



Hello NW Volkssporters!

1. Per Participant. If you are planning to renew or add Year Round Events for 2020 as Per Participant Sanction Fee (PPSF), please advise me by email or phone, as I have to make that change in the sanction request before approving. If not, you're billed by AVA and I have to request the staff change the event to PPSF and reverse post the billing. As a reminder, limit PPSF as much as possible to YREs that have great value to a few walkers, such as remote walks supporting a challenge that get little traffic. Less used, but valued routes near your club can get more traffic by scheduling group walks.

2. 2020 YRE Sanctions. A fair number of sanctions are awaiting my approval and I'll take care of a large batch once I've confirmed PPSF status. Keep working to complete your sanctions by early September.

3. Financial Reports. Thanks to the clubs who have already completed their Annual Financial Reports. I'd appreciate everyone's help in completing the reports as quickly as possible with a copy to me or Dennis Standridge.

4. Officer Updates. Does your club have new officers? If so, be sure to update the listing on the AVA website and for WA clubs I see that the ESVA Secretary, Holly Spaulding is also looking for your updates.

5. Event Start Point Update. The Border Crossers August 17 event will be at the Elks Memorial Bldg, 2121 Kessler, Longview, WA, in case you didn't catch the update. Come get squirrely with us! Might have to wear my kilt!

6. NW Hiking Weekend. Hope to see a lot of you at the Four Plus Foolhardy hikes near Fairhaven at the Larrabee State Park on 2-4 August. Promises to be a memorable weekend in nature.

7. Wallace, ID, Weekend. It's not too late to save your spot with the Lilac City Wallace Weekend, Aug 23-25. Check their website for details: www.lilaccityvolks.com

8. Salute to Central OR Updates. Because of the high demand for early access to some walks, Annette will be loading the bike and walk directions on the CRVC website in mid-August to help those arriving early to complete walks on the way into Bend. We recently learned the Shilo Inn in Bend is going on the auction block, so event planners have scrambled to ensure a more secure event hotel and venue. Here's some updates from the incredibly hard-working team:

Greetings ~

We have had to make last-minute changes to the walk headquarters for our September Salute to Central Oregon event and the lodging where we were able to secure a group rate. The group is listed at the Comfort Inn as Columbia River Volkssport Club. We will be at:

Comfort Inn & Suites
62065 SE 27th St, Bend, OR 97701
(541) 6117-9696

We are looking forward to a great time exploring and playing in the sunshine with you.

Kind regards, Annette

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9. ESVA Fall Roundup! On 20-22 Sep, following the Salute to Central OR, you can experience the majesty of the mountains around Winthrop and great trails closer to town with 7 walks, a bike and social events brought to you by the Evergreen State Volkssport Association and several clubs. Check www.ESVA.online for details.

10. Quarterly reports. Well done NW Clubs on quarterly reporting. Only 42 of 405 quarterly reports still pending. For the remaining events you have just a few days remaining to meet the suspense. I continue to look at our paying participant versus free walking counts and see some modest gains, but we still stand out relative to national totals.

11. NW 2020 Conference. The plan is shaping up for our NW Regional Conference in Medford, OR, on 25-28 June, 2020. The Oregon Trail State Volkssport Association and Rogue Valley Walkers are teaming up to put on a superb event. Home base will be the Inn at the Commons at 200 N. Riverside Ave (866-779-5811) with 50 rooms reserved and more available, as needed. Request rooms under the Rogue Valley Regional Walking Conference. Tater Tours has already booked 30 rooms, so we should have a great turnout. There will be a feature walk on each of the four days, three challenge walks, including a gentle walk on the Pacific Crest Trail, a bike, a swim and a dozen year 'round events nearby to enjoy. We'll have a Meet and Mingle on Thursday evening and a dinner at the Inn on Saturday. Friday we'll offer several training sessions with topics still being considered.

12. August Board Meeting. Dennis Standridge will be attending a new board member training session and the board meeting on 15-17 August. If you have any topics you would like him to address please send him or me a note by 10 August.

13. Board Meeting Notes. During our July electronic board meeting several topics were discussed, including:

- August training session topic review, with a number of topics requested by the attendees.
- Draft Certificate of Formation (previously Articles of Incorporation) and Bylaws were deferred to offline review and comment by email. Once finalized they will be put to the membership for a vote, as they must be updated and enacted quickly.
- Virtual Online Program (Walk Across Canada) was reviewed for retention. Many have really enjoyed the event this year, so we'll continue one more year. Entry cost will likely be \$35 and the administrators are looking at ways to control expenses to keep it viable. Most important is your participation. 2020 theme was not known, but it should be great fun again.
- Exec Director, Henry Rosales, briefed status of Mass Media contract and work on the first pilot efforts. Board members expressed interest in gaining quicker release of useful products to all clubs and selection of next feature events for promotion. Two new logo options were reviewed, but no final concept selected.
- In early August the convention surveys (link available at AVA website) will be reviewed for use in planning the next convention. Please submit your feedback by the end of July.
- Charity Miles App. John McClellan from Florida mentioned an app he has been using and proposed that we get AVA listed as a potential charity under the app. Look for info in upcoming Checkpoints and TAW articles.
- Club Support Committee is looking into YouTube style short videos for

Happy Trails!

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