

**American Volkssport Association
Acceptance of New, Reactivated, and Deactivated Clubs**

June 2018

New

PA Region- Central Coast Beach Boardwalkers - pending RD approval
SC Region - Northland Steppers - pending RD approval

Reactivated

None

Deactivated

SW Region 11-AVA-0179 Sparkling City Strollers	4/16/2018
AT Region 02-AVA-0980 Steel Turtles	2/7/2018
*AT Region 02-AVA-0021 Washington DC Area Volksmarch Club	pending
*NC Region 04-AVA-0564 Panhandle Walkers	pending
*PA Region 07-AVA-0941 Sierra Gold Striders	pending

*Deactivation status is pending receipt of all required documents.

American Volkssport Association
Committee Report

FOR THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE
FOR THE JUNE 2018 NEC/OFFICERS EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
FROM (Name) LEA DARLING

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- * Henry signed the Red Lion Hotel contract and haggled an outstanding room rate with breakfast-\$109.00
- * Banking account open and AVA has given us start up funds of \$1500.00

ACTIVITIES:

- * Fund Raising-we will share our idea at the meeting, working on the specifics
- * Graphic Artist-produced our Convention letterhead stationary, Subaru sponsorship presentation-local and perhaps national, Thank you postcard for prospective sponsors
- * Local Sponsorships-all paperwork is ready, looking to begin soon
- * Merchandise-decided on silk screened logo tee shirt, embroidered polo shirt, volunteer vests and water bottle clip
- * Photography-has volunteer photographers and a computer to view convention pictures
- * Publicity-since August, 2017 has had a convention article submitted and will continue through August 2019
- * Registration-our IT person is working with Jeff Giddings Format is coming along. We were hoping to keep folks from picking and choosing to get more Full Registrations, but that seems insurmountable.
- * Silent Auction/Raffles-soliciting items from businesses and creating paperwork for collecting donations from individuals and clubs
- * Socials-Tuesday Eve-ice cream social, Wed. Eve-Meet & Greet-Take me Out to the Ballgame food, Thurs. Eve-Desserts & A Musical Walk Thru NY History, Fri. Eve still need inspirational speaker, Banquet, AVA Awards, photo booth
- * Transportation- getting bids with the current one being \$22,000 for all 3 days of convention walks
- * Treasurer-banking account open and Erin sent two Voucher Books for our use in requesting AVA's payment on larger expenditures (ones not paid through our AVA "Petty Cash" account at NBT Bank).
- * Walks-collecting budgets from all 8 POC's, refining the walks, getting permits lined up to pay
- * Workshops-local history topics, health, How to Keep Your Club Numbers Up, waiting for list of AVA workshops, and beginning to zero in on leaders for them
- * Vendor Fair- thinking New York State Food and Beverage Fair, vendors selling t shirts, shoes, Health Care representative with healthy lifestyles, reflective safety items, etc.
- * Volunteer-Chris Mellen got us off to a great start with signing folks up in Billings and at the airport when he was going home last year, within our club, Northeast clubs, and will advertise through TAW and registration

* Operation-at-Ease (OAE) operationatease.org , is the not-for-profit organization we will be supporting with a \$1000.00 donation. OAE works with several different shelters and rescues throughout the United States pairing unwanted dogs with disabled veterans at no cost. Tentative plans are for a Community 5k walk with families/ dogs and an Introduction to Volkswalking. We will have TV, radio, newspaper, Facebook and other electronic coverage of this event. Hoping to create a fair theme with face painting, OAE dogs with their handlers, cotton candy, ice cream cones and balloons before and after the walk. We will be collecting donations for OAE. We are planning to hold this 5K Introductory AVA walk/Operation-at- Ease charity on Tuesday late afternoon ending with our Ice Cream Social in a park within a 1/2 mile walk from the Red Lion Hotel. We are hoping some folks coming in for the Convention will join in the walk and support the OAE. These are the plans, but we have yet to meet with OAE.

CONCERNS

- * Busing Costs
- * Available parking for those who insist on driving
- * Hotel space for groups
- * Correct pricing of convention registration
- * Getting a well known inspirational speaker