

**THE CANADIAN VOLKSSPORT FEDERATION (CVF)  
LA FEDERATION CANADIENNE VOLKSSPORT (FCV)  
25th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
Saturday, May 28, 2011**

**ITEM**

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 1 pm by President Benoît Pinsonneault.
  - a) National Anthem:** The Canadian National Anthem was sung.
  - b) Moment of Silence:** There was a moment of silence in memory of Volkssporters who passed away in 2010 and to date in 2011.
  - c) Announcements:**
    - i) Volkssporters from the United States and England were acknowledged, as well as three past presidents of CVF.
    - ii) The trophy recognizing 100,000 km of walking now bears three names: Peggy Sherwood, Ray McAnally, and Anna McAnally.
    - iii) Two submissions for 2010 Best Volkssporting Festival Award were presented to the Board of Directors, and the award has been presented to Barrhead Walkie-Talkie Volkssport Club/Volkssport Association of Alberta.
  - d) Introductions:** Benoît introduced members of the Board of Directors who were present: Beverley Catrall, Kathy Parr, Laurie Ross, Sue Osborn, and Rollie Coombes. Ethel Hansen, Vice President, and Lisette Boivin were unable to attend. He introduced members of the Executive Committee: Graham Fawcett, Past President, Web Master, and Special Programs Coordinator, David Rupar, Treasurer, David Phillips, Historian/Parliamentarian, Donna Sullivan, Executive Assistant, and Kaye Farmer, Secretary. Benoît named the absent Executive members: Lea Tocher, Awards Coordinator, Jacques Fontaine, Materials Manager, Kathy Luten, Volkssport Canada Editor, and Hans-Dieter Fuhr, European Liaison.
  - e) Honoured Guests:** None
- 2. VERIFICATION OF QUORUM:**
  - a) Quorum Report:** Kaye Farmer, Secretary, verified that a quorum is present and 31 voting delegates, either in person or by proxy.
  - b) Parliamentarian/Rules of Order:** David Phillips will act as Parliamentarian following Robert's Rules of Order, Revised Edition.
- 3. AGENDA:**
  - a) Adoption of Agenda:** Adoption of the agenda was moved by Graham Fawcett, Walking & Volkssport Association of Ontario, and seconded by Gord Bell, Nepean Nomads. Motion carried.

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| 3.   | <b>b) Record of Attendance:</b> It was moved by Linda Kanne, Valley Trekkers, and seconded by Verni Brown, Vancouver 'Venturers, that the signature sheets signed by all voting delegates will be used as the Record of Attendance in the Minute Book.   |
| 4.   | <b>APPROVAL OF LAST AGM MINUTES:</b><br><b>a) Minutes of 24th Annual General Meeting Held on May 29, 2010:</b> It was moved by Brenda Dudfield, Surrey Trekkers, and seconded by Rick Kanne, Central Nova, that the minutes be approved as circulated. Motion carried.   |
| 5.   | <b>BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</b><br><b>a) CVF/FCV Business Plan:</b> After reviewing the business plan, the Board of Directors agreed to start with recruitment and membership and a committee of Ethel Hansen, Chair, Laurie Ross, and Rollie Coombes has been and will continue to work on this project.<br><b>b) Sponsorships:</b> Benoît reported that he will send a letter to the Governor General to ask for his support. Members were asked to send ideas for potential sponsorship opportunities to Benoît.<br><b>c) CVF AGM/Convention 2012 and Beyond:</b> The combined Ottawa area clubs will be hosting the 2012 convention and AGM and it will recognize CVF's 25 <sup>th</sup> anniversary. Assuming that a motion brought to this meeting passes; it will be possible to have an AGM by teleconference in an instance that no club offers to host a convention.<br><b>d) CVF Insurance:</b> David Phillips answered questions related to the CVF insurance policy. Clubs will be sent a communication to clarify some details of the insurance policy and procedure.<br><b>e) Congress of Delegates in Luxembourg July 8-11, 2010 – Several Amendments to IVV Rules and Orders:</b> Ethel Hansen, Vice-President, will be working on the resulting changes that will need to be included in the CVF Rules and Regulations, and the changes will be brought to a later AGM for adoption.<br><b>f) Creation of IVV Continental Associations – Popular Sports Across the Americas and South Pacific (PSAASP):</b> Graham Fawcett, Canadian representative to help form the PSAASP, gave background information. A European association and an Asian association have already been formed. Graham will continue to work with the USA and Brazil to form an association of the Americas.<br><b>g) 12<sup>th</sup> IVV Olympiad and Congress of Delegates in Antalya, Turkey, October 20-23, 2011:</b> Canada's delegates will be Benoît Pinsonneault, Graham Fawcett, and Jane Fawcett. |

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| 5.   | <p><b>h) CVF 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations Committee:</b> Sue Osborn, Ontario Director, presented a report on behalf of the committee (Sue, Beverley Cattrall, BC Director, and Laurie Ross, Prairies and North Director). Three initiatives have been organized:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pin – available free of charge to all Volkssporters. Clubs must submit their requirements by June 30.</li><li>25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Walk – each club may sanction one walking event for 2012 free of all fees in addition to their usual schedule of walks. Clubs will be reminded that they must sanction this walk prior to December 31, 2010.</li><li>25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Challenge – instead of Winter Walking Program in 2012, Volkssporters are encouraged to do 25 walks and record them on sheets that are available to download from the CVF website.</li></ul>  |
| 6.   | <p><b>OLD BUSINESS:</b></p> <p><b>a) 2008 Amendment to Bylaw No. 1 – Approval by Industry Canada:</b> This amendment dealt with holding an AGM by electronic means. It was forwarded to Industry Canada for approval and was rejected.</p>   |
| 7.   | <p><b>APPROVAL OF BYLAWS:</b></p> <p><b>a) Motion re Amendment to Bylaw No. 1, Section 32:</b> It was moved by Gord Bell, Nepean Nomads, and seconded by Beverley Cattrall, Volkssport Association of British Columbia that Bylaw No. 1, Section 32 be changed to read as follows:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>The annual or any other meeting of the members may be held at the head office of the Federation or at any place in Canada as the Board of Directors may determine and on such day as the Board of Directors shall appoint.</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>The annual or any other meeting of the members may be held by teleconference, provided that either:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>1. a majority of the members consents to meeting by teleconference,</i></li><li><i>or</i></li><li><i>2. at a meeting of the members of the corporation, members have passed a resolution approving meetings by teleconference.</i></li></ul> <p>Motion carried.</p> <p><b>b) Resolution to Approve Annual or Any Other Meetings of the Members by Teleconference:</b> It was moved by Gord Bell, Nepean Nomads, and seconded by Graham Fawcett, Walking &amp; Volkssport Association of Ontario, that the members approve that the CVF annual or any other meeting of the members may be held by teleconference as decided by the Board of Directors. Motion carried.</p> |

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- c) Motion to Approve CVF Bylaws as Amended:** It was moved by Kathy Parr, Volkssport Association of Alberta, and seconded by Gord Bell, Nepean Nomads, that the CVF Bylaws be approved as amended. Motion carried.

**8. APPROVAL OF RULES AND REGULATIONS:**

- a) Motion to revise the Rules and Regulations:** It was moved by Carol Halverson, Victoria 'Y' Volkssport Club, and seconded by Christine Desjardins, Juan de Fuca Pathfinders Walking Club, that

*Bicycle Year-Round Events can be done twice in any given calendar year, i.e., once each six months, and Event and Distance stamps can be placed in Walk Event and Distance Books each time and that a plus sign (+) can be used to designate each six-month period as is currently used on existing Bicycle and Walking Year-Round Events.*

Motion carried.

- b) Motion to Approve CVF Rules and Regulations as Amended:** It was moved by Linda Kanne, Valley Trekkers, and seconded by Beverley Catrall, Peachland Volkssport Club, that the CVF Rules and Regulations be approved as amended. Motion carried.

**9. REPORTS (QUESTIONS):**

- a)** Benoît thanked Graham for compiling the 2010 Annual Report.
- b)** It was moved by Graham Fawcett, Walking & Volkssport Association of Ontario, and seconded by Brenda Dudfield, Surrey Trekkers, that the reports of Directors and Executive Committee as recorded in the Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried.
- c)** Dave Rupar, Treasurer, presented the financial picture for CVF and answered any questions. It was moved by Graham Fawcett, Walking & Volkssport Association of Ontario, and seconded by Laurie Ross, Wascana Wanderers, that the 2010 financial statements and auditor's report as presented in the Annual Report be approved. Motion carried.
- d)** It was moved by Christine Desjardins, Garden City Wanderers, and seconded by Carol Halverson, Victoria 'Y' Volkssport Club, that the CVF individual membership fee be removed starting with the 2012 budget. Motion defeated.
- e)** Approval of 2012 Budget & Appointment of Auditor: The draft 2012 budget as presented on page 26 of the 2010 Annual Report was adjusted to show Commissions (under Expenses) to read \$2,500, resulting in the total expenses to be changed to \$64,070 and a surplus to be changed to \$1,580. It was moved by Lynda Kanne, Valley Trekkers, and seconded by Brenda Dudfield, Surrey Trekkers that the 2012 budget be adopted as amended. Motion carried.
- f)** It was moved by Verni Brown, Vancouver 'Venturers, and seconded by Kathy Parr, Volkssport Association of Alberta, that Steve McPhee be appointed auditor for 2011. Motion carried.

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| 10.  | <p>a) <b>Service Contract:</b> It was moved by Rick Kanne, Central Nova, and seconded by Laurie Ross, Wascana Wanderers, that remuneration of the executive assistant be adjusted by the rate of inflation as reported in the Consumer Price Index of Statistics of Canada as of July 1, 2011, and that it continue to include an annual bus pass. Motion carried.</p>  |
| 11.  | <p><b>NEW BUSINESS:</b></p> <p>a) <b>13<sup>th</sup> IVV Olympiad and Congress of Delegates will be held in Val Gardena, South Tyrol, Italy in 2013.</b></p> <p>b) <b>A new CVF Regional Association:</b> The Walking &amp; Volkssport Association of Ontario has been created and is a regional association member of CVF.</p> <p>c) <b>2011 AVA 17<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention, Des Moines, Iowa, USA – June 18-26:</b> CVF will not be represented officially at this convention.</p> <p>d) <b>The Hub City Wanderers of Moncton NB:</b> This club has folded and is being replaced by Tri-City NB Volkssport representing Moncton, Fredericton, and Saint John.</p> <p>e) <b>CVF Publicity Brochure Reprinted With a New Look:</b> This brochure partially funded by Imperial Oil has been reprinted and distributed to clubs through their Directors.</p> <p>f) <b>Complete Review of CVF Rules and Regulations, Part 2:</b> Benoît reported that he and Ethel Hansen will review the CVF Rules and Regulations to ensure compliance with the new IVV Rules approved on July 9, 2010.</p> |
| 12.  | <p><b>OTHER BUSINESS:</b></p> <p>a) <b>Special Walking Programs:</b> The Covered Bridges Program will terminate as of December 31, 2011. The Yellowhead Program has been extended one year and will terminate on December 31, 2012.</p>   |
| 13.  | <p><b>ELECTIONS:</b> Graham Fawcett, Chair of the Nominating Committee, officiated.</p> <p>a) CVF Vice-President – Ethel Hansen was declared elected by acclamation.</p> <p>b) Director, Atlantic – Sue Banks was declared elected by acclamation.</p> <p>c) Director, Ontario – Sue Osborn was declared elected by acclamation.</p> <p>d) Director, Alberta – Kathy Parr was elected by the Volkssport Association of Alberta to be its president and CVF Director for Alberta.</p> <p>e) Director, British Columbia – Beverley Cattrall was elected by the Volkssport Association of British Columbia to be its president and CVF Director for British Columbia.</p>  |

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- 14. ADJOURNMENT:** It was moved by Sue Osborn, King's Town Trekkers, and seconded by Beverley Cattrall, Volkssport Association of British Columbia, that the meeting adjourn at 4:20 pm. Motion carried.

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Kaye Farmer, Secretary

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Benoît Pinsonneault, Chair