

**VAA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HORSE CREEK RANCH AB
SATURDAY, 20 JUNE 2015**

1. **Call to Order** – 5:00 p.m.

2. **Verification of Quorum** – Quorum was verified.

3. **Agenda**

- a) Additions or amendments - none
- b) Adoption

MOTION: Edna McKelvie/Sharon Tchir moved the adoption of the minutes as distributed. CARRIED.

4. **Approval of AGM Minutes from Saturday, 26 April 2014**

MOTION: Karen Kangas/Sharon Tchir moved the adoption of the minutes from Saturday, 26 April 2014, as distributed. CARRIED.

5. **Business Arising from the Minutes.**

A bingo hall in Edmonton was approached and agreed to accept us into their association pending AGLC approval. A motion at the VAA Board Meeting this afternoon was passed to put bingos on hold at this time; can be picked up later, if necessary.

6. **Old Business** - none

7. **Reports**

- a) President – David Hall, see report on pages 4-5.
 - reviewed what was accomplished last year
 - reviewed what VAA really does
- b) Treasurer – Edna McKelvie, see report on pages 6-12
 - General Account: \$10,130.17
 - Casino Account: \$180.67 (depleted, as per Alberta Lotteries)
 - Bingo Account: \$2,635.26
 - \$450 to be added to 2016 Budget to Administration for post office box
 - CVF Director's Account: \$1,017.75

MOTION: Edna McKelvie/Sharon Tchir moved that the financial statements be accepted as presented. CARRIED.

c) Regional Directors – see reports on page 13-14.

d) Club Presidents

- Barrhead Walkie Talkie Volkssport Club – Margaret Attrill
 - Thunder Lake had 30 walkers, Westlock had 19.
 - An ad was placed in the Barrhead Leader and a few more walkers showed up.
 - Tuesday evening bush walks are emailed to 77 people; around 20 show up for walks.
- Volkssport Club of Medicine Hat – Dallas Weiss, see report on page 14.
- Wetaskiwin Volkssport Walking Club – Alda Watchorn, see report on page 15.

e) First Vice President – Walter Cool

- There are many groups that relate to walking on the Meet Up website. Walter will coordinate and post Meet Up groups for VAA. This could cost possibly \$50-100 per year.

f) Secretary - none

g) Past President – Kathleen Parr, see report on page 15.

h) Booklet Publisher – Kathleen Parr, see report on page 15.

i) Website Managers – Kathleen Parr and Sherry Nixey, see report on page 15.

- Club sections have been enlarged to contain history and pictures.
- Trekkers website will come down this year, so use walk.ca to access website.

- j) Fund Raising Coordinator – Kathleen Parr, see report on page 16.
 - The last VAA Casino raised \$21,574.08. Thanks to those who helped out.
- k) Advertising and Publicity Coordinator – Sherry Nixey, see report on page 16.
 - walk announcements are advertised in newspapers and on Facebook page.
- l) Event Calendar Editor – Denise Wallbank
 - Keep sending in pictures.
- m) Newsletter Editor – Denise Wallbank, see report on page 16.
 - Next newsletter coming out in July; will need pictures from the Horse Creek Ranch event.
- n) Historian – Myrna O’Neil, see report on page 17.
 - An inventory list is being compiled. Some history is on website.
- o) Event Coordinator – Sharon Tchir, see report on page 17.
 - If there are any problems on trails for VAA walks or Alberta Director walks, contact Sharon so directions can be updated.
 - reviewed online process.
 - For online registration, send to VAA address on registration form.
- p) VAA Materials Manager – Walter Cool, see report on page 18.
 - 167 record books sent out in 2014.
- q) VAA Merchandising Sales – Phyllis May
 - VAA pins and license plates for sale.
- r) AB Sanction Coordinators – Alda Watchorn and Judy Zimmer, see report on page 19.
 - Number of walkers is good.
 - CVF requires a 24-hour time stated on their forms.
 - most popular walks are the River and Ravine walks with 40-50 walkers attending.
 - Statistics consistent over the last 4 years.
 - Richard Parr volunteered to do sanctions for next year.

7. New Business:

- a) Regional Directors Appointments
 - North East Director – Margaret Attrill from Barrhead club
 - South Director – Denise Wallbank from Medicine Hat club
 - Central Director – Karen Kangas from Wetaskiwin club
 - North West Director – Sharon Tchir from St. Albert club
- b) Election of Executive members – Kathleen Parr
 - President – David Hall
 - First Vice-President – Walter Cool
 - Second Vice-President – no nominations, vacant
 - Treasurer – Edna McKelvie. (Joan Redman agreed to take on this position.)

UPDATE, as of May 5, 2015: After the AGM in Horse Creek Ranch, discussions continued and two people come forward to volunteer for positions. Approval by email took place for the following position:

- Joan Redman to take over as Treasurer from Edna.

This change will take place this summer as the affected parties can transition.

- c) Executive member Appointments
 - Secretary – Irene Miller. (Judy Zimmer agreed to take on this position.)

UPDATE, as of May 5, 2015: After the AGM in Horse Creek Ranch, discussions continued and two people come forward to volunteer for positions. Approval by email took place for the following positions:

- Judy Zimmer to take over as Secretary from Irene.

This change will take place this summer as the affected parties can transition.

- d) Other Appointments
- Event Calendar & Newsletter Editor – Denise Wallbank
 - Booklet Publisher – Kathleen Parr
 - Website Managers – Kathleen Parr and Sherry Nixey
 - Fundraising Coordinator – Kathleen Parr
 - Historian – Myrna O’Neil
 - Event Coordinator – Sharon Tchir
 - Material and Property Manager – David Hall
 - Materials Manager – Walter Cool
 - Merchandise Sales Manager –Phyllis May
- e) Usage of Visa and electronic payment methods – Sharon Tchir, as VAA Event Coordinator, will experiment with Square Up to accept electronic payment for mail-in registrations. AVA is currently using electronic payment.
- f) Volkssport Hats – David offered to place an order for Volkssport baseball-style caps with the CVF logo and maple leaf printing. Ethel Hansen, CVF President, has given this the green light. It should be a break-even proposition.
- g) David Phillips Award – David hall presented the David Phillips trophy to Margaret and Jeff Attrill for their outstanding service for Volkssport in Alberta.
- h) Guidelines & Procedures – electronic, see report on page 20.
The Guidelines and Procedures will be posted on the VAA website. Old copies can be given back to Kathleen Parr or recycled.

8. Announcements

- a) Alberta Majesty will be held in Medicine Hat on the Labour Day weekend, hosted by the Medicine Hat Club. Location of the 2016 Alberta Majesty has yet to be determined but will be hosted a club yet to be determined. The Alberta Majesty usually alternates between Medicine Hat, St. Albert, and the VAA. In 2016, Wetaskiwin and Devon will co-host the Alberta Majesty in Waterton on the Labour Day weekend.
- b) Deadline for submission for the VAA Event Calendar is 15 September 2015. *All dues and fees are to be paid before this date.*
- c) Location of 2016 VAA AGM – The St. Albert Trekkers will host the VAA AGM in September 2016 in St. Albert.

9. Floor Open – no business from floor.

10. Adjournment – 5:55 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S 2014 REPORT

JUNE 2015

2014 Highlights

- St. Albert Trekkers and the rest of the Alberta clubs hosted one of the most successful CVF AGMs ever! And between the convention and the post-convention tour the Trekkers were able to share many thousands of dollars with CVF and the clubs in Alberta, helping to keep Volkssport financially strong for years to come.
- Our own VAA AGM in Camrose came off without a hitch. Thanks to the Wetaskiwin Club for being such a nice host.
- I kind of thought Alberta Majesty might be anticlimactic after the convention. I was wrong! It was well attended and walkers enjoyed the new Hinton and the Maligne Canyon routes. It was a fun weekend.
- It was very sad to see the Fox Creek club fold at the end of the year. But Evelyn has assured me that if her knees allow we will continue to see her on the trails!!
- After many years the calendar production was switched from Irene to Denise. And from what I saw there was not even a hiccup!
- The CVF sanctioning process is old, awkward and confusing. We do it different than BC and both BC and AB do it differently than the rest of Canada. But given that, Alda, Judy and the club Presidents worked through it and did an excellent job.
- The continued improvement to the walkalberta website is definitely a highlight. I think it is the best Volkssport website in North America. Thanks to Kathy and Sherry.

Route Changes

- New Permanent Trails were worked out last year and implemented in 2015 in Taber, Innisfail and Vegreville. They were set up as Director walks using the mail in process.
- The VAA Director took over some of the extra Trekker walks that had been set up for the convention, in Banff, Lake Louise, Johnston Canyon and Moraine Lake.
- The VAA Director also took over some of the Fox Creek walks, namely Hinton, Grande Prairie, Fox Creek and White Court. Switzer and Grand Cache were dropped.
- The Canmore walk-box was moved to the Ramada Hotel.
- A 6 km route was added to the Waterton walk.
- The Crowsnest Pass walk was tuned to make use of the newer trails on the hillside above the slide.

Challenges & the Future

- Our challenges are like every other region in North America. How do we attract more members and more clubs? On the membership side we are doing ok with most clubs increasing their membership numbers. But club growth is another matter. Going into 2015 we are down one club. There has been a little interest shown in Drumheller but it's too early to tell. Red Deer and Calgary have been close a few times but nothing definite.
- One of our strengths is our website/mail in process. It allows us to maintain walks in places like Lake Louise which would be very hard to do otherwise. And since these walks are Director walks the sanction fee is \$10 which means we can afford to retain them. I can see more of our walks becoming mail-ins in the future. Calgary, Waterton, and Lethbridge are candidates.
- And perhaps we will have to consider enhancing our mail-in process to be more like the electronic walk-box California is using.

WHAT DOES VOLKSSPORT ALBERTA DO?

- Establishes and maintains walks in “no club areas”. (Calgary, Banff, Jasper, etc.)
- Publishes one of the best Volkssport calendars in the world
- Maintains the Alberta website
- Sanctions Alberta walks
- Raises funds through Alberta Lotteries
- Develops and coordinates provincial special programs
- Acts as the interface with CVF
- Promotes Volkssport across Alberta
- Encourages membership in clubs
- Takes its turn in hosting Alberta Majesty

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JANUARY 01, 2014 TO DECEMBER 31, 2014

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Balance on hand January 1, 2014	7950.71
Revenue:	
CVF Materials (overpayment refund)	30.00
Event Fees	2031.40
Club Dues	150.00
Interest Earned	.12
Record Books	996.00
Registration/Affiliation	1 191.38
Promo Sales 50/50	623.75
Miscellaneous Hinton Banquet	375.00
<u>Total Revenue</u>	<u>5397.65</u>
Expenses:	
CVF Materials	1325.00
Membership Dues	68.00
Administration/Office Supplies	130.93
Sanction Fees	870.00
Travel	0.00
Miscellaneous:	
Room Rentals	100.00
Engraving	14.70
50/50 tickets	47.25
Food	43.96
Hinton Banquet	618.35
<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>3218.19</u>
<u>Total Balance</u>	<u>10130.17</u>
Net Loss Gain	+2179.46
Bank Balance December 31, 2014	<u>10130.17</u>

CASINO ACCOUNT

Bank Balance: January 01, 2014	14147.95
Revenue:	
AGLC (refund of Casino prepayment)	2347.54
Total Revenue	<u>2347.54</u>
Expenses:	
Administration	581.37
Sports Equipment	37.74
Promotional Activities (<i>Casino prepayment</i>)	2347.54
Registration	8940.00
Resource Materials (<i>Calendar</i>)	1702.67
Special Program Development	267.90
Donation for CVF AGM in Banff	2437.71
Total Expenses:	<u>16314.93</u>
Total Balance	<u>180.56</u>
Net Gain Loss	- 13967.39
Bank Balance December 31, 2014	<u>180.56</u>

BINGO ACCOUNT

Bank Balance: January 01 2014	\$1988.11
Revenue	
Campbell Park	3279.86
Total Revenue	<u>3279.86</u>
Expenses:	
Administration	152.17
Promotional Activities	291.33
Registration	00.00
Resource Materials	2189.21
Total Expenses:	<u>2632.71</u>
Total Balance	2635.26
Net Loss Gain	+ 647.15
Bank Balance as of December 31, 2014	<u>2635.26</u>

CONSOLIDATION BALANCE SHEET

As of December 31, 2014

Assets:

Cash:

General Account	10130.17
Casino Account	180.56
Bingo Account	2635.26
GIC Account in Trust	2923.08

Equipment (Depreciated) 0.00

Total Assets: **15869.07**

Liabilities:

Nil

Retained Earnings:

General Account	10130.17
Casino account	180.56
Bingo Account	2635.26
GIC Account in Trust	2923.08

Total: **15869.07**

Retained Earnings & Liabilities: **15869.07**

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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Total Assets **15869.07**

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	00.00
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Total Liabilities **0.00**

Income:

Bingo	3279.86
Casino	2347.54
Club Dues	150.00
Event Fees	2031.40
Bank Interest	.12
Registration/Affiliation Fees	1191.38
Sales Record Books	996.00
Promo Sales (50/50)	623.75
Miscellaneous (Hinton Banquet)	375.00

Total Income **10995.05**

Disbursements:

Administration/Office Supplies	864.47
Donations	2437.71
Food	43.96
CVF Sales Material	1325.00
Registration Affiliation	8940.00
Promotional Activities	2347.54
Resource Materials	3891.88
Hall Rental	100.00
Sanction Fees	870.00
CVF Membership Dues	68.00
Special Program Development/Promotional	559.23

Miscellaneous:

Engraving	14.70
Sports Equipment	37.74
50/50 tickets	47.25
Hinton Banquet	618.35

Total Disbursements **22165.83**

This is a true copy of the Financial Statements of the Volkssport Association of Alberta, and has been approved by the voting members at the Annual General Meeting held on 20 June 2015.

Signature of Auditor:

S. Ciona

Sylvia Ciona
Print Name

Signature of Secretary:

Irene Miller

IRENE MILLER
Print Name

2015 BUDGET PROPOSALS

GENERAL ACCOUNT

REVENUE:

CVF Materials	0.00	30.00	0.00
Event Fees	1,600.00	2,181.40	1,100.00
Club Dues	175.00	150.00	150.00
Interest Earned	0.12	0.12	0.12
Record Books	900.00	996.00	1,000.00
Registration Affiliation Reimbursal	160.00	1,191.38	140.00
Promo. VAA Materials	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	10.00	225.00	50.00
	\$2,845.12	\$4,773.90	\$2,440.12

EXPENSES:

	<u>Proposed 2014</u>	<u>Actual 2014</u>	<u>Proposed 2015</u>
CVF Materials	1,400.00	1,325.00	1,300.00
CVF Membership Dues	50.00	50.00	50.00
CVF Membership Fees	28.00	18.00	24.00
Administration/Office Supplies	250.00	130.93	150.00
Sanction Fees	1,000.00	870.00	780.00
Promotional Activities	50.00	0.00	50.00
Promo. VAA Materials	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous:	150.00	47.25	50.00
VAA AGM [Retainer incl.]	1,000.00	618.35	0.00
Engraving	20.00	14.70	15.00
Hall Rental	100.00	100.00	0.00
Food	25.00	43.96	50.00
Travel in Province	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Cheques	0.00	0.00	0.00
Club 25th Anniversary donation	0.00	0.00	0.00
	\$4,073.00	\$3,218.19	\$2,469.00

GAMING ACCOUNT

REVENUE:	<u>Proposed 2014</u>	<u>Actual 2014</u>	<u>Proposed 2015</u>
Casino	0.00	0.00	21,574.08
Bingo *	1,600.00	3,279.86	0.00
50/50 Draw	1,000.00	623.75	0.00
	\$2,600.00	\$3,903.61	\$21,574.08

EXPENSES:	<u>Proposed 2014</u>	<u>Actual 2014</u>	<u>Proposed 2015</u>
Administration	650.00	733.54	800.00
Awards/Trophies/Plaques	35.00	0.00	35.00
Equipment	0.00	37.74	0.00
Promotional Activities	250.00	291.33	300.00
Registration/Affiliation Fees	1,825.00	8940.00*	1,630.00
Resource Material/Supplies	3,500.00	3,891.88	4,000.00
Special Program Support/Dev.	260.00	267.90	275.00
Travel in Province	2,500.00	0.00	1,000.00
Donation to Convention	4,000.00	2,437.71	0.00
	\$13,020.00	\$7,660.10	\$8,040.00

* Revenue - Bingo hall closed income amount included building fund, etc.

* Expenses - 2014 Actual Registration/Affiliation fee included pay out of Event & YRE

SOUTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT

All is good with the PT's in the southern part of the province, except for the change to PT#117 in Medicine Hat that currently does not include the Trans Canada Trail Pavilion due to riverbank erosion over the last two summers and the construction of the riverbank berm.

It is the Medicine Hat Club's 20th Anniversary this year, with the main celebration after the walk on 4th July.

The PT in Taber was walked by some members of the Medicine Hat Club on 23rd May. It was good to venture out of town and enjoy the new walk there.

Do not forget the Event in Cardston on the 25th July. It will start from the Remington Carriage Museum (a change from the listing in the Calendar). While you are down in the southwest of the province, why not take in the walks in Waterton, Frank, Lethbridge, Okotoks, and Calgary?

It was sad to experience the passing of Brian Mossing, a member of the Medicine Hat Club for many years. The Club has dedicated a newly planted tree in the Memorial Arboretum in memory of former members. The club has also added two new 'Volkssport' benches on the walking trails.

The Medicine Hat club is looking forward to hosting Alberta Majesty this year. A new walk in the hills at Elkwater will add to the enjoyment.

A number of walks have been visiting Lethbridge so far this year, mainly supported by members of the Cardston Club. Thank you to all who have ventured to Fort Whoop-up and Henderson Lake.

All visitors are always welcome to Southern Alberta. Call club members if you need someone to walk with.

Submitted by Denise Wallbank

CENTRAL ALBERTA DIRECTOR'S REPORT

JUNE 16, 2015

The walk at West Edmonton Mall was used frequently last winter due to icy sidewalk conditions. There was no fee for the Chuck May Memorial Walk held at West Edmonton Mall on February 7 and Eat-More Chocolate Bars were handed out and enjoyed by all who attended. Four new members have joined the Devon club. This week the first of three new morning group walks is being held in Devon. The club is now hosting the Stony Plain permanent trail and the walk is being revised to include some of the more recent murals. Town of Devon meetings were attended regarding recreational plans for trail development and the club plans to donate a park bench to the town.

The Wetaskiwin club had two new members join in 2014 but the club remains small with only nine members. Attendance was good for the first walk in Beaumont in April but the windstorm made the last part of the walk unpleasant. Next year the walk will start at the Aqua-Fit Centre and offer more paved trails. The Leduc walk was moved to May and that happened to be on the same date as the parade and rodeo. Next year this walk will be started an hour earlier to accommodate parking and with revised driving directions so it is easier to find. The club looks forward to welcoming you to the new double walk in Aug that starts in Wetaskiwin and ends in Millet. The club will be providing a complimentary barbecue lunch at Ted and Alda's acreage.

Submitted by Karen Kangas

NORTHEAST DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The 2014-15 year started off busy, with the St. Albert Trekkers hosting the CVF Convention in Banff. Thanks to the hard-working convention committee and the volunteer efforts of all the Alberta Clubs, the convention was a great success. After that, the rest of the year was quiet. 2015 has so far seen healthy numbers at the popular River/Ravine walks in the greater Edmonton area, due in part to the dry spring weather.

The Trekkers received a grant from the federal government New Horizons for Seniors Program, to purchase 30 pairs of Nordic walking poles and to train 3 instructors. The focus of the project is to encourage fitness walking and provide assistance to walkers experiencing mobility problems. The project officially runs until January 2016, but will continue indefinitely.

There is a new PT (320) winding through the St. Albert natural area, River Lot 56, that starts at Servus Place Rec Center. Thanks to Sherry Nixey, who set it up!

On July 1, the Trekkers are holding a Canada Day walk which will take in the St. Albert City celebrations. The registration time has been revised to 10:45 registration for an 11:15 start, at the Canadian Legion on Tache St.

Submitted by Sharon Tchir

VOLKSSPORT CLUB OF MEDICINE HAT

We have a roster of 37 members. It was a sad day in April, when we said our final goodbyes to Brian Mossing, a great walker and a dear friend to all who knew him.

Our club enjoyed helping at the Banff convention. The money that we received from the convention fund was used to purchase two trail benches with plaques as well as a tree in the memorial arboretum.

Edna organized a group of walkers from Alberta to walk Devil's Tower, Crazy Horse as well as numerous walks in the surrounding areas. The arranged for good weather during the walks, and a good time was had by all. Thank you, Edna!

Our club is celebrating our 20th Anniversary this year with food and fellowship following some of our special walks.

We hope to see lot of walkers at Alberta Majesty. We will have at least one new walk in Elkwater for you to hike.

Dallas Weiss,
President, Volkssport club of Medicine Hat

WETASKIWIN VOLKSSPORT REPORT 2015 to VAA AGM

The Wetaskiwin Club is doing well financially, but it's not doing so well in membership and participation. Presently there are nine members and no group walks.

In the last two years the club's main activity has been to sponsor event walks once a month from April till October. The number of events remains the same – 12 events and 5 permanent trails.

An intention to promote Volkssport in Leduc is present but no action has been taken in this direction yet.

A decline of Volkssporters walking the permanent trails is noticeable in our financial statement. Thanks to the VAA and Banff Convention the club's finances are strong.

Our first two events of the year were great success with 35 participants in Beaumont and 21 in Leduc. There was a bit of complication in reaching the start point in Leduc due to the rodeo parade causing some Volkssporters to arrive late and miss the group walk, but with a true Volkssporter attitude, these club members got the walk instructions anyway and enjoyed a solo walk.

We invite everyone who is reading this report to join us in our upcoming combo walk events:

Pigeon Lake on June 27th

Red Deer on July 4th, and

Wetaskiwin-Millet walk with lunch between walks at the Watchorn's acreage on August 22th.

ALDA WATCHORN

PAST-PRESIDENT

Attended the combined Board and Executive meeting in Hinton.

Submitted by Kathleen Parr

BOOKLET PUBLISHER

I revised, printed and distributed the 2015 PT Record books, Special Walking Program information sheet, River & Ravine and Walk Alberta program booklets, plus printed and distributed requested copies of insert sheets, free stamp book, and extra distance sheets. I also created and printed required Alberta award certificates.

Mailed the 2015 Event Calendars.

Submitted by Kathleen Parr

WEBSITE MANAGERS

Sherry and I are constantly adding new items and updating the home page with changes that have been made to upcoming walks. So please remind your club members to check the home page for updates.

We have had little response from the Alberta clubs to add to their club sections. If you have any information please get it approved by your club President and then send to either Sherry or myself.

The old Trekkers site will be coming down when it comes up for renewal so please make sure that you are accessing the VAA website using walkalberta.ca

Submitted by Kathleen Parr

FUNDRAISING COORDINATOR

Our casino funds are used to defray the costs of running volkssport throughout the province. The main uses of this money are the lovely Event Calendar that Alberta is so proud of, plus reimbursing some walk registration fees to the clubs'.

Our last Casino, held at the end of October, was a great success thanks to the following people who volunteered:

Lorna Allen	Ann Appelman	Lou Arsenault
Ed Bator	Donna Channen	Walter Cool
David Johnston	Marilyn Jones	Karen Kangas
Lorraine Kelly	Grace Newman	Sherry & Terry Nixey
Myrna O'Neil	Rose & Bob Ramsum	Joan Redman
Myrtle Reinholt	Helen Rousseau	Johanna Snoek
Sharon Tchir	Judy Zimmel	Neil Zurawel

A special thank-you to Phyllis May who shared the General Manager duties with me and Irene Miller who was the Count Room Supervisor. \$21,574.08 was raised from this casino.

We received an invitation to join the North West Edmonton Bingo Association at the end of May to work bingos in Kensington but we thought it would be a problem to get enough volunteers and the money we raise from casino's cover our costs, so declined.

Submitted by Kathleen Parr

ADVERTISING AND PUBLICITY 2014 REPORT JUNE 2015

With the help of Kathy Parr, the guidelines for Advertising and Publicity were updated. A number of radio contacts were deleted and social media was added to the duties.

Thank you emails were sent to both St. Albert Gazette and Sherwood Park News for the outstanding job they do with regard to advertising our upcoming walks. This is done free of charge and most of our new walkers tell me they learned of the walks through the newspaper. The Edmonton Journal has both an online version and a printed version of our walks. Occasionally errors occur, but overall, the effort to advertise is well worth the time.

Facebook has 82 members viewing fairly regularly and most viewed are posts with pictures. I encourage everyone to take photos and send them off to me and copy to Denise Wallbank for the Calendar.

Submitted by Sherry Nixey

NEWSLETTER EDITOR REPORT FOR VAA AGM 2015

Thanks to all contributions to each newsletter, the next one should be available in July.

The next edition will include memories from this meeting and the recent trip to Crazy Horse for the Volksmarch.

Please, keep taking photos and writing any articles you find interesting.

Submitted by Denise Wallbank

HISTORIAN'S REPORT
JUNE 20, 2015
HORSE CREEK RANCH, AB

A tribute to Kathy Parr who has scanned and put on the website many VAA and Trekker items

My thanks to Pat and Phil Sturges who added Trekker membership information from 1988 to 1996 to VAA and Trekker history records.

Thanks, too, to Joan Redman for adding to VAA records photos and the article "Do You Like to Walk?" published in *Minor Hockey*; Edmonton. Fall 2014. (Submitted by Irene Miller, President of the Devon Discovery Walkers.)

Archive Up-date.

1. Binders completed:

A binder of the Alberta sponsored CVF AGM's; 1988, 1994, 2002, 2006 and one for CVF AGM Banff 2014.

2. In progress:

1. A collection of sample bylaws, and procedure for developing bylaws organized into one binder.

2. Some old files still need to be organized/discarded.

3. An inventory of VAA history items?

3. *In Memory, VAA Twenty-Five Years, Chapter Seven*, has been updated to include information about Fred Godberson.

4. Interesting items, such as pictures and newspaper items are always welcome for our records.

Respectfully yours,

Myrna O'Neil

VAA Historian.

EVENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT

In 2014, the only VAA event that required coordination was the Alberta Majesty in Hinton. We had a reasonable turnout for the walks in Wm Switzer Park, Maligne Canyon and the Discovery Trail in Jasper, and the revised Hinton Boardwalk. About 36 people attended the supper held at the Ranchers Bar and Grill in Hinton.

Please let club members know that if they encounter any detours or problems on any VAA or Alberta Director's permanent trails, to contact me so we can revise instructions accordingly.

Mail-ins. People seem to be catching on to the process of downloading the registration form and instructions from the website, then sending the payment and signed registration form to the VAA address. Please remind club members that the signed registration form must be sent in, just as they would sign the waiver at any event or walk box. The handy thing is that a single registration form serves for all the walks listed and could be sent in once at the end of the season.

Submitted by Sharon Tchir

**AB MATERIALS MANAGER'S REPORT
FOR PERIOD
JANUARY 1, 2014 TO DECEMBER 31, 2014
RECORD BOOK SALES DURING 2014**

	Q1 2014	Q2 2014	Q3 2014	Q4 2014	Total
Event Book - Green (10,30 & 50)	0	8	20	0	28
Event Book - Purple (75-600)	0	35	20	0	55
Event Book - Salmon (600-1500)	0	5	5	0	10
Event Book - Red (over 1500)	0	0	0	0	0
Distance Book - Blue (500-8000 km)	0	46	10	0	56
Distance Book - Beige (8000-22,000 km)	0	11	7	0	18
Distance Book - Yellow (over 22,000 km)	0	0	0	0	0
Bicycle Book - Brown (5000 km)	0	0	0	0	0
Total Sales	0	105	62	0	167

No other items were sold during 2014.

Walter Cool
Alberta Materials Manager

SANCTIONS CO-COORDINATORS REPORT HORSE CREEK RANCH AGM. JUNE 20, 2015

Permanent Trails (formerly YRE's)

2011	4378
2012	4323
2013	4028
2014	6032

The large jump in the stats in 2014 was due to the CVF convention in Banff.

In 2014 there were 65 permanent trails (including Emerald Lake in BC); several were developed for the convention. In 2015, 7 PT's were dropped; 5 from the convention and 2 long time walks – William Switzer and Grande Cache. Four new walks were created – Vegreville, Innisfail, Taber and Servus Place walk in St. Albert. Currently there are 62 PT walks in Alberta, 18 are mail-ins.

The most popular walks were all the trails in Medicine Hat (ranging from low 200's to 350) and the West Edmonton Mall(over 300). Scheduling group PT walks has helped increase the number of walkers for the Trekkers; in 2015 the Devon club has scheduled 3 group walks and Wetaskiwin one.

Events

2011	1889
2012	2293
2013	2175
2014	2500

The increased number in 2014 is again due to the Banff Convention.

The most popular walks continue to be the River and Ravine walks with between 40-50 participants.

Again, this is a reminder to use the 24 hour clock when filling out the times for registration and start time.

Only CVF requires this, not the calendar.

There will be a new sanction co-ordinator for the 2016. Alda and I have been co-ordinators for 4 years and we both felt it was time to move on. We had indicated that we were prepared to do the sanctions for 1 more year to enable the board to find a replacement but Richard Parr volunteered to take over this year. Thank you Richard!

Judy Zimmel, co-chair Sanctions Coordinator

REVISIONS TO GUIDELINES & PROCEDURES, 2015

1. References throughout document to “Year Round Event (YRE) and/or Seasonal” removed replaced with “Permanent Trail (PT)” to reflect CVF change.
2. Revision to CVF/FCV Rules and Regulations required changes to our references throughout document
3. Guidelines – Part 7.5 l) iii removed reference to Fox Creek club
4. Guidelines – Part 7.6 Standing Committees & Procedures – Part 2 Standing Committee Members Job Descriptions
 - a. Four positions eliminated at 2014 AGM removed from document, section renumbered and all references removed throughout document (Public Relations and Communications Liaison, Newcomer Program Coordinator, Publication Distributor and Refreshment/Social Coordinator).
 - b. Newcomer Program information moved to Information – 1.5 Newcomer Information
 - c. Publication Distributor job description added to Booklet Publisher

(Procedures Part 2 renumbered, references refer to new numbering).

5. Procedures – Part 2.4 Advertising and Publicity Coordinator updated to reflect current practices.
6. Procedures – Part 2.11 d) 5 reference to swim slug removed as there isn’t one
7. Procedures – Part 2.11 d) 6 reference to #3 on Sanction form removed to reflect current CVF form
8. Procedures – Part Four Societies Act Requirements interim update reference removed as they only want annual update for changes.
9. Information Part Three 3.2 Annual Quality Year Round Seasonal Award program removed due to poor response and sample removed from Appendix
10. Information Part 3.3 b) ii wording corrected to reflect current CVF form.
11. CVF/FCV documents removed from Appendix, as most are available online. Requiring revamp of section numbering and appendix references throughout document
12. Remaining Appendix documents updated and revised