

ST. ALBERT TREKKERS VOLKSSMARCH CLUB
Executive Meeting
St. Albert Inn, St. Albert, AB
October 21, 2009

Present: David Hall, Dave Luscombe, Sara McEwan, Kathleen Parr, Dagmar Leitz, Joan Redman, Lorna Allen, Peter Van Bostelen, Sonja Van Bostelen, Vicki Robinson

Absent: Sharon Pomeroy, Rose Ransum, Gordon Brandly, Janet Brandly, Duane Spurrier, Helen Rousseau, David Robinson

1. Call to Order and Introductions

David Hall called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

2. Quorum Present

A quorum was present

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The following amendments were made to the March 29, 2009 minutes:

- Present: the spelling of Sonja Van Bostelen's name changed to Sonja
- Item 3: the date corrected to read March 29, 2009
- Item 5: omit "Morinville has the most attended walks."
- Publicity: change to "Lorna Allen reports that the community events calendar has been dropped from the Beaumont paper.

Motion made by Sara McEwan that the amended minutes of the June 24, 2009 meeting be accepted. Seconded by David Luscombe. Motion carried.

4. Confirmation of Agenda

The agenda was approved with the following additions:

- Under Executive Reports: Northeast Director
- Under New Business: Big Events

5. Executive and Committee Reports

President

David Hall is a little disappointed that there were no huge turnouts this year, but he's happy with the number of new walkers.

Past President

Dave Luscombe expressed concern that we are losing new people. He is not sure how to remedy this.

First Vice-President

Absent. No report.

Second-Vice-President

Absent. No report.

Treasurer

There was discussion about whether to leave the budget as is or to do something to increase revenue. This year we forecast a net income of -1165.19. One suggestion raised was the possibility of raising the YRE's to \$2 from \$1 – all YRE's or only group YRE's. However, because there had been a couple of large scale purchases in the last year (GPS and BBQ), it was decided to leave the fee structure as is and look at the situation again next year.

Motion made by David Luscombe that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. Seconded by Kathy Parr. Motion carried.

Secretary

Sharon Pomeroy has taken a job in Coral Harbour, Nunavut, and as a result, will be unable to do the minutes. Lorna Allen volunteered to take the minutes for the October 21, 2009 meeting.

Trailblazers I and II

Sara McEwan reported that she and Sonja and Peter have had a very busy and satisfying year. They have had excellent support with marking and trail development.

Membership

See attached report.

Website

Dave Luscombe and David Hall will continue to update the website and incorporate photos and history. They will have more time in the winter to work on it. It will cost \$31.45 to renew the domain name.

Publicity

There was discussion about the best way to word promotional ads in the community events calendars. It was decided to put the heading as Volkssport Alberta and to mention the sponsoring club within the ad.

**N.B. Subsequent to the meeting Richard Parr, Kathy Parr, and David Hall decided that Walk Alberta would be a better heading.

Lorna Allen will contact Sara to get information about on-line community event calendars.

Social Conveners

Dagmar reported that food related walks were a success. She appreciates having two people on this committee.

Historian

There was discussion about whether to continue with the albums or whether to keep the pictures in a digital mode. It was decided to discontinue keeping the albums. David Robinson will work with Dave Luscombe and David Hall to make photographs available on-line.

A slide show will run at the potluck in November.

Historians will keep copies of all newsletters and copies of any articles. They will not keep copies of the minutes.

Newsletter

Joan Redman thanked all the people who have submitted articles for the newsletter. She asked for guidance on the page limit, and it was decided that there should not be a limit within reason.

Care and Concern

Helen Rousseau will be away from December 3rd to March 1st. Dagmar will fill in while Helen is away.

Millie Seitz is still in the hospital.

Northeast Director for V.A.A.

Dave Luscombe reported that next year it will be the 25th anniversary of the first Volkssport walk in Alberta. It is to be held in Barrhead. To celebrate this milestone, a bus will be provided free of charge to the walk at Horsecreek Ranch on the weekend of June 25, 26, and 27. Accommodation is available at \$93/room. Each room has two beds.

Dave also mentioned that volunteers will be needed for the casino that V.A.A. is working on February 6th and 7th, 2010. Sign up forms will be available at the potluck.

6. New Business

a) The last three walks of 2009 were noted:

November 7th at SAMBA with potluck following, the Christmas Lights walk on December 12th, and the Pedway Walk on December 19th.

b) BBQ for July 2010

It was decided to have this year's B.B.Q. at Lion's Park. Peter Van Bostelen will phone to book the space.

c) Awards

If anyone is aware of someone who should be receiving a 5-year award, please let David Luscombe know.

d) Name to use when advertising in the paper

See Publicity

e) City of Edmonton Business License

The City of Edmonton has informed the Volkssport Association of Alberta that they may require a license to get a Parks Permit to hold walks in Edmonton. These fees will be close to \$800. Dave Luscombe and Kathy Parr are looking into this matter.

f) Position Vacancies as of March 2010

Several positions are becoming vacant:

Trailblazer

Secretary

President

Vice-President

2nd Vice-President

Treasurer

Membership

Dave Luscombe asked these people to contact him and tell him of their intentions as soon as possible. Sara said that she would not be continuing as Trailblazer. Kathy will not continue as Membership. David Hall has not decided. Dagmar will continue if she has an associate.

g) Website Plans for this winter

See Website.

h) 2009 – What has gone well and what can we improve upon

We seem to need to focus on ways to retain walkers. This will be a focus at our next meeting, as well as finding people for executive positions.

7. **Next Meeting:** Thursday, January 21, 2010 at 7::00 p.m. at the St. Albert Inn.
8. **Adjournment:** Motion by Sonja Van Bostelen that the meeting be adjourned at 9:25. Seconded by Sara McEwan

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY
21 Oct 2009
(Last Executive meeting 24 Jun 09)

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| Number of Memberships in: | St. Albert | 25 (29) |
| | Edmonton | 39 (42) |
| | Other Communities | 31 (43) |
| Total Number of Memberships: | | 95 (114) |
| Total Number of People: | | 119 (150) |
| New Memberships since 24 Jun: | | 5 (1 rejoined) |
| New Memberships since AGM (21 Mar): | | 14 |
| No. of Communities: | | 14 (15) |
| Memberships that weren't renew this year: | | 25 |
| Communities: | Beaumont | |
| | Devon | |
| | Edmonton | |
| | Fort Saskatchewan | |
| | Jasper | |
| | Leduc | |
| | Millet | |
| | Morinville | |
| | Red Deer | |
| | Sherwood Park | |
| | St. Albert | |
| | Stony Plain | |
| | Westlock | |
| | Wetaskiwin | |