

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

LOCATION                    St Albert Inn, Woodlands Room

DATE                        17 October 2007

PRESENT:                 Dave Luscombe, David Hall, Sara McEwan, Peter Van Bostelen,  
Dagmar Lietz, Kathy Parr, Sylvia Fisher, Clara Rosenow.

REGRETS:                 Phyllis May, Rose Ramsum, Lorna Allen

CALL TO ORDER:        7:05

QUORUM:                 Yes

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:    There were no errors or omissions.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

The Trekkers Board discussed annual memberships and YRE fees.

Moved by Peter that club annual membership fees be increased to \$10 per person/\$15 per family effective January 2008. Seconded by Sylvia. Motion Carried.

Moved by Sylvia and seconded by Kathy that club YRE fees remain at \$1 per walk. Motion carried.

REPORTS

PRESIDENT:

What I would like to do here is combine this meeting with our meeting schedule for November 28<sup>th</sup>, since it is just 5 weeks away. We have had a very successful summer of walking with great weather for most of our events.

The total number of walkers has increased and we should reach the 1,000 mark for this year. Our highest in the past was 894 in 2004.

Excellent trail revisions thanks to David Hall.

At our last meeting I indicated I was concerned about our new walkers and how they seem to get lost in the system.

Events      Distance 500 km

This year:

2-50        3  
1-30  
2-10

2006

3-30

3-50

4-10        3

2005

5-30

4-50

4-10        4

What should we be doing to encourage our new walkers to remain interested in our program?

We talked about walkable Edmonton last month and a few of us were out for the Great Kick-Off on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, ( a cold and windy day). The turn out was not great, not much interest shown but we will keep in touch so we get the information on new trails and facilities that will hopefully occur.

PAST PRESIDENT : Dave L. reported for Phyllis. Everything is a go for 2007 Christmas Light tour. Co-led by Phyllis and Johanna Snoek.

## VICE PRESIDENT/TRAIL BLAZER:

YRE Update: There have been no large changes to the YREs since the last report. All 9 YREs are being walked on a regular basis. Few changes are planned for these walks this fall/winter or for next season. If anyone has suggestions for changes or new YREs contact me. There are no plans to have any formal group YRE walks but I am sure some of our members will organize some impromptu group YREs this fall and winter:

Event Update. Everyone has been great in helping out pre-walk, mark and lead the season's events. A special thanks to Dave and Patty Prowse for all their work in pre-walking, leading, flagging and all the trail master activities around the Mountain Majesty walks. I have found the pre-walking and tuning the walk instructions to be quite rewarding. If anyone wants to help out please contact me. Our next two events, fall equinox and Oktoberfest, will be very similar routes to last year. The equinox route has been pre-walked and instructions tuned and a 5km route added. The Oktoberfest route will be pre-walked shortly. This year the only check point on the Oktoberfest will be at the registration desk, which is the 11km check point.

Next year we have added some new events in Athabasca and Beaumont. More on these in the New Year.

President Dave thanked David for a job well done.

SECRETARY: No report

TREASURER:

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Total Revenue to date \$ 5,673.25  
Expenses to date \$ 4,382.70  
Net Income \$ 1,290.55  
Bank Balance \$ 9,006.03

MEMBERSHIP & TELEPHONE:

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY:

17 October 2007 update

(Denotes Last Executive meeting 2007)

Number of Membership in: St. Albert	33 (34)
Edmonton	38 (54)
Other Communities	25 (33)

Total Number of Memberships: 96 (121)  
Total Number of People: 124 (158)  
New memberships since 27 June: 2 (1 rejoined)  
New memberships since AGM 5  
No. of Communities: 13 ( 16)  
Memberships that weren't renewed: 28

President Dave thanked Kathy for a job well done.

HISTORIAN: Clara reported that the scrapbooks are coming along well in preparation for the November 3<sup>rd</sup> event display.

SOCIAL CONVENOR: Dagmar expressed appreciations for folks who donated desserts at Oktoberfest 2007. Volunteers still needed for November 3<sup>rd</sup> potluck.

Dagmar enquired about the possibility of shared accommodation at CVF AGM 2008 in Wolfeville.

President Dave will Email a message to the members.

PUBLICITY: Dave L is continuing to carry this portfolio.

NEWSLETTER: Sylvia reported on an enjoyable task. Appreciates the positive feedback she received on the last edition.

CARE & CONCERN: No report. Dave L. will send a taken of appreciation to Dave and Patty Prowse for their work on the 2007 Mountain Majesty weekend.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Event Calendar: Paper work is complete for 2008 walks.  
Next year there will be no VAA river ravine walks.  
The club will sponsor 22 walks in the 2008 year.

## 2. Trekkers Anniversary evening:

Discussed: How do we make it special? Is there an organizing committee?

Dave L. will canvass those attending the November 3<sup>rd</sup> event.

## 3. 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary budget.

Moved by Sara and seconded by David that a budget of \$500 be approved for the organizing committee. Motion carried.

## 4. Limit Amount for Excessive use of YRE Events

Discussion about the YRE costs to daily riders and walkers.

Moved by Dagmar L. that an annual \$50. prepay option be available to club members, effective immediately. Seconded by Sylvia. Motion carried.

## 5. Club Membership Cards.

Kathy passed around sample revised membership card for Board review.

## 6. Club Jackets or Sweaters.

David showed some samples of shirts for consideration by the club.

Sylvia will print a survey canvassing interest among the club members in the upcoming edition of the newsletter.

## 7. Display Board.

Some material out of date. Dave L will request that Lorna take it on as a project.

## 8. CVF Awards:

Dave L reviewed with the Board. The club is up to date.

## 9. Committee Positions:

The nominating committee for Board positions this year is:

Myrna O'Neill, Phyllis May and Millie Sietz.

Board executive and director positions completing two years service, effective March 2008, include:

President; Secretary, Treasurer and Board Director/Newsletter.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President & Board Director/Trail Blazer remain vacant.

## 10. 10K Walk Skis

Board discussed this change.

Kathy has put in an alternative Trekkers ski route for St. Albert, effective January 1, 2008.

Peter & Kathy to discuss.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:55 pm

## NEXT MEETINGS:

St Albert Trekkers AGM

March 15, 2008

Location: St. Albert Community Hall

17 Perron St.