

News from N.E.W. #6, Tuesday, September 24, 2013

1. **The next NEC meeting** will be held January 10-11, 2014 in the Arizona area somewhere. The call for agenda items should come 90 days ahead of this meeting, or **by October 10th**. Clubs will then have **30 days** or by **November 9th**, to get any proposed motions to their RD – me. I've attached the form to use for any motions you might want to make. I'll send any information when I get the call for agenda items.
2. **Reminders, reminders:** As clubs have been reminded before, **November 15** is the deadline for these financial reports. I'll be keeping track of who hasn't filed. Club presidents, please check with your treasurer.
 - a. **Entering the IRS E-postcard.** Clubs must have entered their E-postcard by **November 15th** in order to keep their IRS 501 (c)3 non-profit status and, therefore, their existence as an AVA club. I can not emphasize enough how critical this is. The IRS **will** dump your non-profit status. And it will take 6 and more months to get it back. When you do, it will not be under the AVA's umbrella and you will likely be a 501 (c)4 organization, not able to accept donations, and changed to a calendar year reporting cycle. Please be sure your treasurer has done this!!! Instructions are on the AVA.org website under Administrative/Clubs Only/E-Postcard Filings. Click on this and you'll get a PDF file you can print out and follow. You must use your club's own EIN number, not AVA's.
 - b. **Club Financial Report.** This report can be entered anytime between July 1 and November 15th. Use AVA form 102C3F found on the AVA.org website under Administrative/Clubs Only/AVA Club Forms. Scroll to the bottom of the list.
3. **Changes to YRE Events:**
 - a. **Post Falls YRE location** – GW Hunters found their start box and people there are aware of it. So no problem.
 - b. **If you need to change your YRE:**
 - i. Change the AVA website to reflect the new information.
 - ii. Inform AVA headquarters at avawebmaster@ava.org. Include in the email city, state, sanction number, YRE number and nature of the change. They will put it in the "Starting Point Changes" part of the website. And it will be changed as needed in the TAW.
 - iii. WA & OR, please inform the NW Pathfinder by emailing Eleanor Borgardts, eborgardts@comcast.net.
 - iv. Let me know so I can email everyone right away.
4. **Register for the NW Regional Conference:** Register as soon as you can for the NW Regional Conference to be held at Portland State University June 23-28, 2014, right after the Columbia Gorge Walks. Go to <http://www.walkoregon.org/conf/nw2014.htm> and click on the links for housing and registration. See the video there as well. Registering as early as you can helps the committee plan for transportation and other offerings

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