

Atlantic Region Ramblings #42

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

Lorraine and I are in Cody, Wyoming right now. We did the first post-convention walk at Red Lodge, MT today and the last walk is in Cody tomorrow morning. This is some of the information from the AVA Convention in Billings, MT.

1. The walk at Crazy Horse, SD was not a convention event but the AVA Convention was scheduled so participants could do Crazy Horse enroute to Billings. There were about 9,000 participants – all paid walkers.
2. National Executive Committee (NEC) Meeting on Wednesday, June 7:
 - a. AVA is anticipating a loss of about \$70K for the fiscal year ending June 30. The primary problems is that revenue from event sanctioning fees and participation fees is down. It was briefed that the b. The National Officers the term of office from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2019 are:AVA will be broke in about 7 years if we continue to lose money at the current rate.
 - b. The NEC approved a balanced budget but I personally think that we will lose money again next fiscal year July 1, 2017 thru June 30, 2018).
 - c. The Big Give did better than expected. There was a little over \$68K in donations and the goal was only \$60K.
 - d. Debbie Kreup (Programs Committee) briefed on a proposed program called “Invest in Your Health 401K” which is similar to the Centurion Program but requires to participants to complete 401K (walking, biking, snowshoeing, or XC skiing) in one year. Participants will log in the kilometers they completed into a database. Most of the costs will be paid for by donations from several financial institutions. Participants will probably pay about \$10 and receive a T-shirt when they complete the program.
3. AVA Meeting on Wednesday, June 7:
 - a. We voted on four proposed Bylaws Changes. The first one (changing the name of the NEC to Board of Directors) passed. The other three did not pass.
4. AVA Meeting on Thursday, June 8:
 - a. “None of the Above” was the winner in the voting on an AVA mascot.
 - b. The Hall of Fame Award was presented to Annette Tollett (Hampton, VA). The President’s Award was presented to Dolores Grenier (Arlington, VA).
 - c. None of the winners of the Publicity Contest were from the Atlantic Region.
5. AVA Meeting on Friday, June 9:
 - a. The 2019 AVA Convention will be Albany, NY, from June 1 – 8. The sponsoring club is the Empire State Volkssport Club. The host hotel is the Radisson Hotel Albany which is about ½ mile from the Albany Airport.

Pre walks will be in:

Portsmouth, NH

Danvers, MA

Deerfield, MA

Convention walks will be in:

Saratoga National Historic Park, NY

Waterford, NY

Albany, NY

Post Convention walks will be in:

Cooperstown, NY

Hyde Park, NY

6. The National Officers the term of office from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2019 are:
 - a. President: David Bonewitz (TN)
 - b. Vice President: Nancy Wittenberg (WA)
 - c. Secretary: Sam Korff (OR)
 - d. Treasurer: Bob Morrison (WA)

Thanks,
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