

**Volkssporting Association of British Columbia**  
**Minutes of Directors' Meeting**  
held on Friday April 7, 2006  
home of Ethel Hansen, 4997 Lost Lake Road, Nanaimo, BC

In Attendance: President: Ethel Hansen  
Secretary: Brenda Dudfield  
Director - Sanction Co-ordinator: Kaye Farmer  
Director - Material Manage: Joan Sanderson  
Regrets: Past President: Manfred Koestlmaier  
Treasurer: Albena Howie  
Director - Web Co-Ordinator: Bruce Hawkes

Agenda was adopted.  
The minutes of meeting held September 25, 2005, approved.

**Old Business:** Ethel reported on

- 1 VABC Brochure - that Brenda Loveridge was designing it, glossy was cheaper \$490 for 1200, plus tax, matt \$520; .41 cents each; Discussions continue with the Running Room as a potential sponsor for the brochure.
- 2 Northern Lights - inactive - Chetwyn box is lost; could be a Director's walk with box in gas station/store or tourist bureau. Not worth it, no local interest.
- 3 Walk to Edmonton - Joan has organized and planned it; pick up people en route.

**New Business:**

Salmon Arm - a Volkswalker has contacted Ethel and is willing to look after the box, Ethel will check a route out in the summer. Would like to see more walks along Hwy. 1.

**Reports:**

President: Ethel gave a review of what was included in her annual report for the AGM for April 8, 2006:  
Club status: Kimberley still a member  
Wine Country, inactive - 1 yr. left on reactivated Club status, 1 yr. free  
Penticton & Oliver - VABC Director walks - still trying to get club going, but not under Don Grant.  
Two Affiliates - Victoria International Walking Festival, paid membership and Adventures BC Travel who is making bids for the Elderhostel Programme in BC.  
VABC Director Walks in Kamloops and Prince George.  
CVF: Walking Programmes - Lighthouse, Winter Walking, Capital Cities  
Co-sponsored walks with additional charge, no need to get Board sanction approval when charge is increased - needs to be made clear on advertising.

Long Distance and Round walks - event stamp for every 20 km completed;  
Revision of Club Guidelines Document - all CVF and IVV documents lost, Rules & Regulations had to be retyped. Will be put on CD or DVD and hard copy;  
Convention Document - who pays for what; who does what in the planning for the CVF annual convention;  
Next Board meeting in May.

Encouraging walking in BC - 19 completed the Walk BC Programme  
Elderhostel will be run on a trial project in September with two clubs - Garden City and Bastion City - Newcastle Island; a naturalist, Club sanction, encourage participants to take books and stamps and explain Volkssporting. 2007 Convention Tour. Okanagan Wine Walks - proposal with the Elderhostel also Burns Bog would get naturalists involved to discuss Natural History in the areas visited; Lighthouses; encourage clubs to assist.  
Nordic Walking Programme - an individual thing; they don't have provincial organization, but everyone is welcome at volksswalks.

Secretary: Brenda reported that the Board Minutes are posted on the Website and emailed to Clubs.

Treasurer: In Albena's absence, Ethel reported that the BC Magazine cost less, as we got quotes, went to the lowest bidder; \$7,926.15 is in an ING Account; \$1,147.13 in TD/Canada Trust Account; Total: \$9,073.28  
Albena has been Treasurer for 8 years, thanks to go from Ethel. Donation to Trans Canada Trail - 1 metre to be dedicated in her name. Also Nomination for CVF 5 year award.

Sanction Co-ordinator: Kaye described the report she had made up for the AGM.

Material Manager: Joan reported the Consignment inventory, books total \$4,382; has 626 books. VABC inventory of golf shirts, patches, Walk BC pins. Lighthouse books have to be purchased from Ottawa.

Web Co-ordinator: Ethel reported that Bruce Hawkes would not be continuing. We were getting free hosting, the Domain Name was paid for, and we also received a donation for hosting; we went out to bids and now with Island Net, costs more each year. Need a new Web Coordinator.

**Informal Session:** Ethel explained her idea for the session with attendees before the AGM 2:30 to 3:30pm, to find out the future directions for VABC. Wendy Pratt would speak about the CVF Convention in Victoria 2007. CVF Convention Motions have not been received - but expect mostly housekeeping to get CVF in line with IVV wording. Round and Long Distance walks added - one in Canada; Walk descriptions; Rules &

Regulations; and Snowshoe events.

New Balance has cancelled official sponsorship, all designation should be removed; \$2,740 yearly has gone, CVF in a deficit position.

Budget to be presented to Clubs to vote on.

Awards were discussed, pins; patches and certificates not necessarily wanted by walkers. It was suggested that books be \$5.00 and then extra paid for the awards - it is done in Germany.

**Elections: - Nominations** - Ethel reported in Manfred's absence

Vice President - no nominations

Treasurer - Albena not running, Joan Sanderson nominated

Sanction Co-ordinator - Kaye nominated to continue

Web Co-ordinator - Bruce not running - no nominations

Materials Manager - Joan nominated to continue

Editor Volkssporting BC - no nominations

Publicity and Marketing - no nominations

Ethel informed us that the Web Co-ordinator does not actually input anything on the Web, experience with Excel would be beneficial. Could be combined with Volkssporting BC - same job dealing with the layout for publication of events.

Plan for Saturday April 8, 2007 prior to the AGM in Parksville:

10:15 - 10:45 Registration for President's Walk Tigh Na Mara Resort

10:45 - 11:00 Nordic Pole demonstration

11:00 Walk

Try Nordic Poles after

1:30 Lunch at Bayside Quality Inn

2:30 - 3:30 Informal session

3:30 - 5:00 AGM

Bank Signatories: Ethel reported that as we had not taken Sheila Dawe, past Secretary from the list and the fact that Albena will not be continuing, it was necessary for us to appoint two new signatories for the bank. She had contacted the Bank and obtained a letter signed by Sheila that she was in agreement to remove herself and Albena from the account. The new Treasurer and Secretary will be added to the account with the President.

Respectfully submitted

Brenda Dudfield  
Secretary