murray Farmer; Leroy Wright; Shirley and Lloyd Ducher; Joan Sanderson; Pat Grove; Rick and Christine Desjardines; Lesley and John Slot; Gisela Kibblewhite; Arne Roosen; Brenda and Frank Dudfield and David Gardiner, all have received certificates.

Motion made by Verni Brown, seconded by Arne Roosen that the Club Reports be moved to the end after the elections. Carried

5 ELECTIONS

In the absence of Manfred Koestlmaier, Ethel asked for nominations three times for each position and the following were elected unanimously:

- a) Vice President - vacant
- b) Treasurer - Joan Sanderson
- c) Director / Sanction Co-ordinator - Kaye Farmer
- d) Director / Editor of Volkssporting BC - vacant
- e) Director / Materials Manager - Joan Sanderson
- f) Director / Web Co-ordinator - vacant
- e) Director / Publicity and Marketing - vacant

As the Treasurer has changed, the signatories on our TD/Canada Trust bank account have to be changed, it is necessary to formally appoint the new signing officers. The account requires two of the three to sign, therefore the new signing officers will be Ethel Hansen, Joan Sanderson and Brenda Dudfield.

8 NEXT MEETING

Verni Brown, Vancouver 'Venturers Volkssport Club offered her Club to host the next AGM in Vancouver. March 3 or 10, date to be decided by the Board.

9 CLUB REPORTS

Bastion City - Active, 6 YREs 25 map walks; Elderhostel in September; Spring Walks for 2007 have been set up with flyer and tour package available at CVF convention. 57 members.

Comox - 20th Anniversary in August with BBQ and inviting original members.

Garden City - 2007 CVF Convention plans going well; have Lighthouse and Capital City walks; evening and Monday morning walks; two community celebrations coming up in Oak Bay and Saanich; planning 100 K books; Walkfest for National Walk Day.

Juan de Fuca - small club, two big walks May 6, 32 km to Sooke and July 23, 20 km in Cowichan River.

Mid Island - 100 members; new walking bridge going in over Englishman River; have Soup and Buns party after walks in winter; two walks a week - Wednesday and alternative Saturday or Sunday; Pub night; St. Patrick's Night; fun activities; walk rally with quiz, social club; garage sale made \$600; Art in the Garden - members sell and a pot luck.

Peachland - 88 members - 3 are volksswalkers; socials; weekly walks Sunday afternoon 40 - 50 people; 5 km; pay \$1.00; average \$10 goes back to walkers for Christmas dinner; 2 YREs; Wednesday evening walks; hikes Saturday or Sunday a few walkers.

Surrey - Over 100 members; those involved lots of fun pub lunch after walks; Thursday evening walks in spring/summer; email distribution reminders for up coming events. Lots of help from members.

Richmond - Membership down; still carrying on with 5 YREs - Stanley Park has two lighthouses, trails route one; 7 map walks, one on a Gulf Island - August 26 hope people from island will come over; thanks to Surrey for supporting walks. Thomson Community centre walk proceeds to VABC.

Vancouver - 7 YREs - one lighthouse, a hike, not a walk, most not on trails as they can be very wet, 2 km in park, really nice houses with good views, worth it; Horseshoe Bay , proceeds to VABC; one of ten map walks will be in Gibsons; Linear walks - SkyTrain route and "Horseshoe Bay to the USA" based on local book, many years to complete at 2 a year, is a challenge for transportation. Thanks again xsto Surrey for their support.

Victoria "Y" - 32 members; Lighthouse and Capital City walks; 2007 doing older Walks for variety; Oak Bay with publicity more people showed up; Involved with Garden City for Oak Bay and Saanich Community events, hopes for a large group if they get publicity.

Mount Cheam - AGM in October 5 members; newsletter 2 times a year;
The CVF coloured brochure generated some interest; new walkers
won't go out of town; not joined after the 5 free walks; thanks to
Surrey and other walkers Club is still active; no new memberships \$20.00
single or family lifetime; 18 map walks; 5 YREs; Othello Tunnels
September 30 a one-day event with 2 events 7/14 km tunnels; 5/10 km
Hope town, BBQ lunch; financially stable and active.

10 OTHER BUSINESS

Len Colebert asked what happens when small clubs fold, wanted structured
policy about wrapping up an existing club and what happens to the money
and whether walks go to another Club. Ethel advised that in the By-Laws, the
money goes to VABC and there's no penalty for amalgamating clubs.

Ethel mentioned that New Balance no longer supports or sponsors CVF or AVA.
Clubs are still able to have promotions with local outlets.

Kaye Farmer spoke about Ethel's involvement as President of VABC and as such
Ethel sits on the CVF Board. Kaye is Secretary of CVF and observes how
Ethel works for BC Clubs in promoting good for all Clubs, she has endless
energy. It was Ethel who typed all the CVF/IVV Rules and Regulations.
Kaye offered a hearty thanks to Ethel for her role on CVF Board on behalf
of BC. All were in agreement.

Ethel asked all Clubs to send copies of their meeting minutes and wants to visit
Clubs, they just have to ask her. She thanked everyone and said she was
there to represent all clubs.

Verni Brown thanked the Board for their efforts.

11 ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Len Colebert and seconded by Arne Roosen.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Brenda Dudfield
Secretary to VABC

Following the meeting, Jim Carfra, Victoria "Y" offered to be Vice-President and the Board
members were in agreement. More discussions later as to his role.

Next Board meetings in October 2006 and then March 2007 in Vancouver.