

Atlantic Region Ramblings #37

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

There was a NEC Meeting in Bentonville, AR this past weekend. I am working on an email explaining what happened.

1. In my last Atlantic Region Ramblings, I asked you to review the AVA Events website and ensure that all of your year round and traditional events are there and correct.

The Great Greenbelt Volksmarchers discovered that their College Park Year Round Walk and Year Round Bike were missing. If it could happen to them, it can happen to your club also...

2. The logos that go on the bottom of event brochures and special program booklets have been modified to add "AVA: America's Walking Club". The logos are on the AVA web site at General Administration / AVA Graphics/Logos. This is one of three logos available:



If you already have an event brochure approved, you do not need to change to the new logo regardless of when the event is scheduled. Between now and April 1, I am asking the three State Association Presidents to approve brochures submitted with the old logo but let the club know that they used an obsolete logo. Effective April 1, they should only approve brochures with the new logo.

3. The February/March edition of the TAW has been mailed. There are letters from the candidates for national office. David Bonewitz and Bob Wright are candidates for President. Bob Morrison and Candace Purcell are candidates for Treasurer. Nancy Wittenberg is unopposed for the position of Vice President and Sam Korff is unopposed for Secretary.
4. Page 6 of the TAW has the guidelines for submitting entries to the AVA Biennial Publicity Contest. Entries must be received at AVA Headquarters by April 14. I have seen event brochures, club newsletters, websites, and photographs posted on Facebook that I think will be competitive in the contest. If nothing else, your club's Newspaper Editor and Webmaster will appreciate knowing that you think they do a good job when you ask them to submit an entry.
5. February 25 is the deadline for submitting articles for the April/May edition of the TAW.
6. This will be the first year that our three newest clubs will be sponsoring year round/seasonal events. Please support them!

Antietam Pathfinders (Maryland) has a YRE at Sharpsburg – Antietam Battlefield.

Canterbury Trails (Virginia) has two seasonal events, starting on April 1, in Glasgow and Buena Vista.

Chester County Red Rovers (Pennsylvania) have YREs in Downingtown, Phoenixville, and Pottstown.

7. Due to construction, the 10K routes of the two walks in Wheaton, MD, sponsored by the Freestate Happy Wanderers, are temporarily unavailable. The 5K routes are available and participants may walk the 5K route twice for 10K credit.
8. Alma Mathis is the new President of the Nittany Nomads. She succeeds Bob Shepherd.
9. Tater Tours and Go Travel Walking Tours have both announced that they have vacancies for their bus trips to the AVA Convention.

Thanks,
Tom Jackson
Atlantic Region Director