

Atlantic Region Ramblings #44

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

1. The following clubs were recognized in the Official Program, distributed at the AVA Convention, as making a donation to AVA during the Big Give:

Annapolis Amblers
Baltimore Walking Club
First State Webfooters Walking Club
Freestate Happy Wanderers
Lee Lepus Volksverband
Liberty Bell Wanderers
Maryland Volkssport Association
Penninsula Pathfinders of Virginia
Princeton Area Walkers
US Freedom Walk Festival Club
Washington DC Area Volksmarching Club
Wood & Dale Wanderers
York White Rose Wanderers

I suspect there were other clubs who made a donation after the cut-off date to be listed in the Program. The names of a lot of individuals from the Atlantic Region were listed as donors. Some of the individuals may have been making a donation on behalf of their club. I would like to thank all of the clubs and individuals who donated to the Big Give.

2. The Quarterly Participation reports for the 2nd Qtr need to be submitted beginning July 1.
3. You should already be working on renewing the Year Round and Seasonal events for 2018. The process in the ESR system is the same as the past. There are only two new AVA Special Programs: "Walking in the Olympics" (no events in the Atlantic Region qualify) and the AVA Appalachian Trail Program. Just a reminder that the Special Programs have to be added separately. The Special Programs from 2017 do not automatically carry over when you renew for 2018.

If you have a YRE that has been around for a while and participation has declined over the years, consider not renewing it. Let it die for a couple of years and then bring it back. If nothing else, have a plan for doing something different so that the decline in participation does not continue.

4. The attachment is the approved minutes from the General Session Meetings at the AVA Convention.
5. This is my last day as Regional Director. Effective July 1, Mike Green takes over as the RD and Dolores Grenier as the Deputy RD. I wish them the best! I would like to thank everyone for their help and support over the last three years. I especially value all of the friends that I have made. A special thank you goes to Annette, Bob, and Marcy for their efforts as the State Association

Presidents. Finally, I would like to thank Lorraine who had to put up with me being absent a lot – both absent physically when I was away at a meeting and absent mentally when I was on the computer.

Thanks,
Tom Jackson
Atlantic Region Director