

**MINUTES**  
**Monthly Information Meeting**  
**September 18, 2018**

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. edt
2. All present except Jerry Wilson
3. Agenda items:
  - a. Raise fees
  - b. Allow nonvolkssporters on AVA board
4. Susan Medlin made a motion: I move that we postpone discussion of raising fees until after the Free Walkers Study Group makes its report.  
  
Motion was seconded by Chris Mellen.  
  
Motion carried. 2 No votes.
5. Bylaws Committee should investigate allowing nonvolkssporters (e.g. America Walks) to serve on AVA Board.
6. Cut and paste entries into books – President proposes that we wait until we hear from Policy Committee (Jerry Wilson). Consensus vote was taken. No objections.
7. Policy changes addressed by Mike Green. Proposed changes are attached.
8. Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m. edt.

Respectfully submitted

Sam Korff, Secretary

# Proposed Changes to the AVA Policy Manual

This page is intended to provide a common location for proposed changes to the AVA Policy Manual and supporting documentation.

[Approved New Policy Manual](#) (9/20/2018)

to be deployed on the AVA website in October 2018 when the ACE sanctioning capability is released.

## Summary of Changes

### Major

- Added new Subsection 4.14 - Event Directions and Maps.
- Added new Section 5 - AVA Community Events.
- Changed 4.06.II.D to permit sanctioning of events on cruise ships.
- Modified Appendix B to reflect change of annual club dues from \$50 to \$75.
- Modified Appendix B to contain all assessed sanctioning, participation, and processing fees.

### Minor

- Removed effectivity dates from policy statements where the dates are now in past.
- Removed the policy statement specifying the use of "Rallyhood" as a electronic communication system.
- Moved dollar amounts of sanctioning fees paid for TGW and GB events into Appendix B.
- Added policy statements that GB and TGW events cannot be sanctioned as PPSF
- Removed outdated/expired statements covering optional 50/50 Special Programs policy that is no longer allowed.
- Removed policy statements about the return of stamps to AVA HQ.
- Added policy statement that clubs should dispose of rubber stamps within 30 days after an event and keep/re-use wooden handles.
- Removed fees for the late return of stamps and the return of damaged stamps from Appendix B.
- Added new/revised fees for stamp and handle replacement as well as "custom stamps" to Appendix B

## **Additional Proposed AVA Policy changes to cover NEC/BOD Member Sanctioned Events (aka RD Walks, President Walks, etc.)**

1. Any member of the NEC/BOD may create an event hereafter referred to as an NEC/BOD event.
2. An NEC/BOD event must be approved by the sanctioning authority (or authorities) for the state and region of the event.
3. The AVA shall not assess an event sanctioning fee for an approved NEC/BOD event.
4. The NEC/BOD member shall provide event participation data in a timely fashion for each NEC/BOD event they have sanctioned.
5. The paid participant fee for an NEC/BOD event shall be the maximum allowed participation fee for that event type.

6. The NEC/BOD member shall remit to the AVA all funds received for the event less direct expenses to conduct the event.