

ST. ALBERT TREKKERS VOLKSSMARCH CLUB
Executive Meeting
St. Albert Inn, St. Albert, Alberta
November 26, 2008

Present: David Hall, Dave Luscombe, Peter Van Bostelen, Sonia Van Bostelen, Sharon Pomeroy, Sara McEwan, Kathleen Parr, Dagmar Lietz, Gordon Brandly, Janet Brandly, Lorna Allen

Absent: Duane Spurrier, Rose Ramsum, Helen Rousseau, Clara Rosenow, Sylvia Fisher

1. **Call to Order and Introductions**

David Hall called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

2. **Quorum Present**

A quorum was present.

3. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Dave Luscombe that the minutes of the October 29, 2008 meeting be accepted with the following addition. "It was decided that remaining T-shirts be sold at a cost of \$10.00 each." Seconded by Gordon Brandly. Motion carried.

4. **Confirmation of Agenda Additions**

The agenda was approved with the following addition: Senior Centre Space Rental.

5. **New Business**

a) **Website**

The Website Committee met and the following suggestions were made.

Costco was discussed as a website host at a cost of \$119.00 which includes a three year domain rental. Janet Brandly suggested an excellent domain name "trekkerswalks.ca".

It was suggested to combine club walk information in a central location for faster more efficient viewing of available walks.

Contacting members by phone is a difficult task with all the additional Group YRE's being established. Members can now check out the website for walk information or call and inquire about walks.

It was suggested we add a volunteer recruitment section to the website.

It was suggested an email message centre be established rather than a phone message centre.

Motion by Janet Brandly that authority to spend money be given on the development of the website. To date \$124.95 has been spent. Seconded by Peter Van Bostelen. Motion carried.

Newsletters – Should we put the current newsletter on the main website for password access by members? Access to old calendars could be made available as well.

A suggestion was made that we combine newsletters with other clubs.

Should we develop on-line surveys?

b) 2008 Reflections

- Survey** Janet Brandly suggested members have access to the survey before the AGM. Survey could be put on-line for easy access to members.
- VAA Walks** Should St. Albert Trekkers take on VAA walks next year?
- Parking** There are parking issues for some walks. For example, Running Room has limited parking.
- Walks** Are walks paying for themselves? Do events make money? Some YRE's lose money, others gain.
- It was suggested that variations be made to existing walks including doing the walks in reverse. Some walks already have alternate routes.
- Should we change the triathlon to add a 30 km walk?
- It was suggested that we change only a few walks per year due to the amount of work involved.
- David Hall suggested the Walk Box Champions meet throughout the year to discuss any more necessary improvements.
- Peter made a suggestion that we put highlights of walks online.
- Social Events** Dagmar commented on how well received the Athabasca luncheon was. More socials after walks are recommended.
- Christmas Lights bus starting point will change to Westmount Mall next year.
- The 2009 BBQ will be held at John and Gaileen Shaw's home.
- Newsletter** A newsletter editor will be required next year.
- Advertising** Currently, advertising is done through the distribution of business cards and ads placed in community sections of local newspapers.
- Marking** Volunteer organization is required for marking and all other areas. A suggestion was made to advertise for volunteers in the newsletter where key contacts would be posted. David Hall and Sara McEwan to make up a list for the newsletter.

c) Care and Concern

Helen Rousseau sent flowers regarding the passing of Patti Prowse.
A big thank you goes to Dave Luscombe for arranging meetings at the St. Albert Inn.

d) Senior Centre Space Rental

No comments were made at this time.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is March 4, 2009 at St. Albert Inn, 7:00 p.m.

10. Adjournment

Motion by Dagmar Leitz, seconded by Sara McEwan that the meeting be adjourned at 9:15 p.m.
Motion carried.