

**CANADIAN VOLKSSPORT FEDERATION  
LA FÉDÉRATION CANADIENNE VOLKSSPORT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING  
February 28, 2010**

In Attendance: Benoît Pinsonneault, President (Chair)  
Richard Parr, Vice-President  
Kathy Parr, Alberta Director  
Laurie Ross, Prairies and Northern Director  
Sue Osborn, Ontario Director  
Lisette Boivin, Québec Director  
Rollie Coombes, Atlantic Director  
Kaye Farmer, Secretary  
Donna Sullivan, CVF Administrative Assistant

Absent: Beverley Cattrall, BC Director  
David Rugar, Treasurer

<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Action</b>
1.	<b>Call to Order:</b> Benoît called the meeting to order at 3 pm EST.	
2.	<b>Appointment of a Time-Keeper:</b> Richard agreed to be time-keeper.	
3.	<b>Adoption of Agenda:</b> It was moved by Richard and seconded by Rollie that the amended agenda be adopted. Carried.	
4.	<b>Approval of the Minutes of November 15, 2009:</b> It was moved by Kathy and seconded by Laurie that the minutes be approved. Carried.	
5.	<b>Business Arising From the Minutes of the November 15 Board Meeting:</b>	
	a. <b>Sponsorship:</b> Benoît has had no response to the contacts he has made. He will continue to make additional contacts.	Benoît
	b. <b>CVF Business Plan:</b> Ole told Benoît that his report is almost finished.	
	c. <b>Volkssport Canada:</b> Bradda Printing Services Inc. has been engaged to print the publication at a significant cost saving compared to previous years.	
	d. <b>2009 Donations to the CVF – Update:</b> \$1,000 was received from individual donations. The Volkssport Association of Alberta donated \$1,000 and Imperial Oil donated \$500 to be used for the reprinting of our CVF bilingual publicity coloured pamphlet. In addition, Imperial Oil donated \$500 to CVF to be passed on to the Cape Breton Island Hoppers to help defray convention expenses.	

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5.	<p><b>e. CVF Clubs Reaching in 2010 the 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 Years' Milestone:</b> Clubs have been asked to notify CVF the number of years they have been active.</p>	Benoît Clubs
	<p><b>f. Convention Host for 2010 – Cape Breton Hoppers – Update:</b> Rollie reported that the convention website has details of the walks planned for the four days. The post-convention bus trip has been cancelled. A total of 115 have registered to date. Donna and Benoît will attempt to find a CVF or IVV flag that can be used by the city of Sydney to fly at the civic centre for the 8 or 9 days surrounding the convention.</p> <p>One motion has been submitted to come before the AGM.</p>	Benoît Donna Rollie
	<p><b>g. 2010 Sanction Renewal Process – Update:</b> To date, 276 YREs and 448 events have been sanctioned.</p>	
	<p><b>h. 2009 Budget Status as of December 31, 2009:</b> Dave Rupa's previously circulated financial information was reviewed. Lower than budgeted expenses related to the 2009 convention contributed to the surplus shown for 2009. It was noted that with the exception of the Winter Walking Program, the special programs lose money. It was suggested that others might be encouraged to participate in the programs if they were to see the achievers receiving their awards presented at the local level. Also, it was recommended that the achievers should be listed on the CVF website. It was also suggested that when a future program is being considered that a \$10 fee be considered.</p>	Benoît
	<p><b>i. Ottawa International Walking Festival – Final Report:</b> The 2009 event was a great financial success. Ottawa Voyageurs and Nepean Nomads were each given \$750, and \$2,400 remains in the bank to start work on the 2010 festival.</p>	
	<p><b>j. New CVF T-/Golf Shirt with a Canadian Flavour – Purchase Approval:</b> It was agreed to purchase polo/golf shirts with stitched crests and t-shirts with transfers. The CVF will absorb the one-time setup fee of \$300 for the stitching. Clubs will be contacted regarding purchases. An order will be made by April 30 based on the results of club feedback plus an additional 10 to 15%. A price for each type will be set once the quantity is known and an agreement is reached with the supplier. Benoît will seek BOD approval of the price by email.</p>	Benoît Donna Clubs Directors
	<p><b>k. CVF/IVV Awards as of December 31, 2009:</b> This item was postponed until the next meeting.</p>	Benoît

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5.	<p><b>l. Directors' Walks in Remote Locations – Registration, Payment, Insurance:</b> David Phillips indicates that in order to comply with insurance regulations a waiver must be signed before walk instructions are given out. On-line registration isn't available at this time; however, Benoît agreed to ask Graham if the waiver could be on the website in pdf so that it can be printed and signed by the walker. If so, it could be sent with the money to the registrar. This would reduce at least one mailing.</p>	Benoît
	<p><b>m. New Canada Not-For-Profit Corporations Act – Changes to Our Bylaws:</b> The new act has not yet come into force. Government approval authorizing the 2008 CVF Bylaw change regarding teleconferencing an AGM is expected shortly.</p>	
	<p><b>n. Establishment of a CVF 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee and Budget Allocation for the 2012 Celebrations:</b> Sue offered to chair the committee, and Beverley had previously volunteered to serve on the committee. It was agreed that \$5,500 be allocated in the 2011 budget for expenses related to a 2012 Canada-wide celebration.</p>	Sue Beverley Benoît
	<p><b>o. New CVF Budget Item Regarding CVF Conventions - \$2500 Grant versus Loan:</b> This item was postponed to a future meeting.</p>	
	<p><b>p. Registration and Payment Online for CVF Conventions Through the CVF Website:</b> This is currently not available and is difficult because of credit card involvements. It was suggested that Paypal might be a viable alternative.</p>	Benoît Graham
	<p><b>q. Name Tag for CVF Executive Members and Past Presidents:</b> Tags have been prepared. Some still need to be delivered.</p>	Donna
	<p><b>r. Invitation from China Volkssport Association Regarding 2<sup>nd</sup> International Walking Forum, March 3-4, 2010:</b> Beverley is CVF's official representative. She has made a suggestion that it would be helpful if a CVF representative could have business cards to pass to others at such an event. Benoît agreed to look into this.</p>	Benoît
	<p><b>s. Proposed Changes to IVV Rules and IVV Record Books and Awards System:</b> The majority of Canadian respondents were not in favour of the proposed changes. Benoît will report those findings to IVV, copied to the British and American organizations.</p>	Benoît
	<p><b>t. IVV – World Meeting 2010, Luxembourg, July 8-11, 2010:</b> Benoît, along with Graham Fawcett, will attend this meeting.</p>	Benoît

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6.	<b>Directors' Reports:</b> Submitted reports are attached.	
7.	<b>New Business:</b>	
a.	<b>Conference of the Americas and Creation of IVV Continental Associations:</b> IVV is promoting the formation of three divisions under the IVV umbrella: European, Asian, and the Americas. Graham Fawcett, Past President, has offered to be CVF's representative for this project. The BOD agreed with the principle and the establishment of such a continental association of the Americas. Benoît will inform AVA President of our decision, which will be announced at their Board meeting, scheduled for mid-March, where a similar discussion and decision is expected to take place with regard to the formation of an association of the Americas. Benoît will notify Graham of the BOD's approval and of his appointment as our official representative for this entire project.	Benoît
b.	<b>Publication of IVV/CVF Event/Distance Achievement Awards on CVF Website:</b> It was agreed that this should be done and that the website should also list the CVF Special Walking Program Awards, as discussed above under para 5 h. Benoît will speak to Graham about it.	Benoît
c.	<b>Proposal re 2012 CVF AGM &amp; Convention in Ottawa, ON by the three CVF Clubs in the Area:</b> It was moved by Rollie and seconded by Richard that their offer be accepted. Carried.	
d.	<b>CVF Volunteer Service Merit Award Nominations – Amendment Proposal:</b> This was postponed until the next meeting. In the meantime Benoît will work with Rollie to develop guidelines.	Benoît Rollie
e.	<b>12<sup>th</sup> IVV Olympiad and Congress of Delegates in Antalya, Turkey, October 20-23, 2011:</b> A Volkssporter from one of the Québec clubs is organizing a bus trip (October 8 to 28, 2011) that will include attendance at the Olympiad. More details will be available later.	

**8. Other Business:**

- a. Application for Affiliate Membership in CVF:** Richard moved and Rollie seconded the acceptance of the application for affiliate membership from the Ottawa International Walking Festival. Carried.

It was noted that the OIWF have applied to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for a grant to assist with their 2010 festival. To apply for this grant, an organization must be a not-for-profit corporation or be a member of one. Since CVF has that status, if a grant is approved, it will be sent to CVF, who will pass it on to the OIWF. In consideration of receiving a grant, the OIWF will be required, among other reporting obligations, to prepare detailed financial reports to be submitted to the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

- 9. Next Meeting:** It was agreed that the next BOD meeting will be held at 8:30 am, ADT, on Friday, May 28, 2010 at the Civic Centre, 320 Esplanade, Sydney, Nova Scotia. All

- 10. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 pm EST.

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Kaye Farmer, Secretary

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Benoît Pinsonneault, Chair

**President's Report for Directors' Meeting, February 28, 2010**  
**by Benoît Pinsonneault**

1. After a first review, the minutes of the BoD's meeting of November 15, 2009 were circulated and reviewed by the directors as usual before their distribution to the Board, the Executive and the membership of the CVF.
2. I kept the CVF Book of Remembrance up to date.
3. Two CVF surveys were prepared in collaboration with our Webmaster and posted on our Website: survey #1 on new CVF T-/Golf Shirt and survey #2 on new proposed IVV Rules re: Records Books and Awards System.
4. I prepared and circulated in bilingual format one new Communiqué, i.e. # 12, on Club/Association Anniversary, which is also posted on our Website.
5. I reviewed a draft of the new proposed IVV Guidelines on IVV events and prepared several comments, which will be sent to IVV by the end of the month.
6. I prepared and distributed Amendment List #7 of the CVF Rules and Regulations as amended at the CVF AGM, held in May 2009, in North Bay, ON.
7. I attended with my wife the Annual Brunch of ClubVolkssport Nord-Sud, held on January 17, 2010 in Québec City, QC.
8. I, along with David Rupar, reviewed the financial entries for the twelve months of operation of our current fiscal year and started working on the 2011 Budget.
9. I worked closely with Donna, our Executive Assistant, on the 2010 Bilingual AGM Package by reviewing all the documents and re-doing some French translation, as required.
10. I translated into French the motion submitted by VABC for the upcoming CVF AGM in Sydney, NS.
11. I sent sponsorship letters to six Canadian Banks (CIBC, ING Direct, RBC, Scotiabank, MBNA and HSBC) and two corporations (Canada Post and Tilley Endurables). A few more requests to potential sponsors will be sent by email.
12. I had an appointment on Friday, February 26, 2010 with our Law Firm on the new Canada Not-For -Profit Corporations Act and its effects on our Bylaws.

**British Columbia Director's Report for BOD Meeting of February 28, 2010**  
**by Beverley Cattrall**

1. Here on the West Coast, spring is definitely in the air and Volkssporters have been enjoying some lovely walks while trying to get in as many kilometres as possible in the winter walking programme. The Garden City Wanderers started a year long celebration of their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, with cake being served outside to 50 walkers at Willows Beach in Oak Bay. The Volkssport Association of British Columbia will also be celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, with cake being at the VABC AGM, in April, in Richmond.
2. While the first of the daffodils may be in bloom, the real excitement centres on the Olympics. The Vancouver 'Venturers and the Surrey Trekkers have combined their resources to create an Olympic Challenge, with awards being given to walkers who complete six YREs and two

map walks that go by ten Olympic venues. The locations include Whistler, Vancouver and Richmond, where the Olympic Oval is located. I'm looking forward to completing some of those walks myself when I head over to the mainland for the VABC AGM.

3. Part of the Olympic buzz is wafting over to Vancouver Island where, as I write this, Olympic athletes are currently practising their techniques on Mount Washington. Volkssporters from the three clubs on southern Vancouver Island are planning to follow the athletes up there later on in February for a day of IVV sanctioned snowshoeing and Nordic skiing. The south Vancouver Island Volkssporters will also be joining friends from the Comox Glacier Club while they are in the Comox-Mount Washington area for a walk and a meal together.
4. Other recent news includes Peggy Sherwood's completion of 100,000 km as a Volkssporter. VABC awarded her a certificate and presented her with a letter from Benoît at a recent Garden City Wanderers' walk. The event was filmed by the local television station and shown on the news several times, which created a great deal of interest among local Volkssporters, especially as Peggy's name will be the first on the new CVF 100,000 km trophy.
5. It has been very gratifying to have been able to continue some walks that last year were in danger of being dropped. Two of these, in Duncan and Mill Bay, are now CVF Director's walks and their walk boxes are in place. For seven other walks, we were unable to find a volunteer to look after the boxes and so we are now following a mail-in registration process. If you wish to do these walks, on Mayne Island, and in Princeton, Keremeos, Okanagan Falls, Oliver and Summerland, check out [www.volkssportingbc.ca](http://www.volkssportingbc.ca) for more information.

**Alberta Director's Report for BOD Meeting of February 28, 2010  
by Kathleen Parr**

1. **Barrhead Walkie Talkie VC and the VAA** wish to extend an invitation to everyone to attend the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Walking in Alberta, celebrated from June 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> at Horse Creek Ranch near Fort Assiniboine in Northern Alberta. A weekend of walking in the Sand Hills Wild Lands Park with a campfire wiener roast, entertainment and loads of fun.
2. **Devon Discovery Walkers** have hosted two walks in West Edmonton Mall so far this year, a nice break from the slippery conditions out on the streets. Their first outdoor walk will be May 11<sup>th</sup> through a bird sanctuary and they will host the first River Ravine Program walk the following week in the evening of May 18<sup>th</sup>.
3. **Fox Creek Wilderness VC** has a new president, Cynthia Tillapaugh. I'm looking forward to joining her on the new Short Seasonal trails in Grande Cache, William Switzer Park and Hinton.
4. **St Albert Trekkers VC** January 1<sup>st</sup> walk was another cold one but more people braved the cold this year and completed at least 5 km. Their AGM is scheduled for March 20<sup>th</sup> following a potluck supper. They are hosting the VAA AGM in St Albert on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of April which includes 2 walks, with a lunch and a banquet on Saturday. Their annual Marathon will be on the 29<sup>th</sup> of May, and they will be helping with the River Ravine Program, as well.
5. **VC of Medicine Hat** celebrated their 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January with a walk and a get-together. They are planning further celebrations for later in the year when more people from out of town will be able to attend.

6. **VAA** hosted a casino at the beginning of February thanks to the following clubs who supported the weekend by volunteering: Devon, Fox Creek, St Albert and Wetaskiwin. We will also be hosting some of the River Ravine Program walks during the summer.
7. **Edmonton Business License:** The city of Edmonton changed its mind about requiring park users to obtain a business license for this year. This bylaw is currently under review.

**Prairies and Northern Director's Report for BOD Meeting of February 28, 2010  
by Laurie Ross**

1. Winter has been pretty quiet here on the prairies and up north so this will be my shortest Director's report yet.
2. Winnipeg Volkssporters still have their Sunday morning walks. They walked a trail on both the Red and Assiniboine River on February 21<sup>st</sup>. This walk had been originally scheduled for February 7 but was postponed due to ice conditions.
3. The clubs in Regina and North Battleford have been very quiet with no scheduled walks. Regina will have the first scheduled group walk of the year on April 11<sup>th</sup> with the opening of the Regina Beach walk.
4. There are still 7 Directors' walks throughout the prairies and north with Saskatoon being the only year-round walk. The northern capital walks will open in mid May.
5. Roll on Spring! (please....)

**Ontario Director's Report for Director's Meeting February 28, 2010  
by Susan Osborn**

1. Happy New Year from Ontario! This proves to be an exciting year for Ontario. The Ottawa Voyageurs d'Ottawa Walking Club is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Nepean Nomads Walking Club and the King's Town Trekkers Volkssport Club are celebrating their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversaries.
2. The Ottawa Voyageurs d'Ottawa Walking Club is challenging all their members to complete all their YREs at least once between January 1<sup>st</sup> and September 10<sup>th</sup>. The Voyageurs had their first snowshoe/walk in January with 26 participants of which about half snowshoed. Their AGM on February 20<sup>th</sup> will be preceded by a walk and chili lunch, and their annual Winterlude walk will take place the next day on the 21<sup>st</sup>. There will be many walks over the summer completing their anniversary year with their Annual Volksmarch on September 11<sup>th</sup>.
3. The King's Town Trekkers Volkssport Club is pleased to announce Doug Chase is their new president. They will offer their bi-weekly walks as well as several special events throughout the year. The winter walking schedule will continue until the end of April with walks on Sunday afternoons at 2 pm. The summer walks will be scheduled bi-weekly on Monday evenings at 6 pm starting May 10<sup>th</sup> continuing to the end of August. Five special events have been planned for 2010. The first will be a Spring Walk Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup> from 211 Gore Rd. at 10 pm. They will celebrate their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a walk on Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup>.
4. The Nepean Nomads Walking Club starts off their season with their Winterlude Volksskate and walk February 6<sup>th</sup>. After that they have a number of walks leading up to their

Anniversary weekend June 12. This is a weekend to come and celebrate with a Meet and Greet on Friday, a BBQ on Saturday and many other surprises.

5. The Ottawa Carleton Volkssport Association will offer a special Winter Carnival walk Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup> and a walk on World Walking Day, May 8<sup>th</sup>.
6. The Argosy Rovers annual walk will take place June 6<sup>th</sup> walking along the beautiful Moira River. The Trenton seasonal will start May 18<sup>th</sup>.
7. The Northern Festival will be celebrated the weekend of July 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> with the Gateway Walkers Club offering a walk on July 23<sup>rd</sup> in Callander, the Temiskaming Wanderers having a walk in beautiful Cobalt the following day, July 24<sup>th</sup>, and the Nickel City Walkers having a walk on the 25<sup>th</sup>.
8. As for the Ontario Director's walks, I am pleased to announce that our new seasonal walk in Campbellford will open May 1<sup>st</sup>. The following walks now have either a 5-km or 6-km walk added to the walk box: Bracebridge, CFB Borden, Stratford, Guelph (plus a new start point), Kitchener/Waterloo (the Waterloo Memorial Recreation Complex), London (the Thames river walk) and Huntsville.
9. Happy Trails.

### **Rapport de la Directrice du Québec pour la réunion du CA du 28 février 2010 par Lisette Boivin**

1. L'année 2009 s'est terminée de belle façon chez les deux clubs Volkssport du Québec et le début de 2010 a été plus que satisfaisant. Plusieurs nouveaux membres se sont ajoutés à la liste des deux clubs et le nombre des participants au programme des récompenses IVV a continué à augmenter.
2. Du côté du club Nord-Sud de Québec, l'année Volkssport 2010 a débuté par la présentation du traditionnel brunch annuel qui a attiré 152 participants. Il y a eu alors la divulgation de la programmation annuelle du club et celle-ci a semblé plaire à tous. Une dizaine de kiosques ont été montés afin de donner des informations pertinentes sur les activités à venir. Des trophées ainsi que des diplômes ont été remis aux méritants. Un brunch succulent a été servi pour le bonheur de tous. Pour terminer en beauté cette journée, il y a eu un spectacle d'une jeune chanteuse des plus talentueuse. Dans le but de récolter des fonds pour le club, les participants étaient invités à apporter des livres dont ils ne se servaient plus; le club se chargeait de les vendre au coût de 2 \$. 300 \$ ont été amassés et ils ont servi à payer une partie des coûts du brunch. Les participants ont aussi contribué à l'effort de reconstruction d'Haïti; c'est ainsi que le club a pu envoyer par l'entremise de la Croix Rouge, une somme de 350 \$.
3. Une autre activité traditionnelle de trois jours a connu un bon succès avec plus d'une soixantaine de participants; malgré le froid sibérien qui régnait à la Forêt Montmorency, les marcheurs ont gardé le cœur chaud.
4. Du côté de Saint-Eustache, les volksporteurs avaient l'esprit à la fête également. Ils ont débuté leur année par leur traditionnelle marche du 2 janvier suivie d'un petit social au restaurant naturellement. Leurs activités hivernales ont attiré plusieurs participants et le peu de neige n'a pas semblé les affecter.

5. Les responsables des deux clubs ont étudié les 3 propositions du sondage concernant l'éventuel programme de récompenses IVV. Il semble que la plupart des personnes interrogées ne veulent pas de changement à la formule traditionnelle.
6. De mon côté, je m'affaire à préparer les marches saisonnières et je réponds à toutes les demandes d'informations sur le Volkssport. Je suis présentement dans une période intensive de recherche afin de trouver un nouveau directeur pour le Québec. J'ai contacté jusqu'à maintenant une quinzaine de personnes qui selon moi peuvent prendre le poste de directeur. Pas facile de dénicher quelqu'un qui veut; la langue et le surcroît de travail étant les deux raisons principales des refus. Une petite lumière brille cependant au fond du tunnel...

**Québec Director's Report for BOD Meeting of February 28, 2010  
by Lisette Boivin**

1. 2009 ended in a very successful way for both Volkssport clubs in the Province of Québec and so far, 2010 is more than satisfying. Many new members have joined our clubs and the number of participants to the IVV Reward Program is increasing.
2. Club Nord-Sud of Québec started 2010 with its annual traditional brunch attended by 152 people. Our annual programming was disclosed during this event. There were also about ten kiosks where members were able to gather accurate information on the club's upcoming activities. Trophies and diplomas were given to deserving participants. Afterwards, everyone enjoyed a delicious buffet and before ending this very special day, a talented young singer gave us a chance to hear her repertoire.
3. In order to collect funds for the club, participants had been invited to bring some books they didn't need any more. These books were sold around two dollars each and thus, \$300 was accumulated and used to cover part of the costs related to the brunch. Attendants also contributed to the efforts to rebuild Haiti by giving the club the opportunity to send \$350 to The Red Cross.
4. Another three-day traditional activity, gathering around 60 members, was quite a success. Although it was freezing at Forêt Montmorency, exercise helped keep walkers' hearts as warm as possible.
5. In St. Eustache, volkssporters were also in a festive mood. They started the New Year with their traditional 2nd of January walk, followed, of course, by a social reunion at the restaurant. Their winter activities attracted many participants unfazed by the lack of snow.
6. People in charge of both clubs examined three survey propositions regarding a possible new IVV Reward Program. It seems that most people who were questioned about this matter do not want any changes made to the traditional method.
7. As far as I am concerned, I am working on the seasonal walks and answering all requests on Volkssport. I am also searching intensively to find a new director for the Province of Québec. I contacted about fifteen people that I thought capable of doing this job. It's far from easy to find somebody and nobody said yes, either because they are not bilingual or because they don't want to do the extra work. However, there seems to be light at the end of the tunnel.

**Atlantic Director's Report for BOD Meeting of February 28, 2010  
by Rollie Coombes**

1. In the Atlantic area, winter activities are dominated by the four mainland clubs in NS. The Dartmouth Volksmarch club has had 10 events during January and February, while the Central Nova Club has had 2 events followed by potluck suppers and luncheons after their snowshoe event at Sugar Moon Farm. The Valley Trekkers have had 4 events in their area including a "Sweetheart Walk" the day before Valentine's.
2. In New Brunswick, Al and Nancy Morrissey have taken a well deserved break from running the day-to-day activities of the Hub City Wanderers in Moncton and have handed the President's position to Louis Myre. Al and Nancy will certainly continue with volkssporting in that province and will be active within the club as needed.
3. Louis has taken on this new position with the intentions of reorganizing the former two clubs in New Brunswick plus the Moncton club into one identity. Hopefully we will be able to retain the now existing YR and Seasonal Events in that province and they will be looked after by someone who lives in the province. This new organization will take some time to develop and in the meantime I will continue to provide the 4 Director's Walk Events until Louis is ready to take over these events.
4. The CB Island Hoppers normally do not hold guided walk events during the months of January and February but do encourage their membership to use the two YREs throughout these months by walking on Saturday mornings.
5. CVF 2010 Convention Activities:
  - 1) The CBIH Convention Committees are hard at work holding meetings and organizing for the upcoming 2010 Convention to be held in Sydney on the 28 -31 May.
  - 2) The Convention Trails' Committee has identified 4 walk events for this occasion. The club's YRE in Sydney using the new "Dock and Walk" format will take place Friday morning, where you will be introduced to the "Big Fiddle" with a photo op, the Sydney Harbour and boardwalk. The President's Walk will take place on Saturday at Victoria Park and you will get to see the historical north end of Sydney and the newly renovated Wentworth Park and the trails through the old Rotary Park. On Sunday you will be asked to make your way across the harbour to Westmount and the provincial park at Petersfields where you will be able to view the Canadian Coast Guard College. After these 3 warm-up walk events, we will provide a somewhat but enjoyable challenging walk event on Monday morning in the Coxheath Trails located about 20 minutes or less from our convention venue.
  - 3) All fun activities such as the Meet and Greet, the dinner banquet, registration desk, silent auction, club and local displays, the AGM, and the open meeting will take place at the Sergeants' Mess and Junior Ranks Club in Victoria Park.
  - 4) The Board of Directors' meeting will take place on Friday at the Civic Centre, The CBRM's City Hall located next door to Cambridge Suites on the Esplanade. If you are staying in the Delta or the Cambridge Suites you will be only moments from the meeting's location. The BOD's meeting on Sunday will take place in Victoria Park in a location at this time to be determined by the Mess Manager. Our time on the premises in the evening is somewhat limited so we are asking that all formal speeches be limited

and we ask that the awards presentations should be presented on the two nights as suggested at the open meeting last year in North Bay.

- 5) A local group will provide entertainment; unfortunately, we could not book Rita!
- 6) Registration is slowly coming in and we would encourage the directors to let members know that this will be a better then a mini-convention as was originally intended.
- 7) As the Atlantic Director, I encouraged the CBIH to hold this convention, as no other clubs came forward to provide CVF with a national convention for 2010. I have attended all the meetings and over the past few months the enthusiasm for this convention amongst the Island Hoppers has grown and I can assure you, that for those of you who will be attending, you will have a great time on our island.