

News from N.E.W. #8, Wednesday, November 20, 2013

1. **Agenda Items for the next National Executive Council meeting** January 10-11, 2014 in Tucson, AZ. The last Checkpoint had the deadlines for submission of agenda items for the NEC meeting. I was in error giving you until December 10th. I must get any agenda items into headquarters by November 26th. So if you have anything, please get it to me ASAP. Find the form for motions (agenda items) on the AVA website under Administrative/General Admin/Publications Policies/Club Proposed Agenda Item Form.
2. **Thank you for getting your Financial Reports in on time.** If you have not sent AVA a copy of the proof of submission you got from the IRS proving you filed your e-postcard, do it NOW! AVA needs it to file their IRS statement. There are several clubs that have not done their officer updates. Remember, if nothing has changed, just go in and click on submit. That changes the date, and you'll be in compliance.
3. **The Calendar of Future Events** is filling up fast for 2014. If your club hasn't submitted their intended traditional events for sanctioning, do it soon! You may find you have competition for dates. Consider a Sunday if your hoped for Saturday is already taken in your area. Remember beginning July 1, 2014, clubs will be charged \$100 as dues to AVA, but refunded \$50 as soon as they hold a traditional event that year.
4. **My walk and trip schedule** will be sent soon. Look to see when I will be at your club's walk.
5. **Changes to YRE Events:**
 - a. **Start Location change for the Gig Harbor, WA YRE:** The McDonalds is being remodeled. The file cabinet start box has been moved to the Fred Meyer store across the parking lot. Find it on the right side of the store near the eating area. A permanent change to a still different location may be announced later.
6. **The Canadian Volkssport Federation National Convention** will be held in Banff, Alberta on May 30, May 31, and June 1, 2014. WestJet is the convention airline of choice and provides a 10% discount off their best available fare at time of booking, excluding seat sales. To obtain this fare, call WestJet Groups Department at 1-888-493-7853 and quote convention code CC7696. The discounted rates can be used for up to 3 days prior and 3 days after the convention. Information and registration form for the convention at www.cvfconvention2014.ca.
7. **Remember to register for the NW Regional Conference:** The Conference will 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. Registering as early as you can helps the committee plan for transportation and other offerings. You ask why register? You may ask "Why not just go to the walks?" The conference will have a Meet and Greet, a social room to gather informally, a dinner, several training opportunities. It's a great chance to get to know other walkers from around the region and other parts of the country. I hope to see you all there.

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