

St. Albert Trekkers Volkssmarch Club
Annual General Meeting
St. Albert United Church Hall
St. Albert, Alberta
Saturday, March 20, 2010

Present: David Hall, Dave Luscombe, Dagmar Leitz, Peter Van Bostelen, Sonja Van Bostelen, Sara McEwan, Kathleen Parr, Joan Redman, Rose Ramsum, Lorna Allen, Janet Brandley, Gordon Brandley

Absent: Helen Rousseau, Duane Spurrier, Vicki Robinson, David Robinson

1. Call to Order

David Hall called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. Quorum

A quorum was present.

3. Approval of AGM Minutes of March 21, 2009

Dagmar Leitz moved that the minutes be accepted as read. Seconded by Rose Ramsum.

4. Agenda

There were no additions and/or changes to the agenda.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the previous minutes.

6. Reports

President – David Hall

David presented his report.

Vice-President – Duane Spurrier

No report.

2nd Vice-President – Janet Brandly

Janet reported that she was not able to take a very active role this year because of other commitments.

Secretary – Sharon Pomeroy

Sharon Pomeroy has been working in Nunavut. Lorna Allen has filled in for her.
No report.

Treasurer – Peter Van Bostelen

Peter presented his report. Peter moved that we adopt the report as read. Seconded by Bruno Leitz. All in favour.

Phil Sturgess moved that we get Henry Harks to do our financial statement for the next fiscal year. Dave Luscombe seconded. All in favour.

Trailblazer – Sara McEwan

Sara thanked Sonja and Peter Van Bostelen who have been doing the pre-walking. Sarah and her team of helpers have marked all the walks. There were 5-Km routes, as well as 10 Km, for all the walks. Sara has also helped with marking for the V.A.A. walks this past year. Sara thanked all those who helped her, and offered to help anyone taking on the role for next year.

Membership – Kathleen Parr

We have 96 memberships in 16 communities. Most are in Edmonton, with St. Albert being next.

Kathy thanked her phoning committee for their help: Iris Campbell, Phyllis Wright, and Marlene Kubbernus.

Newsletter – Joan Redman

Joan asked for continuing contributions from Trekkers and thanked those who had contributed this past year.

Historians – Vicki and David Robinson

Vicki and David were absent. David Hall read their submitted report. They thanked everyone who had passed along tips and suggestions, as well as photos for the club records. They are presently doing a historical write-up of the club's second decade which will be put on the website, along with club photos.

Social Conveners – Dagmar Leitz and Rose Ramsum

Dagmar said that there were no problems. She feels there should be two people involved in this role.

Publicity – Lorna Allen

Lorna reported that she has continued to submit e-mails to the media to advertise upcoming walks. Some newspapers now have on-line community calendars, and these are easy to use but more time-consuming because each newspaper must be done separately.

Care and Concern – Helen Rousseau

Helen is still in Arizona. Dagmar Leitz has filled in for her during her absence.

Webmaster – Dave Luscombe, David Hall, Gordon Brandly

David Hall reported that they continue to update the website with current walks.

7. New Business

a) Nominations

President – David Hall was nominated by acclamation for another two-year term.

First Vice-President – No nominations from the floor.

Second Vice-President – Dagmar Leitz nominated Joe Sombach. Joe accepted the nomination. All in favour.

Past President – Dave Luscombe continues in this position.

Secretary – No nominations from the floor.

Treasurer – Peter Van Bostelen was nominated by acclamation for another two-year term.

Membership – Sonja Van Bostelen was nominated by acclamation.

Trail Blazer: Marking - No nominations from the floor. Dagmar Leitz suggested phoning the 14 people who helped Sarah with marking over the last two years to see if any of them would be interested.

Trail Blazer: Pre-Walking – Peter and Sonja Van Bostelen have been doing this for the past year and will continue for one more year.

Three positions are currently vacant:

1st Vice-President

Secretary

Trail Blazer: Marking

b) Appointment of North-East Regional Director to V.A.A.

Rose Ramsum moved that David Hall be appointed North-East Regional Director to V.A.A. and Sonja Van Bostelen seconded the motion. All in favour.

c) VAA Upcoming Annual General Meeting and Convention

The AGM and Convention will be hosted by the St. Albert Trekkers at the St. Albert Inn on April 24 & 25, 2010.

d) CVF – Convention will in Sydney, N. S.

8. Open Floor

- a) Janet Brandly suggested that we look into the Black Cat Guest Ranch as a possible walk site.
- b) David Luscombe expressed concern with the VAA regulation which states that a sanctioned event is never cancelled. A representative is expected to be at the start site. Dave feels that this could be a safety issue and gave the example of the minus 30-degree temperature for one of the December walks. There was an animated discussion about how to best handle this type of situation. Dave will take this concern to the VAA AGM.

9. Adjournment

Anne Appelman moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:24 p.m.