

## News from N.E.W. #32 June 8, 2015

1. **IVV Americas:** I think you have all seen that the ballot failed for AVA to join IVV-Americas. I sent the message from President Dennis Michele to all club officers. There are two interesting items to consider, if you are interested in IVV-Americas.
  - **Affiliate Members:** The IVV-Bylaws provides for affiliate members. They are non-voting. The bylaws can be found at <http://www.ivv-americas.org/files.php> . Choose the version in English. It is a Word file. Definition: “affiliate members” are private commercial or public organizations and corporations (e.g. recreational travel enterprises, tourist agencies and information services, etc.) whose primary purposes are recognized to be compatible with the purpose of the Federation.” Individual Volkssport clubs fit this definition. Should your club or state association be interested, let me know and I will find out how to join.
  - **Individual (Associate) members:** Membership for individuals (non-voting) should be available by the end of the year according to Curt Myron.
2. **Salem Convention:**
  - I “spoke” incorrectly about which walks will allow free walkers and which require the \$2 non-IVV fee. Remember except for the swim and bike, which are put on by OTSVA and will accept free participants, all walks are sponsored by AVA, not a club in this region. **The walks, where we do not have a contractual obligation to allow free walkers, will charge a \$2 “Non-IVV” fee if you do not walk for credit.** They are Portland, Eugene, Salem, Lincoln City and Bend. Remember clubs have worked hard to make these memorable events. \$2 is not much to pay for a great walk. **Clear Lake, Silver Falls, Vancouver, and Mt. St Helens will accept free walkers.**
  - **Help, Help!** The AVA Convention Equipment Crew needs your help setting up and tearing down the Start/Finish at each of the nine events. These are short times and do not involve heavy lifting, mostly totes, racks and signage. Your assistance is needed early morning (6:30-7:30am) and mid to late afternoon (after the last walker finishes) at each of the events. If you can lend a hand at any one or more of the events, please sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0544abad29a1ff2-19th/>. BTW helping here will guarantee you are one of the first in line for the walks. We thank you in advance We thank you in advance and appreciate any assistance you can give. Maryann 541-961-4279
  - **Proxies, etc.:** Please see the Checkpoint about voting at convention, proxies, etc. If your club is not sending a delegate and need another delegate to carry your proxy, contact your state association president or me. All three copies of the form must now be brought to the convention credentialing booth by your delegate, alternate or proxy, properly filled out and signed. It’s too late to mail. Nothing will be sent back to you, but will be given to your delegate or proxy when they “credentialed”.
3. **Next AVA Convention:** I have seen from the Convention Schedule that there **will also** be a proposal by the Northeast Region for a 2017 convention in Albany, NY. I favor Billings, simply because it is closer and there has never been a convention in that area. It would be the week after Crazy Horse in June, 2017. I do not know anything about the Albany, NY proposal. Vote your conscience.
4. **2016 NW Regional Conference: Treasure Valley Volkssports** is busy planning our next regional conference. The dates will be Friday through Sunday, **September 16 – 18, 2016 in Boise, ID**. Put it on your calendar now. As I mentioned in an earlier News, they will need help and we will put out a volunteer list later this summer. We will have hotel information later this summer.

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6. **Canadian (CVF) Convention 2016:** The next CVF convention will be in Langley, BC, Thursday May 26 – Sunday, May 29, 2016 at the Langley Coast Hotel and convention center. You can register online now at [www.CVFconvention2016.ca](http://www.CVFconvention2016.ca).
7. **New Per Participant Sanction Fee:** You may remember after the last NEC meeting in January, that the NEC passed my proposal for such a sanction fee with a two year trial. Now is the time to consider whether your events, traditional or YRE/Seasonal, would benefit from such a sanctioning method. This method does not replace the credit fee or any non-IVV fee you charge a participant. It does replace the \$20 or \$30 sanction fee and any \$5 quarterly fee which is part of the sanction fee that is charged to the club for event sanctioning.
- How it works:** This method is for **low participation events**.
- AVA will bill you \$1 for each participant after you have entered your event stats, at the same time they charge your club for the \$1.25 credit and/or non-IVV fees. The fee is for **each participant**, regardless of whether these were credit or free.
  - This fee replaces the sanction fee, so it is for events where you know you usually do not cover your sanction fee for an event.
  - You **MUST** let me know you want to use this method when you sanction an event. I will put a comment in the sanction comment line when I approve the sanction. This will trigger AVA not billing you the sanction fee up front, but will wait until after the event and charge you the \$1/participant. Eventually, AVA will get something in the sanctioning screen.
  - **If you are thinking about dropping an event because there weren't enough participants, this could be the way to keep it going. I am talking about YREs and Seasonals, but it could be used to sanction remote walks, or bike or swim events as well.**
  - **Questions?** Email me!!
8. **YRE/Seasonal Sanction Time:** Although you have until August 31 to renew YRE/Seasonals, please don't wait that long. I have to approve nearly 400 events, and I don't want a no-sleep marathon. I know many are waiting until after convention, and that's great. I have already seen the Eugene Springfield Mossbacks events renewed. Please go in and check the box if you don't intend to renew so I don't have to keep bugging you. Are any of these candidates for a Per Participant Sanction, above?

**See you all at convention or convention walks, I hope. Support your hard working convention committee!**

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