

Atlantic Region Ramblings #39

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

1. Sam Korff, AVA Secretary, mailed on March 3 a letter titled "Call to Convention". The letter was mailed to each Club and State Association. The letter would have been sent to the club's address identified on the AVA web site. Enclosed was an AVA Form 500, "2017 Delegate Selection and Proxy Designation". Per the instructions, the AVA Form 500 needs to be completed and all three copies mailed to AVA by May 8.
 - a. I received my copy of the letter in today's mail. If you have not received the letter within several days, double check the club's address on the AVA web site. If the address is correct, contact AVA Headquarters and let them know that you did not receive the letter.
 - b. After the completed AVA Form 500 has been mailed, notify your State Association President and also let them know who is representing your club. Delaware and New Jersey clubs should notify me. State Association Presidents should ensure that their clubs have mailed the AVA Form 500 by May 8. I want to emphasize that I do not care who represents your club. My only concern is that you are represented.
2. There will be an Atlantic Region Meeting at 1 pm on Saturday, March 18, in Greenbelt, MD. The primary purpose of the meeting is to elect a Regional Director (RD) and Deputy RD for the term of office from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2019. Make sure your club is represented at the meeting.

The Great Greenbelt Volksmarch club has sanctioned a traditional volksmarch on that day. The brochure is attached. You will have plenty of time to do the walk, eat lunch, and then attend the meeting.

For those who want more exercise, the Greenbelt Aquatics Center is across the parking lot. This is the start point for the two Greenbelt YREs and Year Round Swim.

3. The March Checkpoint was sent to all clubs today. It is available on the AVA web site under publications. There are a couple of important announcements in Checkpoint.
 - a. The Necrology report needs to be submitted to Karen at AVA headquarters. This is a list of your club members who died since the last report was submitted in March 2015. If the person belonged to more than one club, please coordinate with the other clubs so the name is submitted only once. Use the person's formal name.
 - b. April 3 is the deadline for ordering certificates for World Wide Walking Day. There is no cost for the certificates and they can be presented to anyone who does a traditional event or group walk of a Year Round/Seasonal event between May 6 – 14.
 - c. April 16 is the deadline for ordering patches for National Physical Fitness & Sports Month Patch. Clubs ordering the patch must be sponsoring a Traditional Event during the month of May. The patches are for sale to anyone doing a Traditional Event in May. Note that last year the patches were sold out prior to the deadline date.
 - d. There will be a NEC Meeting on the first day of the Convention in Billings. April 8 is the deadline for clubs to submit agenda items to me. Note that this meeting is only 2 ½ hours long so only a limited number of agenda items will be discussed.

4. Remind your club members that they can obtain a copy of the brochure for any traditional event in the Atlantic Region by going to the Maryland Volkssport Association web site and go to the link for "Atlantic Region Walk". I want to thank Yvonne Pennington and Jim McDonald for maintaining this site!

5. Lorraine Jackson is now the President of the Cumberland Valley Lead Foot Club. Lorraine secedes
Anne Gale

Thanks,
Tom Jackson
Atlantic Region Director