

**August 2008 MEETING MINUTES
General Membership Meeting**

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 1:00 pm
August 2, 2008 at Harrington Library, 1501 18th St, Plano, TX 75074

I. - TVA President Catherine Kellner

President, Catherine Kellner called the meeting to order at 1:13 P.M.

II. Call to order Determination of Quorum Present - Secretary Leslie Penton

23 clubs were represented out of 34 total. A Quorum is present.

| Clubs | President | Club Representative |
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| Amigo Amblers (AVA 769-TX89) | Mary Seagrove | John Ferguson |
| BTC Oddsports Club (AVA 789 – TX ?) | Clay Baulch | Clay Baulch |
| Buffalo Chip Kickers (AVA 182-TX 39) | Chuck Samus | John Ferguson |
| Castorville Chamber of Commerce (AVA 939-TX ?) | Tot Albro | N/A |
| Colorado River Walkers (AVA 077-TX24) | Nancy Middlebrook | Greg Sells |
| Dallas Trekkers (AVA 034-TX11) | Helen Bateman | Helen Bateman |
| East Texas Trekkers (AVA 863-TX 099) | Jan Wood | Jan Wood |
| Friendswood Fun Walkers (AVA 251-TX 62) | Raz Creamer | Anna Cottrill |
| Hill Country Volkssportverein (AVA 023-TX 09) | John Bohnert | John Bohnert |
| Hood County Hummers (AVA 718-TX 83) | Emily Kinney | Paul Campanelli |
| Houston Happy Hikers (AVA 015-TX 06) | Catherine Kellner | Catherine Kellner |
| Kerrville Trailblazers (AVA 106-TX 29) | Barbara Duke | Robert Theis |
| Lone Star Walkers Volkssport Club | Heinz Johnson | Heinz Johnson |
| McAllen Parks & Recreation (AVA 350-TX 05) | Larry Pressler | N/A |
| Midland Walkabouts (AVA 897-TX 103) | Alex Rose | N/A |

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| New Braunfels Marsch & Wandergruppe (AVA 036-TX 12) | Ray Menzel | Ray Menzel |
| Plano Walking Club (AVA 124-TX 32) | Margaret Cole | Margaret Cole |
| Rainbow Rovers | Dr. Barbara Brehm | N/A |
| Randolph Roadrunners (AVA 044-TX 14) | Ellen Ott | Suzanne Markgraf |
| San Angelo Volkswalkers AVA 933-TX | Sue Giddings | N/A |
| San Marcos River Walkers (AVA 411-TX 58) | Barbara Piersol | N/A |
| Selma Pathfinders (AVA 088-TX 26) | Phyllis Eagan | Phyllis Eagan |
| ShoeLeather Express (AVA757-TX 87) | Chris Scott | Ed Cottrill |
| Sparkling City Strollers (AVA 179-TX 37) | Margery Wessell | N/A |
| Star Trekkers (AVA 681-TX 82) | Gary Whitford | Gary Whitford |
| Tarrant County Walkers (AVA 019-TX 08) | Susan Fine | Susan Fine |
| Texas Wanderers (AVA 006-TX 03) | VACANT | Gerald Kamicka |
| Trinity Trekkers (AVA 200-TX 41) | David Toth | N/A |
| Trotting Texas Turtles (AVA 205-TX 43) | Beverly Kittinger | Beverly Kittinger |
| U. S. Army Medical Command, Fort Sam Houston AVA 107-TX 30) | Jaime Cavazos | Gerald Kamicka |
| Volkssportverein Fredericksburg (AVA 001-TX 01) | Joyce O'Rear | N/A |
| Weslaco Pacers (AVA 883-TX 101) | Lana Marie Paris | N/A |
| West Texas Trail Walkers (AVA 060-TX 19) | Charles Wortz | Charles Wortz |

Minutes of February 2008 General Membership Meeting - Secretary Leslie Penton

The February 2, 2008 General Membership Meeting Minutes were reviewed. Charles Wortz moved to approve the minutes and John Ferguson 2nd the motion. The minutes were approved without change.

Ila. Comments/remarks-AVA Vice President-John Ferguson

- 1) 2009 convention involves 4 days of multiple events, Friday is The President's Walk.
- 2) The South Central RD & clubs could use help.
- 3) All events will be registered at the convention hotel. Plan on greeters at the start and finish table which will be open on Tuesday P.M., Wednesday, Thursday and Friday P.M.s to get books stamped. Start cards will be issued during on-site Convention Registration. The Finish Table will be in the exhibit hall.
- 4) Convention is actively soliciting speakers. Actively getting entertainment for socials. Logos are done. T-shirts are ready to order. Awards are being finalized. Everything works out of the hotel.
- 5) Whoever registers for full package gets DART pass.
- 6) The 2009 Convention Committee will meet today after the TVA meeting. Debra reported on social aspect. Tuesday night will be Mexican themed. Social will not run out of food. Jail will run as fund raiser. May have cowboy poets at lunch. Thursday's social will go to Eddie Deans – a honky-tonk. There maybe armadillo races. Attendees can take DART to Eddie Deans. Friday banquet is semi-formal.
- 7) Workshops are looking for speakers on how to make the AVA grow. Education for officers, trail masters etc. The concentration will be on education.
- 8) Convention Committee is looking for vibrant speakers and for lots of volunteers. There are 2-3 keynote speakers lined up. The Convention Committee believes it will be very entertaining.
- 9) Need someone responsible for Finish Table and someone for Registration. Registration will open Sunday night and will be open periodically throughout the week. Everything starts at the Registration Table. Need at least 6 people for couple of days.

Comments/remarks - AVA SW Regional Director – Heinz Johnson

- 1) Trying to standardize event brochures to help new walkers. Event brochures range from excellent to marginal. Important info includes: Eligibility; Start Location; Start Address; Start Times; Cost/Fees; and Trail & Route info. Make walk directions easy to read.
- 2) Also trying to send out info to club presidents as reminders.
- 3) Lone star walkers has been in thought for many years. Lone Star Walkers is meant to assist non-AVA organizations who want to have walks to do so. No special considerations for lone star walkers.
- 4) If 2 events come up on same day, there should be dialog to resolve conflicts.

III. Reports

A) Treasurer – Helen Bateman

- 1) See Treasurer's Report: Net Worth as of 6/30-08 is \$11775.91. Total income for year ending 6-30-08 is \$2716.45. Total expense for year ending 6-30-08 is \$1528.68. Income less expense for year ending 6-30-08 is \$1187.77.
- 2) The proposed budget was amended to show Copies at \$180.00, Office Supplies at \$50.00 and Promotional/Advertising to \$2000.00. The amended budget now shows a Net Loss of \$1795.00. A motion to approve the amended budget was made by Jerry Kamicka. Motion seconded by John Ferguson. Passed amended budget.
- 3) Annual Fees bills have been sent out. Treasurer will try to send out twice a year. Have bills for clubs that the e-mail kicked back or there is no e-mail. Please pick up. See audit report from Anna Cotrill.

B) 1st Vice President – Charles Wertz

- 1) 2008 Reunion Walks made \$359.60. There was \$74.86 in donations.

- 2) Memorial and Midnight Walk, December 31, 2008 – 1 January 2009 Memorial/Midnight walks are coming up. Flyers are out. Will try to have a worker's walk. Signup sheets are on table – please sign up.
- 3) Reunion Events, March 1-2, 2008 Reunion walk for 2009 at Lake Summerville which is 30 miles north of Brenham. There will be 2 separate walks. Dates are March 7-8, 2008.

C) 2nd Vice President – Ellen Ott

- 1) The Patches and Pedals Forms are on counter. Have ordered 50 more round patches. 2009 petals are now available.
- 2) If you know of any deceased volkssporters, please fill out form. Will have webmaster put form on web.
- 3) Will have TVA Awards Program professionally printed and put in each 2009 AVA Convention registrants bag and also place an article in TAW.
- 4) TVA Notebook. Most info in book is on AVA website. TVA By-Laws will be put on TVA web. Notebooks will go away.
- 5) Some of publicity money will go toward a revised Texas Volkssport Brochure.

D) President – Catherine Kellner No report Given

E) Webmaster - Gary Whitford

Will put By-Laws and other stuff on website.

IV. Old Business

A) Proposal-February TVA meeting to be combined with the March Reunion Walks

- 1) Helen explained the need to have the TVA Meeting in February again in Dallas to assist with convention preparation/planning. It was determined that this agenda item is not a valid amendment as the exact wording of the new by-law was not included. Need to follow the By-Laws for the correct procedure. John Ferguson proposed a straw poll to see if there was support to combine the TVA Meeting with the Reunion Walk. 13 for 7 against.

B) Proposal-Allow Randolph Roadrunners to sanction a walk for the Sunday afternoon of March 1, 2009 on a one-time basis in conjunction with the CROP walk if it conflicts with the TVA Reunion Walk.

This is not an official proposal and is now mute so this is closed with no action.

C) Dallas Trekkers to host Spring(February) 2009 Meeting

Propose Samuel Farm location with Board Meeting in the morning and will have a Convention Worker's Walk available. More info to come.

D) 2009 AVA Convention (John Ferguson/Committees)

Already covered

E) Other Business

- 1) TVA participation at convention. Believe it would be a great idea to do something as a group. Suggestions/discussions were to work Finish Table or also to man the Jail as a fundraiser. Is there going to be a TVA booth? Would need 5 people at a time to work. Would need some volunteers to coordinate. Could have TVA booth next to the Finish

Table. Finish is inside the Convention Hall. Need to think about and have discussion. If we sell items at table, we need a Texas Sales Permit. TVA has one.

- 2) Charles Wertz moved that TVA "staff finish table during posted hours", Heinz Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passed 13 to 9.
- 3) Need someone to coordinate. Heinz Johnson has volunteered to coordinate volunteers.
- 4) Other suggestion is for the Jail. Jail is fundraiser. Could be next to finish area. No interest from TVA.
- 5) Catherine would like to have committee to discuss what TBA could do to promote volkssporting in Texas. No interest from membership.

V. New Business

A) Volunteer to host August 1, 2009 Meeting

Lone Star Walkers for August 09 and Tarrant County Walkers for February 2010

VI. Miscellaneous Business N/A

VII. Election of Officers (President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary)

Nomination Committee presented nominees for President, 2nd Vice President and Secretary as follows: President Catherine Kellner; 2nd VP Carol Shaner; and Secretary Leslie Penton. There were no nominations from the floor. Motion to close nomination by Jerry Kamicka and seconded by Charles Wertz. John Ferguson moved to elect by acclamation and Phyllis Eagan seconded the motion. The nominated were elected by acclamation.

VIII. Announcements

- 1) Pizza at 5:30.
- 2) DART by 7 A.M for Sunday walk.
- 3) Convention award samples are available for viewing.
- 4) WTTW Oct walk in New Mexico.
- 5) Please sign up to volunteer for Memorial/Midnight walks.
- 6) Next NEC meeting in OKC and Heinz is looking for agenda items from clubs and would appreciate items if you have any.
- 7) New developments from Global. Global was deactivated. Air Fore decided to continue and they were reinstated. Think that global will run on only 1 week-end a year except for special circumstances. Should be third week-end in September. Global will take place this year as usual but in 2009 new rules will apply. The Air Force will have to sanction. Local clubs will no longer be able to sanction – only the Air Force will sanction.
- 8) Jan Wood has a website that has listing of almost all newspapers across country

IX. Adjournment

Jerry Kamicka moved for adjournment Robert Theis seconded. Adjournment was at 3:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:
Leslie Penton
Secretary
Texas Volkssport Assn.

