

# **AMERICAN VOLKSSPORT ASSOCIATION**

## **National Executive Council XX Meeting**

**La Quinta Inn and Suites**

**Orlando, Florida**

**January 19, 20, 2018**

### **Call to Order**

The meeting of the National Executive Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. January 19, 2018, by President David Bonewitz.

### **Introductions:**

#### **National Executive Council Members present:**

David Bonewitz (President), Nancy Wittenberg (Vice President), Robert Morrison (Treasurer), Sam Korff (Secretary), Mike Green (Atlantic RD), Andy Bacon (Mid America RD), Jerry Wilson (North Central RD), Chris Mellen (Northeast RD), Tom Baltes (Northwest RD), Suzi Glass (Pacific RD), Sherry Sayers (Rocky Mountain RD), Lucy Yother (South Central RD), John McClellan

(Southeast RD), Susan Medlin (Southwest RD), Henry Rosales (Executive Director)

### **Guests signed in:**

Louise Baltes, Vancouver, WA; Bonnie Johnson, Fridley, MN; Brenda Harris, Las Vegas, NV; Carl Cordes, PA DRD, Las Vegas, NV; Frank Sayers, Woodland Park, CO; John Glass, San Jose, CA; Betty Green, Souderton, PA; Jan Van Vlack, Mid Florida Milers.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Five items added to the agenda:

1. Approval of Committee Charters
2. Discussion of a Motion Tracking System
3. The Use of Talking Papers
4. Support for International Travelers
5. Revision to Electronic Information Meeting Procedures.

**Agenda Approved (Attachment 1)**

### **Reports of Officers**

**President's Report (Attachment 2)**

**Vice President's Report (Attachment 3)**

**Secretary's Report (Attachment 4)**

**Treasurer's Report (Attachment 5)**

**Treasurer made a motion:**

**I move that the budget adjustment to participation fee income and Executive Council Travel and Meeting Expense in the amount of \$10,000 be approved by the National Executive Council.**

**Motion seconded by: Sam Korff**

**Motion passed.**

**Report of Executive Director (Attachment 6)**

Recognition of Donations (Attachment 7)

Acceptance of New and Reactivated/Deactivated Clubs  
(Attachment 8)

**Reports of Standing Committees**

**Convention Committee (Attachment 9)**

**Information Technology Committee Report (Attachment 10)**

**Standards and Evaluation Committee - No Report**

**Audit Committee (Attachment 11)**

**Publicity Committee (Report contained in Executive Director's Report)**

**Bylaws Committee - No Report**

**Reports of Special and Ad Hoc Committees**

**Special Programs (Attachment 12)**

**Bonnie Johnson made three motions:**

**I move that the NEC/BofD approve the Carousels Across America Program.**

**I move that the NEC/BofD approve the Little Free Libraries Program.**

**I move that the NEC/BofD approve the Flowers and Feathers Program.**

The Mayflower 400th Anniversary Walks Program was withdrawn to be submitted next year.

The NEC/BofD will take the score sheets to their rooms for the night to be handed in tomorrow morning, the selections to be announced at that time.

**National Programs and IML Committee (Attachment 13)**

**Awards and Recognition Committee**

(Attachment 14)

**Training Development Committee (Attachment 15)**

**Membership Committee (Attachment 16)**

**Fund Development Committee (Attachment 17)**

**Meeting recessed 9:00 p.m.**

**Meeting called back to order 8:00 a.m. January 20, 2018**

**Programs Committee (Attachment 18)**

**Club Development Committee (Attachment 19)**

**Free Walker Study Group (Attachment 20)**

**Strategic Plan Implementation/Coordination**

(Attachment 21)

**Announcement before Unfinished Business:**

Carousels Across America and Little Free Libraries were selected as the Special Programs to begin January 1, 2019.

**Unfinished Business:**

**IVV Olympiad (Attachment 22)**

**New Business:**

**Big Give and Fundraising Training (Attachment 23)**

**Bob Morrison made a motion:**

**I move that the NEC establish Reserve Funding Subcategories in the financial records as provided in the Investment Policies as follows:**

- a. \$50,000 specifically to provide startup funding for international volkssporting activities, such as Olympiads or International Marching League events, in the USA;**
- b. \$75,000 for startup funding for the AVA Biennial Conventions;**
- c. \$200,000 for actions to accomplish strategic plan initiatives;**

**d. \$300,000 for major information technology improvement projects.**

**(Attachment 24)**

**Motion seconded by: Nancy Wittenberg**

**Motion passed.**

**John McClellan made a motion:**

**I move that AVA proceed with the planning for providing a national marketing effort at the June 2d, 3d, 2018 Crazy Horse event. (Attachment 25)**

**Motion seconded by: Suzi Glass**

**Motion passed.**

**The President directed the Executive Director investigate the necessities for providing a marketing effort at the Freedom Walks.**

**John McClellan, Club Development Committee made a motion:**

**We move that the AVA Budget add a line entry for "Club Support and Development" to be accessible to the Regional Directors and the committee chair.**

(Attachment 25)

**Motion passed.**

**John McClellan, Club Development Committee made a motion:**

**We move that the policy handbook limit on reimbursable expenses for RDs (\$400 per year per region) be raised to a limit of \$1000 per year per region, and that Deputy RD costs could be covered with prior approval by the RD. (Attachment 25)**

**Motion passed.**

**John McClellan, Club Development Committee made a motion:**

**We move that Annual Club Dues be restored at \$100 per club per year - and be listed on Appendix B (Fee Schedule) of the AVA Policy Manual.**

**Motion failed.**

**John McClellan, Club Development Committee made a motion:**

**We move that the previous NEC-approved program to provide an incentive to clubs that hold at least 1**



**Traditional Even (TE) be maintained, but be CREDITED when the club completes the TE; meaning that all clubs be initially charged \$100 for dues as intended, and then the TE credit be applied once a TE after action participation report is submitted.**

**Motion failed.**

**Susan Medlin made a motion:**

**I move that Annual Club Dues be restored at \$50 per club, per year, and be listed as such on Appendix B (Fee Schedule) of the AVA Policy Manual, effective immediately. (Attachment 25)**

**Motion seconded by: John McClellan.**

**Motion passed.**

**The President directed the Treasurer to conduct a study to potentially increase club dues, based on President's and Treasurer's future budget guidance.**

**Debbie Kruep, Programs Committee made a motion:**

**We move that the NEC declare 2019: The Year of the Peace Walk. (Attachment 26)**

**Motion failed.**

**Discussion item by Andy Bacon:**

**Should we create a special needs category?** This item may be discussed at a future Monthly Information Meeting. (Attachment 27)

**Bob Morrison made a motion:**

**I move that the committees proceed to operate under their draft charters until their charters are approved by the NEC.** (Attachment 28)

**Motion seconded by: Susan Medlin**

**Motion passed.**

**Motion Tracking System** (Attachment 29)

**Talking Papers** (Attachment 30)

**Support for International Travel** - The Executive Director volunteered to serve as Point of Contact with Graham Fawcett to facilitate international travel to the United States.

**Revision to Electronic Information Meeting Procedures.**

**Jerry Wilson made a motion:**

**I move that during the Monthly Board online meetings, that a vote could be taken on one item monthly if the issue was discussed in a prior online meeting and sent out to clubs for comment prior to the vote.**

**Motion seconded by: Bob Morrison**

**Motion passed**

**AVA Community Events (ACE) Briefing (Attachment 31)**

**The next Electronic Meeting will be February 20, 2018.**

**The next meeting will be June 8-10, 2018 in Albany, NY**

**Meeting adjourned 3:07 p.m. January 20, 2018**

