

Volkssporting Association of British Columbia
Board of Directors Meeting
Peachland Community Center – 6th Street, Peachland, B.C.

Meeting started at 10:05 am.

Present: Manfred Koestlemair, Ethel Hansen, Joan Sanderson, Kaye Farmer, and Sheila Dawe

Accepted minutes motioned by Manfred Koestlemair.

Reports:

- 1.) Director/Website Coordinator: Bruce was unable to attend the meeting. He informed Ethel that he doesn't have an up to date program which will work with the job. He expressed interest in changing board positions but didn't submit anything either formally in writing or verbally.
- 2.) Director/Sanction Coordinator: Kaye presented several sheets of stats. There are fewer events sanctioned this year. Volkssporting participation is still on a decline. Kaye has been involved in collecting information of upcoming events and passing the information onto Ottawa. Last year the procedure changed and timing was an issue due to Ottawa being late in sending out the sanctioning forms. Kaye is interested in trying to organize collection of data from clubs in B.C. and then to pass it on to Ottawa. Kaye wants the sanction request forms. Ethel canvassed clubs and found that they want to edit information before it goes on to footpaths. Ethel has brought this up with Graham Fawcett, he seems to agree with the concept and it is a work in progress. The VABC magazine information must be to the printers by December 14th. Last year was very frustrating as money was sent to Ottawa instead of Kaye and she had to request that it be sent back to her before she could sanction the events. There needs to be changes so there is one source of information. We are looking at possible changes such as the letter that Graham sends out to clubs and the information gets out to the clubs sooner. We should get feedback from the clubs. We are trying something different this year and hope for improvements over last year. We must try to get the clubs to do less.
- 3.) Director/Materials Manager: Joan stated that they sold \$180 of sales at Victoria International Walking Festival for \$20 profit. There are only 5 golf shirts left. We discussed her old inventory of arrows and ribbon and decided to sell the arrows at 10 cents each.
- 4.) Financial Report: Alben was unable to attend but sent a 14 page document of the financial report. This year the VABC magazine went out for tender. There was a cost in distributing the VABC magazines. Postal costs for Kaye were high due to the tardiness of sanctioning from Ottawa and she had to send out the slugs via priority post. We still haven't received money from Ottawa for some of the sanctioning. In 2004 we had the expense of the purchased walk BC books, pins and badges. We will expect to have revenue from the badges and pins in the future. Alben has agreed to complete her 2 year term.
- 5.) Secretary report: Sheila stated that she does not intend to stay on as secretary but she is willing to continue with the issuing of the Walk BC certificates, pins and badges. It was discussed that the pins and badges need to be on the Materials Manager's inventory. It was agreed that she will send Joan an e-mail of the inventory that she has in her possession.
- 6.) Publicity and Marketing: Ethel presented the demonstration brochure that has been produced for promoting Volkssporting. It was agreed that 10 color copies (per each club) would be produced and distributed to each club. It will be a cost of \$200 to produce these copies. There is space on the back for local contact's information. The brochure will also be available on the website where presidents could access it and print copies for their club. Manfred pointed out that we should add the CVF logo and it was agreed. Brenda will continue to try to find sponsors to cover the cost of printing.
- 7.) Nominations: Manfred pointed out that none had been received. Brenda Dudfield expressed interest in becoming secretary and this nomination was made. Sheila Dawe expressed interest in becoming Director/Editor and was thus nominated. Ethel Hansen expressed interest in staying on as president and thus was nominated. It was then verified with all the board members in the middle of their terms that they would be willing to continue with their term: Alben Howie as Treasurer, Kaye Farmer as sanctions coordinato, and Joan Sanderson as Materials Manager.
- 8.) President's Report: Ethel stated that the bylaws process was very frustrating. 8 members voted at the AGM for 100% in favour. The government returned the request stating that we needed 75% of all members. Changes had to be made such as putting "borrowing" back into the bylaws. Ethel then sent

out the bylaws by e-mail vote. This was accepted by 14 / 15 clubs. On Nov. 1st/04 the Society Act changed and now they don't look at our bylaws. Societies are expected to conform. They did pass the changes but it took a whole year. Ethel has been involved with 3 other people on the CVF board of directors in making changes to the awards. She has also been involved in creating the new Lighthouse walks. There is a motion being submitted to make changes to the round and long distance walks. They are trying to change the guidelines, it will be revised and presented at the CVF AGM. Guidelines for keeping sign in sheets has been sent out to all the club presidents. Ethel was invited to and attended four club AGM's: Bastion City Wanderers, Garden City Wanderers, Mid-Island Volkssporting Club, and Victoria Y Volkssporting Club. She also attended a meeting with the Vancouver Island Recreation Corridor. They want to propose 4 different trails: walkers, bikers, horses, and ATVs. They wanted from Volkssporting financial support, this was discussed among the board and determined not to support them at this time. Thank you to Vancouver Venturers, Garden City Wanderers and Richmond Trailblazers for their donations to the VABC.

Old Business:

1. Walk BC books. It was determined that the board must be flexible as clubs possibly change. With Wine Country coming on this year but they might not stay in existence. Arne Roosen has been trying to get people involved. Rules for reactivating a Club were discussed. Peachland may be willing to take over the YRE's in Oliver and Penticton. Ethel posed the question of whether we want to just stop these two walks. It was discussed that the start location for Penticton will be changed from the Recreation Center due to poor hours of access (not open on weekends) and some minor money collection discrepancies. Kimberly has not sanctioned a walk this year and at the moment the club is in limbo.
2. Vancouver Island Recreational Corridor: Already discussed in the president's report. Refer to above.
3. Meter of Trans Canada Trail for departing Board Members: There was a motion passed at meeting in the past and therefore it stays standing until a new motion is presented.

New Business:

1. Collection of information for the sanction process: Already discussed in the Sanction Coordinator's report. See above.
2. Affiliate membership: Victoria International Walking Festival used to donate to the VABC. They could belong to the VABC under an affiliate membership. There was a motion posed that we request \$30 membership dues from VIWF as an affiliate membership of the VABC. This was motioned by Sheila Dawe and seconded by Joan Sanderson. It was passed by unanimous vote.
3. Agenda items for AGM: Ethel stated she wanted to add to "Other":
 - i. Collection of the sanctioning information.
 - ii. Brochure.
 - iii. Presentation of the past president pins.
4. Future directions: In the first year of Ethel's term she introduced the Walk BC books. In the second year the bylaws were changed. In the third year she is in the process of improving the way the information of the walks is collected. This year we would like to just improve on clubs flexibility. Ethel asked if we would be interested in School programs being involved in Volkssporting events.

Manfred Koestlemair moved to adjourn the meeting. Sheila Dawe seconded the motion. And it was passed. Meeting was adjourned at 12:35 pm.

Minutes respectively submitted,

Sheila Dawe
Secretary of VABC