

VABC Board of Director's Meeting
Oct 17, 2004

Location: Upper Deck Pub, Bayside Inn, Parksville.

Meeting started at 12:30 pm.

Present: Bruce Hawkes, Ethel Hansen, Alben Howie, Kaye Farmer, Joan Sanderson, Sheila Dawe.

Minutes from the last meeting were distributed by e-mail to all the board directors and accepted at that time.

Reports:

Secretary – Sheila stated that to date there have been 3 completed Walk BC. She showed an example of the certificate and announced that there have been sales of 3 pins and 3 badges.

Treasurer – Alben stated that there is \$7,705.92 in the ING account and \$214.08 in the Canada Trust account. It was agreed that Kaye will let Alben know how much is expected from CVF for sanctions, there is still an unknown amount expected. There are donations of \$517 – it was agreed that the money from walks should be kept separate, such as with Oliver, Penticton, and Prince George in 2004 and the YRE's #155 Richmond and Vancouver Venturers Ambelside YRE. This year there was more expenses and thus we are in a deficit but we are still expecting money from CVF for sanctioned walks. Trans-Canada Trail requested larger donations; board agreed that this request would be denied. Alben made a motion that we continue to just buy plaques for past board members. Bruce moved this motion, Kaye 2nd it and the motion passed by vote.

Website Coordinator – Bruce announced that he has varying success with changes to the website. He finds the layout very cumbersome and difficult to keep information current due to the format of large spreadsheets with multiple pages and sheets. He feels that the website doesn't meet the needs of the VABC. For a user it is also not easy to navigate about the site and information isn't able to be printed. Bruce also brought up the Personal Information Act and wanted us to be aware of the rights and obligations of businesses and organizations in releasing and using information of people involved. It was agreed that people should be aware that their information will be posted on the website and thus in the public domain. Every board member stated how much information they wanted posted with Bruce Hawkes only e-mail address, Kaye, Sheila, Alben, and Joan will have e-mail, mailing address and phone number. Ethel will have the same with the addition of her photo.

Sanction Coordinator – Kaye announced that all is going well. The VABC is to get 25% of sanction fees back from CVF due to us having our own sanction coordinator. She will relay the information to Alben how much is expected. The attendance at walks is on a decline. Kaye is not satisfied with the current process for collecting walk

information for the upcoming year and recommends that next year the club presidents be asked to send a copy of the information to her as well as to Ottawa.

Materials Manager – Joan announced that she has sold 200 books and very few VABC items. A chequing account has been opened for VABC materials.

President – Ethel announced that the Wine Country Walkers are reactivating for 2005 under new CVF rules. They will still have to pay the insurance fees for their walks. Thus the VABC will give the club the Oliver and Penticton walks. They are requesting the VABC to waive the \$30 membership fee. It was all agreed by the VABC that the fee could be waived. It was then discussed whether the VABC would want to pay their \$50 CVF fee if CVF doesn't waive it; the board decided no they wouldn't pay the CVF fee. Ethel has received a bill from Navigata, she inquired about the bills and they have stopped coming. We did pay for our domain to be registered for 5 years. The bills are to do with the operation of the website.

Prince George walk is up and running and they are trying to organize a club. Chetwynd is still going for the time being.

Ethel informed the board of the following information from the CVF meeting held on Sept 9th. The next Olympiad was announced in 2005 in the Czech Republic. There are recognition awards for 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 years – Ethel asked if they should be named after people and the board stated no. CVF is looking into the length of time waiver sheets should be saved in respect to liability issues. CVF will make a recommendation on this issue. Past president position is now filled by Lionel Conrad.

Old Business

1). Walk BC Program: How to deal with changes

With two Clubs amalgamating and Wine Country Walkers reactivating, there is a need to revise the Walk BC Books. Send suggestions to Ethel.

New Business

1) Provincial Government Societies Act:

The Constitution and Bylaws require 75% approval so must be resubmitted to Clubs to have the changes take place. Ethel to send them out to Clubs for a vote via E-mail.

2) Brochure developed by Brenda Loveridge

Brochure was handed out and after brief discussion it was decided that a copy will be sent to all board members and then they will send their comments back to Ethel.

3) Motion for Small Clubs for CVF Send possible motion to Ethel.

4) Volunteer for Director at Large

With the new Bylaws not passed no action has been taken on a volunteer for this position. It was agreed it is more important to get other positions filled.

5) VABC AGM, 2005

It was decided that the BOD meeting will be held on May 7th, Saturday at 10:00 hour. The AGM will be held following a potluck on the same day with the potluck to start at 1800 hour (6:00 pm).

Sunday May 8th is the national and world walk day – that walk will begin at 9:30 am.

Kaye announced that Footpaths is selling at \$8 as there have been two prices noted.

Next meeting will be on Jan 23/05 at Joan Sanderson's house following the mapped walk at Beckwith Park.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Minutes taken and respectfully submitted by

Sheila Dawe
VABC Secretary