

News from N.E.W. #35, July 24, 2015

1. **Strategic Planning Committee:** I am happy to announce that I have appointed Maryann Brown, currently OTSVA President, to be our region's representative to the Strategic Planning Committee and Ric Catron, Kitsap Volkssport Club President, to be our region's alternate. Our first meeting is in San Antonio, August 13-15. Besides the article in the current The American Wanderer (TAW) there will be another in the next TAW talking about what happens at this August meeting. There will be lots of opportunities to give your input. We will be reviewing the input received at the two workshops and wall post-its from the Salem convention.
2. **Per Participant Sanctioning** – We will be discussing my proposal for RD guidelines to approve a club's request for Per Participant Sanctioning at the NEC meeting in San Antonio August 12. Our ED, Henry Rosales has promised procedures the week following that meeting. Please let me know if you are considering using this method for some YRE/Seasonals. We will be able to get them in by August 31. If you don't know what this about, it probably won't apply to you, but I will send you the proposal that was approved for a two year trial, and the guidelines I am proposing. It will be up the RD (me) to decide whether an event qualifies.
3. **Other NEC proposals:** I also submitted two other proposals that didn't go to the right email in May. I'll see what happens at the NEC. They are
 - **Change to Boating policy** to allow a linear course, no-brainer as far as I'm concerned.
 - **Traveling IVV Stamp for Guided Walk Events** for multiple guided walk events where there are not sufficient walks within an hour's travel time to allow frequent walking. (Developed from ideas from the Lilac City Volkssport Association.)
4. **YRE/Seasonal Renewals:** See the following and the last Checkpoint:
 - Once you have renewed your event, go back into the ESR and pick “**Starting Point Listing**” under the event city/name. Is information where it should be?
 - **Where's the “walk box”?** As one club member mentioned, we have fewer file cabinets and more file boxes, which could be anywhere. Tell us where it is!! Put it in the driving directions section.
 - **Not renewing?** Check the box in the ESR is you will not be renewing the event for next year. I will contact you if you haven't renewed and haven't checked the box towards the middle of August.
5. **Your Event Directions:**
 - I still want a copy of any YRE/Seasonal walk directions that have changed. If they changed last year and you didn't send me a copy (email preferred) send me them now. This should include a decent map with the route direction shown.
 - Besides the “Copyright © 2015 My Club's Name” on the directions, not the map, it is recommended that a statement similar to “**These directions may be used only upon registration at a currently sanctioned IVV/AVA event.**” be placed in the footing. This may not prevent theft of directions, but it might deter some, and will show that we require registration (signed waiver) should there be a liability issue.

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