

**TVA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
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6 August 2016**

	CLUB	PRESIDENT	SIGNATURE	
1	Castroville Chamber of Commerce (AVA-939)	Catherine Williams Secretary/POC		
2	City of McAllen Parks/Recreation Department (AVA-350)	Richard Krauss		
3	Colorado River Walkers (AVA-77 / TEX-24)	Carol Obianwu	Carol Obianwu	1
4	Dallas Trekkers (AVA-34 / TEX-11)	Deborah Carter	Deborah Carter	2
5	East Texas Trekkers (AVA-863 / TEX-99)	Helen Hull	Helen Hull	3
6	Hill Country Volkssportverein (AVA-23 / TEX-9)	John Bohnert	John Bohnert	4
7	Hood County Hummers (AVA-718 / TEX-83)	Bruce Bartlett	Bruce Bartlett	5
8	Houston Happy Hikers (AVA-15 / TEX-6)	Catherine Kellner	Catherine Kellner	6
9	Kerrville Trailblazers (AVA-106 / TEX-29)	Judy Perry	Robert Theis	7
10	Lone Star Walkers (AVA-944)	Heinz Johnson	Priscilla Johnson	8
11	Midland Walkabout (AVA-897 / TEX-103)	Susan Fine	Susan Fine	9
12	NB Marsch-und Wandergruppe (AVA-036 / TEX-12)	Marlin Brendsel		
13	Plano Walking Club (AVA-124 / TEX-32)	Maggie Cole	Maggie Cole	10
14	Randolph Roadrunners (AVA-44 / TEX-14)	Ellen Ott	Ellen Ott	11
15	Rockport City Trailways (AVA-966)	Tom Staley		
16	San Angelo Volkswalkers (AVA-933)	Charles Winkelspecht		
18	San Marcos River Walkers (AVA-411 / TEX- 58)	Barbara Piersol		
18	Selma Pathfinders (AVA-88 / TEX-26)	Joanne Forinash	Joanne Forinash	12
19	Sparkling City Strollers (AVA-179 / TEX-37)	Myra Verneuil		

20	Star Trekkers of Irving (AVA-681 / TEX-82)	Gary Silkworth	Gary Silkworth	13
21	Tarrant County Walkers (AVA-19 / TEX-8)	Brooke Hudson	Brooke Hudson	14
22	Texas County Walkers, Inc (AVA-955)	David Sheppard	David Sheppard	15
23	Texas Wanderers, (AVA-6 / TEX-3)	Gerald Kamicka Secretary/POC	Gerald Kamicka	16
24	Volkssportverein Friedrichsburg (AVA-1 / TEX-1)	Bill Hamilton	Dave Roberts	17
25	West Texas Trail Walkers (AVA-60 / TX-19)	Linda Fields		
26	Whatever of Texas Sporting Club (AVA-967)	Clay Baulch	Clay Baulch	18

**TVA Meeting Minutes
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First Presbyterian Church Family Center, Granbury, TX**

I. Call to order – TVA President

The meeting was called to order at 1:05pm by President Heinz Johnson.

II. Determination of quorum present – Secretary Susan Fine

18 clubs out of 26 clubs were represented. A quorum was met.

III. Introductions/Opening Comments – TVA President Heinz Johnson

- Introductions of the TVA Officers and Director, Southwest Region.
- Introductions of credentialed Texas Club Presidents/Representatives.

IV. Approval of TVA General Membership Meeting Minutes - 5 March 2016

Gerald Kamicka made the motion to approve minutes. Clay Baulch second. Motion carried.

V. TVA Weekend at Granbury...Where the Texas History Lives

- Heinz Johnson introduced Bruce Bartlett, President of Hood County Hummers, and thanked him and the Hummers for their high interest and enthusiasm to host the TVA Weekend and their efforts to produce a quality meeting and associated walks and social event. Bruce introduced his club members and acknowledged them for their hard work to make the weekend highly successful and thanked everyone for attending the TVA Weekend.

VI. Officer Reports

A. 1st Vice President – Brian Fisher

- Celebrating 40 Years of American Volkssporting on June 11, 2016 was very successful. Participation for the four volkssport events was:
361 walkers
18 swimmers
9 bikers

In addition, 12 New Walker Packets were sold.

B. 2nd Vice President – John Bohnert

- **10 in Texas and 20 in Texas Award Programs:**
Three “Texas in 10” patches have been sold, and one petal, and four “20 in Texas” patches have been sold. A total of \$24 was collected January through July 2016.
Inventory is:
10 in Texas: 48 patches, and 806 petals
20 in Texas: 65 patches and 728 petals
It takes 11 years to finish the 10 in Texas, and 20 years to finish the 20 in Texas.
- **Memorial and Midnight walks**
We spent \$107 for the food and drinks. The cost was low due to several volunteers donating items.

C. Treasurer – Kathy Schwencke

- Total revenue for year ending June 30, 2016: \$4,158.00. Total expenses for year ending June 30, 2016: \$3,255.35, for net revenue of \$902.65. The budget was -\$980, so there is positive variance of \$1,902.65.

- Total in checking account is \$2,286.13.
- Total in Money Market Fund is \$7,055.64.
- Total Funds: \$9,346.77 (includes \$5.00 in savings account).
- Revenue and expenses for Celebrating 40 Years of American Volkssporting on June 11, 2016, was a net revenue of \$367.62.
- Mason and Llano YREs have netted \$113.25, and are continuing to September 30, 2016.
- El Camino Real de los Tejas special program has netted \$33.37, and is continuing.

VII. Webmaster – Gary Whitford

- Gary has done the webpage since 1999, starting it with Dreamweaver software, and has now converted it to Juniper.
- He would like someone else to do the website. Juniper is an easy CMS to learn.
- David Sheppard will talk to Gary and consider being the webmaster.

VIII. TVA Seasonal Events Report – Helen Hull, Chair

- Llano SE has had 43 walkers to date
- Mason SE has had 50 walkers to date.
- Many walkers also took part in the 40th Anniversary events.
- Do we want to do any seasonal walks in 2017?

IX. TVA Special Programs Reports:

A. El Camino Real de los Tejas – Susan Medlin, Chair

Seven clubs have participated, with 36 books sold for profit of \$83. This was originally a one-year special program. It was decided to extend the El Camino into 2017.

B. Historical Markers – Ellen Ott, Chair

75 books have been sold, 29 people have finished.

C. Walk Texas - Ellen Ott, Chair

44 books have been sold, 11 people have finished. Sanderson, should be a new seasonal added to the Big Bend area.

Both the Historical Markers and Walk Texas have no end-date so we need to promote that these special programs are available. Books cost \$10.

X. Audit

- Patricia Gunter reported that she, Darlene Oner and Patricia Roberts audited the financial records of TVA and found them to be in good standing with no discrepancies.

XI. Randolph Roadrunners Special Program Report: Texas Hill Country Challenge - Susan Medlin, Chair

- 43 books have been sold, for a profit of \$215.36. Five books are complete.

XII. Special TVA Recognition Award to Candace Purcell

- Candace could not attend this meeting because of other commitments, but Heinz Johnson wanted to give recognition for her dedicated work as the AVA Director of Finance and Operations. She retired at the end of June 2016.

XIII. Special Southwest Region Recognition Awards – Susan Medlin, Southwest Region Director

- Certificates were given to Hood County Hummers for 25 years and San Angelo Volkswalkers for 10 years.
- Trailmaster certificates were given to Dave Roberts, Brooke Hudson and Dianne Duke.
- Heinz Johnson gave an award to Susan Fine, as retiring TVA Secretary and John Bohnert, as retiring TVA 2nd Vice President.

XIV. National Update – Susan Medlin, Director, Southwest Region

- Susan is continuing her work to bring an International Marching League (IML) event to San Antonio, February 24-27, 2017. This will be the second IML in the US. Event will have 5km, 10km, 20km and Marathon events and it will run for three days. Randolph Roadrunners will be the sponsor. Many volunteers will be needed.
- Susan encouraged people with artistic skills to enter the contest for an AVA Mascot. Deadline is November 30, 2016.
- A new three-year challenge is to have five new clubs in the Southwest Region. At the last TVA meeting, it was agreed to try for Waco, Nacogdoches, either Lubbock or Amarillo, a club in New Mexico, and a club in either New Orleans or Baton Rouge. Glen Conyers, the Director, South Central Region, was open to working on a new club in Louisiana. Susan will talk with members at the West Texas Walk in Big Bend in October for input and thoughts.
- The NEC approved adding Medium, Long and Extended Distance events. The website now has on its dropdown menu: Traditional, YRE and 20km. Texas has only 1 or 2 extended walks.
- Discussion at the last TVA meeting in March was to expand the TVA into New Mexico. The three clubs in NM were not receptive to this.
- June 13-15, 2017 is Martin Luther King weekend and walkers will be encouraged to go to Las Cruces to walk the 7 YREs in the area. Dinners and welcome events will be discussed with the Sun Country Striders in Las Cruces. More details to come.
- The Start Card fee increase to \$4 was proposed in June at the NEC and was defeated by one vote (Dennis Michele, AVA President, cast the tie-breaking vote). Susan asks that all clubs let her know if they have seen any changes in participation, if the club went from “Free” walkers to “All-Paid.” She will present the results at the next NEC meeting.
- Awards nominations for the 20th AVA Biennial Convention must be sent to Susan by November 1, 2016. Details are on the AVA website.
- There are two days of traditional walks in Raton, NM, walking into Colorado and back. These are September 24-25, 2016.
- NEC approved the new name, AVA: America’s Walking Club.
- Susan is looking for the rights for some artwork to produce a T-shirt for the Centurion program.
- Susan asked if TVA wants to endorse another program: 1000 miles/year program. Vote was 9 No, 1 Yes.

XV. President’s Time – Heinz Johnson, President

- Heinz encouraged club presidents to recognize their volunteers who have gone “above and beyond” and nominate them for AVA awards.
- TVA Founders Day was overtaken by Celebrating 40 Years of American Volkssporting and only the logo was used on the commemorative beer mug. This is a new event required by the latest change to the TVA Bylaws. The next one will be held June 8, 9 and 10, 2018. None will be held in 2017 because of the AVA 20th Biennial Convention. However, it was determined that Founders’ Day does not have to be held in Fredericksburg. Thus, we might consider having it held somewhere else in the state, as Fredericksburg is becoming over-saturated with volkssport events. Maybe Memorial Day Weekend would be good, as there are usually no other events in Texas that weekend.
- While all 26 clubs in TVA are in good standing, Heinz passed out notices that clubs have electronic changes to make:
 - 1) 13 of 26 clubs have not done their required Club Officer Update electronically. If there are changes to officers, let Susan Medlin and Heinz Johnson also know about them.
 - 2) 19 clubs have not sent in their required Annual Financial Report (though this is due November 15).

- 3) 17 clubs have not sent in their required IRS Form 990, E-Postcard (due by November 15)
- There is less than 30 days to sanction YRE/SE events for 2017 for publication in the *2017 Starting Point*. The deadline is August 31st.
- Memorial and Midnight YREs have been sanctioned for December 31 – January 1 in Fredericksburg. We will return to St. Joseph's Hall and the rental cost is \$125. The walk December 31st will start one hour later this year at 10:00am. Brian Fisher will coordinate the walk, checkpoint volunteers and walk directions. Heinz will coordinate all of the Start & Finish operation.

XVI. Old Business

- No old business

XVII. New Business

A. TVA Memorial Recognition Program

Please send a list of club members who died this year to Heinz Johnson, for the Memorial display on December 31st.

B. Proposal for 2nd Vice President Job

- Heinz suggested we have volunteers to do the various jobs of the 2nd Vice President for the New Year's Eve events. This is a trial for 2016 only. Heinz will gather the information for the Memorial display, but someone needs to create the scrapbook and setup the display at the Memorial Walk. If there are no volunteers, we will not have a display.
- We will form a Hospitality Team for the New Year's Eve celebration. Priscilla Johnson will handle the table decorations, Susan Medlin will be the POC to handle the food and be assisted by Dave and Roylene Roberts; and Pat Roberts will be POC to handle the beverages.

C. Texas Awards Program

The program is suffering [see John Bohnert's report]. Heinz suggested we try to revive the program for at least one more year. Joanne Forinash and Ellen Ott volunteered to help market it. Suggestions include creating a descriptive order sheet to put in New Walker Packets and display at events, an ad in *The American Wanderer*, and revisiting the pricing structure or the awards.

XVIII. Selection of Next Meeting Site for TVA General Membership Meeting

- Helen Hull proposed East Texas Trekkers host the meeting March 4, 2017 in Coldspring, Texas in San Jacinto County. There are hotels in Livingston about 20 miles away and Huntsville, plus two featured YREs in the area. A new YRE may be established in the area. Ellen Ott moved to accept Coldspring, David Sheppard second. Motion carried.

XIX. Election of Officers

Joanne Forinash-Chair, Bonnie Avonrude and Eveline Evans of the TVA 2016 Nominating Committee, presented the following officers for consideration:

- Heinz Johnson – President, who agreed to a second 2-year term
Mary Zeitler – Secretary (a member of Colorado River Walkers)
- Gerald Kamicka moved that the nominations be closed and moved to elect by acclamation.
- Joanne stated there is no nomination for 2nd Vice President.
- Nominations were open from the floor – no one was nominated.
- Joanne stated the 2nd Vice President position will remain vacant until someone volunteers, or the TVA decides something else for the position.
- Gerald's motion for election by acclamation was approved. Joanne Forinash second. Motion carried and officers were unanimously approved.

XX. Final Announcements

- BBQ Brisket Dinner and social – Bruce Bartlett said the dinner will be at 5:00pm.
- Featured YRE #Y0382 Granbury – will begin at 7:00am Sunday.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Susan Fine
Secretary
Texas Volkssport Association