

Atlantic Region Ramblings #26

I made a mistake and numbered two consecutive Atlantic Region Ramblings as #24. I am going to skip #25 and just go to #26.

1. Attached is the May Checkpoint. It should have been sent directly to all of your club officers.

a. The next AVA National Executive Committee (NEC) Meeting is June 10-12 in Fredericksburg, TX. I will forward you the NEC Officer and Committee Chairmen reports once I receive them. Under the paragraph for "NEC Meeting Agenda Items...", this link to the agenda items that are being discussed under

Please send me any comments you have prior to the NEC Meeting. There are two motions that will require changes to the IVV policies – Allowing a 5K route to be walked twice for 10K credit and allowing the sanction of distances less than 5K. At the most, these items will be discussed and the AVA President will agree to present them at the next IVV Meeting.

The major thing that must be accomplished at this meeting is approving the budget for the fiscal year that runs from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. The Treasurer has reported to the NEC Members that we are expecting to run a deficit of about \$60,000 for the current fiscal year. The amount may now be more. In response, there are two very controversial motions. One would raise the fee for IVV credit walkers from \$3 to \$4. The other motion will continue to allow Free Walkers but require that clubs pay AVA the participation fee for every participant.

b. Thank you to all of the clubs and individuals who participated in AVA's Annual Fund Raiser and donated to Big Give S.A. It was reported that AVA raised about \$35,000.

2. The second attachment is the 1st Quarter Participation Report for the Atlantic Region. The ten events with the largest number of paid participants were:

37 – Hampton – Fort Monroe, VA – Y0874 – Peninsula Pathfinders
37 – Harrisburg, PA – Y0745 – Susquehanna Rovers
42 – Newport News, VA – Y0694 – Virginia Vagabonds
48 – Mechanicsburg, Pa – Y1416 – Susquehanna Rovers
50 – Reston, VA – Y1271 – Northern Virginia Volksmarchers
53 – Hanover – Arundel Mills Mall, MD - Y0383 – Annapolis Amblers
70 – Gaithersburg – Lake Forest Mall, MD – Y1367 – Seneca Valley Sugarloafers
76 – Columbia – Columbia Mall, MD – Columbia Volksmarch Club
77 – Alexandria – Masonic Lodge, VA – Y0061 – Northern Virginia Volksmarchers
87 – Bethesda – Montgomery Mall, MD – Y1539 – Seneca Valley Sugarloafers
120 – Manassas, VA – Y0340 – Wood and Dale Wanderers

Total participation was 3,200. There were only 2,663 participants for the 1st Qtr 2015 so this is a significant increase.

3. I again want to encourage everyone to do one of the three events in the Atlantic Region celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Volkssporting in the US on Saturday, June 11. The big event is in Fredericksburg, TX but if you cannot make it to Texas, go to one of these events:

Fredericksburg, VA sponsored by the Germanna Volkssport Association
Hanover – Codorus State Park, PA sponsored by the York White Rose Wanderers
Laurel, MD sponsored by the Freestate Happy Wanderers