

ST. ALBERT TREKKERS VOLKSSMARCH CLUB
Executive Meeting
St. Albert Inn, St. Albert, AB
June 24, 2009

Present: David Hall, Dave Luscombe, Sharon Pomeroy, Sara McEwan, Kathleen Parr, Dagmar Leitz, Rose Ransum, Gordon Brandly, Janet Brandly, Lorna Allen, Joan Redman

Absent: Duane Spurrier, Peter Van Bostelen, Sonia Van Bostelen, Helen Rousseau

1. **Call to Order and Introductions**

David H. called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m.

2. **Quorum Present**

A quorum was present.

3. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Motion made by Dave L. that the minutes of the March 29, 2008 meeting be accepted. Seconded by Sara M. Motion carried.

4. **Confirmation of Agenda**

The agenda was approved with the following addition: Purchase of BBQ.

5. **Executive and Committee Reports**

President

Dave H. expressed his concern that the overall number of walkers is down. Morinville has the most attended walks.

Past President

No report.

First Vice-President

Absent. No report.

Second Vice-President

Janet B. expressed her concern that there has been no variation in walks, locations and times for a number of years. She suggested alternate start times on Saturdays.

Treasurer

Motion by Sara M. that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. Seconded by Dave L. Motion carried.

Peter's comments in the report were acknowledged.

Trailblazers I & II

Report attached. Sara M. named helpers and recognized their efforts and support.

Membership

See report.

Website

Dave L. continues to update the Trekker website.

Publicity

Lorna A. has received 8 calls and/or emails regarding community events that have been dropped for Beaumont. Lorna A. will investigate community event calendars in Edmonton and area.

Social Convenors

Rose R. will coordinate snacks for 3 weeks in July in Dagmar's absence.

Historian

David H. will look into finding someone to take photos at events in David Robinson's absence.

Newsletter

Joan R. will have the Trekker newsletter ready for next week.

Care and Concern

Absent. No report.

6. **New Business**

a) **Review of Upcoming Events**

We reviewed the list of Trailblazer tasks and Trekkers' 2009 Calendar of Events. The upcoming Spruce Grove walk will be a map led walk. There will be some changes to the marathon routes.

Lunch will be provided once again at the Athabasca walk event. Motion by Rose R. that we charge \$2.00 for the lunch. Seconded by Gordon B. Motion Carried.

b) **Hall Rental**

St. Albert Senior's Centre lodge has a small room, but may not be adequate for our AGM. Rental is \$30.00 per hour (minimum 3 hours for AGM) and \$60.00 for use of the kitchen. There is a \$100.00 damage deposit. St. Albert United Church has sufficient space for larger numbers and charges \$80.00 for the dining hall and \$120.00 for the use of the kitchen.

Moved by Dagmar L. that we move the Trekkers' AGM to St. Albert United Church. Seconded by Rose R. Motion carried. Peter's approval is required before reservations are made.

c) **2010 Event Changes**

1. Do we request some more VAA events? No.
2. Do we request some more VAA YRE's? No.
3. Do we set up any new YRE's? Beaumaris Lake and Griesbach's Patricia Lakes were considered for changes.
4. Do we set up any new events? No.

5. **Other changes**

Reviewed Calendar of Events to be submitted for 2010 with proposed changes.

Suggestion made by Dave L. that we become part of the St. Albert Rodeo Parade in place of the May 23 littler pick up event from the St. Albert Inn as a way to advertise the club.

6. **Process to confirm and finalize events**

David H. to discuss events and changes with other President's before finalizing events for 2010.

d) Mountain Majesty

Motion by Dave L. that we hold Alberta Mountain Majesty next Labour Day weekend in 2010 in Banff. Seconded by Lorna Al. Motion carried.

Peter and Sonia Van Bostelen have offered to establish routes for this event.

e) Host VAA in 2010

Motion by Dave L. that the VAA AGM be held at the St. Albert Inn, April 24-25, 2010. Seconded by Sara M. Motion carried.

f) BBQ

Motion by Sara M. that we purchase a Coleman Portable BBQ up to \$250.00. Seconded by Joan R. Motion carried.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is Wednesday, October 21, 2009 at the St. Albert Inn, 7:00 p.m.

10. Adjournment

Motion by Rose R. that the meeting be adjourned at 9:50 p.m. Seconded by Kathy P. Motion carried.

This is a short financial Report as of 18 May.

Bank Balance: \$5678.29

Income

Year round income	474.00 (Includes 200.00 in prepaids)
Events	290.10 (Does not include the amount of May 16)
Membership	600.00 (Between Kathy and I the is close to 100 not deposited – Last year amount about 1040.00)
Book sales	224.00
VAA Rebates	485.00
Interest	0.16
Total Income	2073.26

Expenses

Record Books	210.00
Rentals	646.70 (SAMBA twice and Fountain Pool)
Trailmaster Expenses	356.99 (GPS Purchase)
Sanction Fees	2550.00
CVF/VAA Dues	715.00
Postage/Newsletter	45.04
Gifts/Donations	82.91
Bank charges	2.50
Total Expenses	4609.14

Net Income -2535.88

I think we are starting to make some headway.

Other matters:

1 I think we should not add any more YRE's this year. We need to digest the ones we added in the past two years. Someday we are going to need to assess if we have to ditch some under performing ones.

2 As to events, event attendance appears to be waning in general. I have never seen numbers like Myrna was talking about, more than 100 attendees in the early going. I think we should try to adopt as many of the VAA's Tuesday evening events as possible since these seem to be the best attended. To balance this we could and probably should be looking at either dropping some of our less popular event or at least alternate them from year to year. I think interest in events is waning due to doing the same old same old every year. I think we need more variety. Possibly a case of quality brings out more people than quantity.

3 Sonja and I wouldn't mind spending a Monday through Friday in one of the mountain parks to lay out the mountain majesty for next year. My best suggestion is to take a book on Rocky Mountain trails and pick out the ones with the appropriate distance and then pre-walk to see if they would be suitable.

4 I am not desperate about losing the treasurer's job but wouldn't weep if someone else would take it. Just in case someone is really dumb enough to suggest it, I will not stand for president.

5 I would urge you to please stay on as president for another term. I think you have the right combination of traits to guide the growth and direction of the club.

That's my contribution for the executive meeting I will be missing in June.

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY
24 June 2009
(Last Executive meeting 25 Mar 09)

Number of Memberships in:	St. Albert	29 (31)
	Edmonton	42 (39)
	Other Communities	43 (34)
Total Number of Memberships:		114 (104)
Total Number of People:		150 (139)
New Memberships since 25 Mar		10 (2 rejoined)
New Memberships since AGM (21 Mar)		10
No. of Communities:		15 (14)
Memberships that haven't renewed yet this year		32
Communities:	Beaumont	
	Camrose	
	Devon	
	Edmonton	
	Fort Saskatchewan	
	Jasper	
	Leduc	
	Millet	
	Morinville	
	Red Deer	
	Sherwood Park	
	St. Albert	
	Stony Plain	
	Westlock	
	Wetaskiwin	

Trail Blazer Report June 2009

Trailblazers Sonja/Peter are travelling in Iceland & Britain, departed late May and returning early July.
I am travelling September 16th through October 14th in Scotland.
Peter/Sonja will take over Trail Blazer marking for Sara.

Trekkers resources have partnered with VAA, supporting pre-walking and marking 5 VAA events.

Spring marker recruitment went well: 11 new markers recruited and 6 trained.
Marking roster call currently circulates to 21 names.
Good responses to calls to mark. Also have a back-up list of folks to call in a pinch.

Whittling away at 2009 To Do list.

Christmas Lights Event. Followed up on Joan Redman's suggestion and have created a second 5 km walk Edmonton Churchill Square to Legislature.

Event marking going well. Cardiff revised and walked. Still needs work.

YREs: Twin Brooks, Beaumont & Wolf Willow routes revised and updated.
5 km loop routes developed & reformatted.

Trailblazer Garmin measuring device is complicated.
Challenged turning GPS OFF. So far, gives good readings.
2009 still using the wheel for confirming changes and new routes.
Expect to be using Garmin exclusively in 2010.

Walkers providing excellent support. Appreciations to Kathy Parr, David Hall, Peter & Sonja van Bostelen, Ed Bator, Helen Lewicki, Judy Prowse, Lou Arsenault, Duane Spurrier, Joe Sombach, Myrt Reinholt, Willem Snoek, Ursula Tauscher, Myrna O'Neill, Lorna Allen, & Helen Rousseau.

TRAILBLAZER TASKS 2009 Routes June Update	TIMELINE	ASSIGNED
MARKING	23 Events over 2009 year	Sara McEwan
PREWALKING	23 Events " " "	Sonja & Peter Van Bostelen
VAA ROUTE SUPPORT	5 Events May & June	Pre-walked & marked
ROUTE DEVELOPMENT	20 Routes *Completed By (2 weeks prior to event):	2009
New: Spruce Grove event Map Route. Develop route/instructions.	June 15* Map Pre-Walk Complete 05/09 June 15	Peter/Sonja van Bostelen Sara McEwan
New Kinsmen Fieldhouse Adapt VAA route instructions.	June 15*	Sara McEwan
Change: Mill Creek event Adapt VAA route/instructions.	July 28*	Sara McEwan Kathy Parr
Change: Triathlon 30K bike ~ Modify instructions	July 10*	Peter/Sonja van Bostelen Shirley Powell
Change: Triathlon Route - Develop shortcut to pool	July 10*	Sara McEwan Myrna O'Neill
Change: Marathon routes ~ Revise distances 2 x 10 k, 2 x 11 k. Develop 5 km route.	July 10*	Sonja/Peter van Bostelen Duane Spurrier David Hall
New: Chickakoo Lake Adapt Devon map to instructions.	August 15*	Sonja/Peter van Bostelen
Change: Athabasca Route ~ Review townsite route? Change start point for 2010 to Multiplex?	August 15*	Sara McEwan Myrt Reinholt
Renew: Oktoberfest ~ Find/prepare route instructions for 2nd east route. Finalize new 6 km loop	September 1* Dawson Loop = 4.2 + 2.1. 10/08 Golf course to walking bridge.	Sara McEwan Gordon & Janet Brandly
New: Griesbach ~ Develop new route for 2010.	September 1*	Sara McEwan Dave Luscombe
Change: Solstice Event ~ Switch to a simpler route Marathon route? 5 & 10 K	September 1*	Sara McEwan
Change: Edmonton Based Xmas Lights Walk	December 1* 2 5km routes drafted.	Sara McEwan
Change: New Years Day Instructions Add route distances.	Before the snow flies	Sonia & Peter V. Bostelen

Revise distance to legal.		
Change: Update Wolf Willow route	Before the snow flies	Sara McEwan Millie Seitz
Change: Alternate St. Albert River Route. Distances measured	Before the snow flies	Sonja & Peter van Bostelen
St Albert Place020609 Add Route Distances	Before the snow flies	Kathy Parr Sara McEwan
Cardiff: Distances confirmed. Change route ending.	Before the snow flies.	Sara McEwan
YRE DEVELOPMENT	17 Routes	
Wolf Willow route B 10 km. Road test revised 5 km formats.	Route B to legal distance.	Sara McEwan David Hall
St Albert Routes (12) Reformat & add to Web	Winter work	Sara McEwan et al. David Hall
Morinville Correct Route Add to Web. Revise distance to legal under 10km	Summer 2009	Sara McEwan Helen Rousseau
Twin Brooks: 5 km loop route confirmed.	When Sharon gets to it.	Sharon Pomeroy
Beaumont: Improve #5 Add distance to points. Modify route as per Ed Bator recommendations.	Winter work	

Trekkers 2009 Calendar of Events

- JANUARY Jan 1 @ 10:00 from St Albert Inn
Jan 24 @ 1:30 from Kingswood Park Shelter in St Albert
- FEBRUARY Feb 21 @ 1:30 from St Albert Place
- MARCH Mar 21 @ 2:30 from Samba in St Albert (AGM)
- APRIL **Apr 11 @ 2:00 from Beaumaris Lake in Edmonton (New Group YRE)**
Apr 18 @ 2:00 from Beaumont Activities Centre
- MAY May 9 @ 10:30 from Lacombe Park in St Albert (World Walking Day)
May 16 @ 1:30 from Kinsmen in Sherwood Park (Was group YRE in 2008)
May 23 @ 10:00 from St Albert Inn (Group YRE for litter clean up)
- JUNE **June 2 @ 7:00 from St Albert Place in St Albert (Was VAA in 2007)**
June 13 @ 9:30 from Rousseau's Farm in Morinville
June 13 @ 1:00 from Cardiff Park
June 23 @ 7:00 from Gov't House Park in Edmonton
June 30 @ 7:00 from Kinsmen in Edmonton (Was VAA in 2008)
- JULY **July 7 @ 7:00 from TriLeisure in Spruce Grove (Was Devon's)**
July 25 @ 8:00 from Kingswood in St Albert (Triathlon)
July 26 @ 6:30 from St Albert Place in St Albert (Marathon)
- AUGUST **Aug 11 @ 7:00 from Mill Creek Pool in Edmonton (Was VAA in 2008)**
Aug 25 @ 7:00 from St Albert Inn (Group YRE)
Aug 29 @ 10:00 from Chickakoo Lake (Was Devon's)
- SEPTEMBER Sep 12 @ 10:00 from Muskeg Creek Chalet in Athabasca
Sep 12 @ 1:30 from Muskeg Creek Chalet in Athabasca
Sep 21 @ 6:30 from Kingswood in St Albert (Flashlight)
Sep 26 @ 10:00 from YMCA in South Edmonton (Twin Brooks/Blackmud Creek new walk)
Sep 27 @ 1:30 from Strathcona Wilderness Centre (New Group YRE)
- OCTOBER **Oct 3 @ 8:30 from Dawson Park – Now 2 event walks and no cycle (Oktoberfest)**
- NOVEMBER Nov 7 @ 2:30 from Samba in St Albert (Potluck)
- DECEMBER Dec 12 @ 7:00 from Westmount Mall in Edmonton (Christmas Lights bus)
Dec 19 @ 8:30 from down town Edmonton (Pedway walk)

Trekkers 2010 Calendar of Events Version Two

JANUARY	Jan 1 @ 10:00 from St Albert Inn
	Jan 23 @ 1:30 from Kingswood Park Shelter in St Albert
FEBRUARY	Feb 20 @ 1:30 from St Albert Place
MARCH	Mar 20 @ 2:30 from United Church in St Albert (AGM)
APRIL	Apr 10 @ 2:00 from Beaumaris Lake in Edmonton (Group YRE)
	Apr 17 @ 2:00 from Beaumont Activities Centre
	Apr 24 @ 10:00 from St Albert Inn (VAA AGM)
	Apr 25 @ 10:00 from St Albert Inn (VAA AGM)
MAY	May 8 @ 10:30 from Lacombe Park in St Albert (World Walking Day)
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	June 12 @ 9:30 from Rousseau's Farm in Morinville
	June 12 @ 1:00 from Cardiff Park
	June 22 @ 7:00 from Gov't House Park in Edmonton
	June 29 @ 7:00 from Kinsmen in Edmonton
JULY	July 6 @ 7:00 from TriLeisure in Spruce Grove
	July 24 @ 8:00 from Kingswood in St Albert (Triathlon)
	July 25 @ 6:30 from St Albert Place in St Albert (Marathon)
AUGUST	Aug 10 @ 7:00 from Mill Creek Pool in Edmonton
	Aug 17 @ 7:00 from St Albert Inn (President's Walk - Group YRE)
	Aug 28 @ 10:00 from Chickakoo Lake (A maybe for now)
SEPTEMBER	Sep 4 @ 1:30 from Banff
	Sep 5 @ 9:30 from Banff
	Sep 5 @ 12:30 from Banff
	Sep 6 @ 9:30 from Banff
	Sep 21 @ 6:30 from Kingswood in St Albert (Flashlight)
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* Still need to add a new event from the Kinsmen (Sara and David to discuss when)