

AMERICAN VOLKSSPORT ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

Introduction of Business:

I move that:

Paragraph 4.12 II D. of the AVA Policy Manual be changed to read:

“The Event Stamp may be placed in the IVV Distance Record Book each time an individual completes the distance of an event. The Event Stamp may be entered in the IVV Event Record Book each day an individual completes the event.”

Summary of Proposed Action:

1. Individuals can use a YRE event stamp for their IVV Event Record Book more than twice each year, similar to the traditional event stamp on a multiple day event.
2. Eliminates the use of the + slug in the event stamp.
3. Eliminates the need to be checked by AVA staff for duplication of YRE event stamps.
4. Increases event(s) participation by permitting more people in isolated areas to walk for event credit more than the limitation of the number of local YREs
5. Reinforces our commitment to “Moving together toward a healthier America” by encouraging people far away from other YREs to participate in the IVV awards program.
6. Potentially increases AVA income by getting more people to participate in the IVV awards program.

Motion Made By: NW Regional Director on behalf of:

Dick Baker, Rose City Roamers, AVA0446

Burt Paynter, Vancouver USA Volkssporters, AVA0557

Seconded By:

Action:

Motion Carried

Motion Failed

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I move that:

AVA Policy Manual amended to include a new Paragraph 4.03. II. E.

Clubs are required to inform participants of Year Round and Seasonal Events when the registration location of the event and the walk locality for the event are different. The driving distance must be published in the club's walk brochure, on the AVA club listing for events sponsored by the club, and in the Starting Point. Availability of restrooms and free water must be addressed at each locality.

Summary of Proposed Action:

- ❑ Precludes surprises for the Volksmarcher
- ❑ May prevent the Volksmarcher from paying a parking meter for three or four hours. All they need is thirty minutes to register for the event
- ❑ Allows the Volksmarcher to assemble their walking gear and dress out for walking at the proper location
- ❑ Knowledge of restroom availability at each location is a must. Problems occur when the walker fails to take advantage of the restroom at the registration location and then discovers there is no restroom at the actual walk locality

Motion Made By: Sam Tollett, Atlantic Region Director

Seconded By:

Motion Carried

Motion Failed

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The AVA Policy Manual is not clear when Free Walker Coupons must be reported nor when the Free Walker Coupons must be returned to AVA for credit.

I move that:

AVA Policy Manual, paragraph 4.11. I. C. be modified to read:

C. Free Walker Coupons:

- 1. Free Walker Coupons received for Regular Event participation must be submitted by mail to the AVA Headquarters along with the IVV stamp after the event is over. The IVV Stamp must be mailed and post-marked within ten days after the event.**
- 2. Free Walker Coupons received for Year Round and Seasonal Event participation must be submitted by mail to the AVA Headquarters no later than 30 days after the end of the quarter in which they are reported. Clubs may elect to hold the Free Walker Coupons and not report the coupons in the quarter they were received. Clubs must report all Free Walker Coupons not previously report in the second fiscal quarter (October 1 through December 31) and final report of the calendar year. These coupons must be mailed and post-marked within thirty days after the close of the calendar year if no Year Round or Seasonal Event IVV stamps are being returned to the AVA. Clubs returning Year Round or Seasonal Event IVV stamps at the end of the calendar year must include all Free Walker Coupons along with the IVV stamps. The IVV Stamp(s) must be mailed and post-marked within ten days after the event.**
- 3. All Free Walker Coupons must contain the club number and the five digit AVA Event Number on the back of the coupon.**
- 4. Request clubs ensure that a legible name, mailing address and e-mail address be entered on the first Free Walker Coupon in the blocks provided. This information can be utilized for follow-up action in recruiting new members into clubs.**

Summary of Proposed Action:

- ❑ AVA Policy Manual, paragraph 4.11. I. C. originally read: “Free Walker Coupons received for Year Round and Seasonal Event participation must be submitted by mail to the AVA Headquarters no later than 30 days after the end of the quarter in which they are reported. Clubs may elect to hold the coupons and include them in the fourth quarter or final report.”
- ❑ Clarifies and eliminates the confusion caused by use of the term “fourth quarter”. AVA operates on a fiscal year where the fourth quarter is April 1st through June 30th. This requirement stated fourth quarter when it actually meant the second quarter of the fiscal year or the fourth quarter of the calendar year, i.e., October 1st through December 31st.
- ❑ Clarifies the requirements for returning Free Walker Coupons
- ❑ Ensures clubs obtain information on new walkers who might be interested in joining their club
- ❑ Provides data for clubs to send out information to walkers on upcoming events

Motion Made By: Sam Tollett, Atlantic Region Director on behalf of Annette Tollett,
President Virginia Volkssport Association

Seconded By:

Motion Carried

Motion Failed

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I move that:

Paragraph 4.06. II. E. be changed to Paragraph 4.06. II. F.

AVA Policy Manual amended to include a new Paragraph 4.06. II. E.

Only the AVA Convention Committee, with the approval and consent of the National Executive Council, may offer pre-AVA National Convention or post AVA National Convention IVV events. No membership club is authorized to conduct IVV events within 400 air miles of the AVA National Convention site five days prior to (i.e., the Friday prior to the AVA Convention) or three days after the AVA National Convention (i.e., the Monday following the AVA Convention).

Summary of Proposed Action:

- ❑ Increase profits to the AVA from National Conventions
- ❑ All money from Volkssporters registering for A-Awards or Credit Only would go into the AVA treasury.
- ❑ Allows only the AVA Convention Committee to conduct pre and post AVA National Convention events
- ❑ Individual clubs would no longer be able to realize huge profits from hosting non-official pre or post AVA Convention walks

Motion Made By: Sam Tollett, Atlantic Regional Director

Seconded By:

Motion Carried

Motion Failed

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I move that:

Paragraph 4.06. II. E. 5. be amended to delete the last sentence of the paragraph.

The paragraph will read when amended:

If the actual length or rating of the trail is different from that advertised, the club will place a sign at the start showing these differences. The club must award any additional distance.

The sentence to be deleted reads: It must report the additional distance on the event after-action report.

Summary of Proposed Action:

- ❑ AVA Policy Manual Paragraph 4.06. II. E. 5. originally read: “If the actual length or rating of the trail is different from that advertised, the club will place a sign at the start showing these differences. The club must award any additional distance. It must report the additional distance on the event after-action report.”
- ❑ AVA no longer utilizes the event after-action report
- ❑ No reference to this requirement is contained in the AVA Event Handbook or the Event Coordinator’s checklist
- ❑ Clubs now must use the Club ESR Status Listing Participation Report on the AVA website. There is no area on this report to report any additional trail distance
- ❑ AVA Headquarters has not had clubs report this information for a period of time.
- ❑ If no clubs are reporting this information, AVA has not required this information be submitted by some other means, then this is an superfluous and outdated requirement.

Motion Made By: Sam Tollett, Atlantic Regional Director

Seconded by:

Motion Carried

Motion Failed