

Atlantic Region Ramblings #36

Just a reminder to please share this information with your club members.

1. Please submit your 4th Quarter Participation Report by Sunday, January 22. On January 23, I will ask AVA Headquarters to run a report of those clubs who have not yet submitted.
2. Go to the AVA Events Web site and make sure all of your events (YRE and Traditional) appear. For various reasons, we discovered four events that were approved but did not appear. Two of them were my Haunted Gettysburg events.

We also found another event that identified a town and POC from Pennsylvania but everything else about the walk is from Indiana.

If an event is missing, send me an email and I will take care of it. I have mentioned this several times in the last month and no club has notified me of a problem since mid-December. Either you are not checking or there are no longer any problems with the data base.

3. Changes to Starting Point. The 2017 Year Round and Seasonal events were sanctioned in July and August. The information that was on the AVA events web site on September 15 was used to create Starting Point. Many of you did not finalize the directions for your 2017 Year Round events until December and you probably have not yet started worrying about the Seasonal events that start in April.

Step 1 – Review what it is on the AVA Events web site for your events and if it is not accurate, update it.

Step 2- Compare what is now on the updated AVA Events web site with what is printed in the 2017 Starting Point.

Step 3 - Submit a “Starting Point Change” to hector@ava.org . There is a link to “Start Point Changes” under “Events” on the AVA Web Site.

4. The On Line Start Box (OLSB) is working! I was able to register in OLSB, transfer money to the California Volkssport Association using PayPal, register and pay for four year round events, and print off the directions. As soon as I get over a cold that I have been fighting, I intend to go do a walk and see what happens when I tell OLSB that I completed a walk and now want an insert page.

In response to discussion at the Maryland Volkssport Association meeting on December 31, OLSB is the only method you can use to register for the events that are using OLSB. You cannot have a traditional start box or use mail-in registration also for the OLSB events.

You can register right now for these OLSB year round events:

Maryland:

C&O Canal – Four walks and a bike event

Frostburg

Grantsville – New Germany State Park

Pennsylvania:

Appalachian Trail

In about mid-March (two weeks before the events start), you will be able to register for these seasonal events using OLSB:

Maryland:
Meyersdale – Appalachian Trail

New York:
Barryville - Roebling Aqueduct (Note: this walk crosses into Pennsylvania)

Pennsylvania:
Benton - Rickett's Glen State Park
Milford

5. The Memorial Walk for Sam Tollett in Hampton, VA was postponed until Saturday, March 11 due to snow.
6. Kitra Burnham from Richwood, WV has been diagnosed with stage four ovarian cancer. The cancer has spread and the doctors have stopped further treatment except for trying to make her comfortable.

If you wish to send her a card, Kitra's address is:

Kitra Burnham
P.O. Box 247
Richwood, WV 26261

7. Art Whitaker is the new President of the Virginia Vagabond, succeeding Sam Tollett.
8. Joan Lampart is the Chairman of the Nominating Committee for a Regional Director and Deputy Regional Director for the two year term of office beginning July 1, 2017. Please contact Joan at jmlampart@verizon.net or (215) 529-5686 if you are interested or have questions.

Thanks,
Tom Jackson
Atlantic Region Director