

## VOLKSSPORT ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Annual General Meeting Minutes  
Sunday, March 19, 2017 1:30 pm  
Crystal Pool & Fitness Centre  
2275 Quadra Street, Victoria

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

In attendance:

|                      |   |   |
|----------------------|---|---|
| Anita Beecroft       | Surrey Trekkers                                       | - Director/Publicity                          |
| Verni Brown          | Vancouver 'Venturers                                  | - delegate                                    |
| Beverley Cattrall    | President CVF, Vice-President and Past President VABC |   |
| David Cattrall       | Garden City Wanderers                                 | - Website Coordinator, Director/Mail-in Walks |
| Diane Copley         | Garden City Wanderers                                 |   |
| George Copley        | Garden City Wanderers                                 | delegate                                      |
| Christine Desjardins | Juan de Fuca Pathfinders                              | delegate - Director at Large                  |
| Jim Dorby            | Garden City Wanderers                                 |   |
| Brenda Dudfield      | President VABC  |   |
| Frank Dudfield       | Surrey Trekkers                                       | - Proxy delegate                              |
| Ethel Hansen         | Bastion City Wanderers                                |   |
| Judy Haynes          | Victoria "Y" Volkssport Club                          | delegate                                      |
| Rita Hopmans         | Surrey Trekkers                                       |   |
| Carol McMehen        | Garden City Wanderers                                 |   |
| Ada Robinson         | Garden City Wanderers                                 | - Director/Sanctions                          |
| Joan Sanderson       | Garden City Wanderers                                 | - Treasurer & Director/Materials              |
| Pam Taylor           | Comox Glacier Wanderers                               | delegate                                      |
| Hazen Taylor         | Comox Glacier Wanderers                               |   |

The meeting was called to order at 1: 20 pm, President, Brenda Dudfield presiding.  
A moment of silence was held in memory of members, Christine Wong and Angela Pitts who passed away in the past year.

All BC Volkssport Clubs had a member in attendance at this meeting.

All VABC Executive members and VABC Directors were in attendance except for the Secretary, Linda Warnick who was away on vacation.

### 2. AGENDA

Brenda Dudfield added the following items to the agenda under New Business:  
VABC PT/Seasonal Challenge; CVF News; Reminder about Winter Walking Programmme;  
Reminder about nomination for Volunteer awards; Walking before to AGM; 2017/2018 Deadlines.

Motion to adopt agenda by Verni Brown. Seconded Judy Haynes. Carried

### 3. AGM 2016

Motion to accept the minutes of the AGM held April 24, 2016 was made by Ethel Hansen. Seconded by Christine Desjardins. Approved.

### 4. REPORTS from Executive Members and VABC Directors

|                                   |                             |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Brenda Dudfield - President       | Report attached.            |
| Beverly Cattrall - Vice President | No report.                  |
| Joan Sanderson - Treasurer        | Report available on request |

**Motion** to receive report: Christine Desjardins, Seconded by Judy Haynes, Approved.

**Motion** by George Copley that a review of the 2016 and 2017 financial reports be done by Christine Desjardins. Seconded by Verni Brown. Approved

Christine Desjardins completed her review of the 2016 financial statements. She reported that the financial report fairly represented the 2016 financial situation.

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|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| Linda Warnick - Secretary             | No report        |
| Anita Beecroft - Director - Publicity | Report attached. |
| Joan Sanderson - Director - Materials |                  |

Joan reported that fewer books are being sold and used. This is the trend across the country. The IVV is having a new Award system starting in 2018, with fewer books.

Any unsold books the Clubs have can be returned to Joan.

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|--|------------------------|
| Ada Robinson - Director - Sanctions                            | Report attached.       |
| David Cattrall - Director - Website /Mail-ins                  | Both reports attached. |
| Ada Robinson can update the website as well as David Cattrall. |                        |
| Christine Desjardin - Director at Large                        | No report              |

### CLUB REPORTS

See attached copies of each report.

Bastion City Wanderers Volkssport Club by Ethel Hansen

Comox Glacier Wanderers Volkssport Club by Pam Taylor

Garden City Wanderers Volkssport Club by George Copley

Juan de Fuca Pathfinders Walking Club by Christine Desjardins

Surrey Trekkers Volkssport Club by Frank Dudfield for Rick Bortolussi

Vancouver Ventures Volkssport Club by Verni Brown

Victoria "Y" Volkssport Club by Judy Haynes

Victoria International Walking Festival Society - Christine Desjardins reported plans well underway e.g. prizes, maps, Dinner sold out, Discount from Running Room, New Balance display table and discount offer for attendees, swim event - is the only one in Canada.

## 5. **OLD BUSINESS**

After discussion regarding the Bylaws that were approved at the AGM in 2016, **Motion** was made by Ethel Hansen, that the VABC Bylaws presently in force, as repealed and replaced on April 24, 2016, be repealed and replaced by the Bylaws, adopted by the VABC Board on February 3, 2017, attached as Schedule "A" to this motion and dated March 19, 2017, and that George Copley prepare and file a Transition Application in the Corporate Registry incorporating the VABC Bylaws repealed and replaced March 19, 2017, by Special Resolution and the VABC Constitution presently in force containing only the VABC name and VABC purposes, attached as Schedule "B" to this motion. George Copley may incorporate into the text in Schedule "A" and Schedule "B" any typographical errors identified by members of VABC on or before March 30, 2017, and provided to him by that date, so long as incorporation of the typographical errors do not, in his opinion, alter in any way the meaning of the text of Schedule "A" or Schedule "B".

Seconded by Christine Desjardins. Carried.

George Copley will review the typographical changes. If they do not change the meaning of the bylaws, George Copley will submit the Bylaws by July 1, 2017.

## 6. **NEW BUSINESS**

VABC PT/Seasonal Challenge - The Board decided to update with new walks and reprint the stamp card. There are award Gold, Silver, and Bronze Patches for sale upon completion and also Walk BC pins for sale at \$4.00

There is no change to the annual membership fee.

Dates/Deadlines for 2017/18 have already been distributed to Clubs and the Board.

Brenda Dudfield asked if the group was interested in 'walking to Comox' doing some PTs on the way up Island, before or after next year's AGM in Comox. Interest was expressed by the group and the dates, etc. will be distributed.

There is a correction to the 2017 VolkssportingBC on page 14. The Courteney - Mt. Washington - Paradise Meadows walk is on Saturday, September 02 (not Sunday, September 03 as published).

**7. ELECTIONS**

The elections were conducted by Judy Haynes.

President Verni Brown nominated Brenda Dudfield. Accepted. Acclamation.

Vice President No nominations. Vacant.

Director-at-large George Copley nominated Christine Desjardins. Accepted. Acclamation.

**8. OTHER DISCUSSION – none**

**9. NEXT MEETING**

The 2018 Annual General Meeting will be held in Comox, date to be determined.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Christine Desjardins made the motion to adjourn at 3.29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anita Beecroft

## **VABC President Report for 2016**

British Columbia had a successful year in 2016. The Surrey Trekkers, celebrated their 25th anniversary as a Club, by hosting a wonderful CVF Convention in Langley. Over the Thanksgiving weekend in October they sponsored Wine Walks in Kelowna which was well attended by BC and many US walkers. Gorgeous colours on the trees, especially the walk up the Myra Canyon.

There were 90 Scheduled Events in BC with a total of 4,464 walkers, compared to 95 Events with 3,826 walkers in 2015. BC sanctioned 80 Permanent Trails, with 9,112 walkers compared to 2015 with 76 PTs and 8,787 walkers. It would appear that walking participation has increased in BC. Many of these events concluded with picnics, barbeques and may be a swim in a member's pool! The additional number of Events was due to the CVF Convention.

Total membership as of September 1, 2016 was 376, up 4 from 2015.

I thank Anita Beecroft for putting together the VolkssportingBC magazine for 2017. We had many emails back and forth while I was in Brazil, and I thank Ada Robinson and David Cattrall for proofreading the document.

I'd also like thank all the directors for their help in their respective fields, and especially George Copley, Garden City Wanderers, who spent long hours in updating the Bylaws, so as to comply with the new BC Society Act which came into effect in November 2016.

I trust that this coming year, will again be successful and I look forward to meeting some of you on the trails.

Brenda Dudfield.

### **Report to VABC AGM, March 2017 From Anita Beecroft, Director/Publicity**

I published my first "VolkssportingBC" in December 2016 thanks to the assistance of some of the VABC Directors and Brenda Dudfield's never-ending patience and support. I appreciated the help with input and proofreading of the magazine.

Six hundred copies of "VolkssportingBC 2017" were printed and distributed to Bastion City Wanderers, Comox Glacier Wanderers, Garden City Wanderers, Juan de Fuca Pathfinders, Surrey Trekkers, Vancouver 'Venturers, Victoria "Y", VABC President, NW Tulip Trekkers, Walking Adventure International, Capitol, Olympia, WA and Columbia Gorge, WA Volkssport Clubs. My appreciation to Brenda Dudfield who made sure copies reached those a distance away. This saved the cost of postage and added a personal touch.

Vancouver 'Venturers, Capitol Volkssport Club, Victoria 'Y' Volkssport Club, Comox Glacier Wanderers, Bastion City Wanderers, Garden City Wanderers, Victoria Phoenix Walking Festival, Surrey Trekkers, Juan de Fuca Pathfinders Walking Club had free advertising while Washington's NW Tulip Trekkers, Walking Adventures International, and Capital Volkssport Club placed paid advertisements in "Volkssporting BC 2017".

Respectfully submitted,  
Anita Beecroft

**REPORT TO VABC AGM, March 2017  
from Ada Robinson, Director/Sanctions**

2016 was my first year as Director/Sanctions. I would like to thank Kaye Farmer for providing me with all the documents, procedures, and advice I needed to make the learning curve a gentle one. I would also like to thank all the clubs for their prompt submission of sanction requests, stats sheets, and slugs, which allowed me to do my job in a timely manner.

**SANCTIONS:**

For 2017, the following numbers of walks have been sanctioned:

80 PT walks (28 by the five Vancouver Island clubs, 15 by the two mainland clubs, 30 by the CVF BC Director, and 7 by VABC)

81 event walks (32 on the mainland and 49 on Vancouver Island and other islands)

In what may be a first for BC, one swim event has been sanctioned, to be part of the Victoria Volkssport Phoenix Festival.

**STATISTICS:**

Attached are the 2016 summaries and comparisons with previous years for both the scheduled and permanent trail events. I have included a new comparison by region, in hopes of being able to see regional trends more easily.

One change for 2016 was that the two Upper Vancouver Island clubs significantly reduced the number of event walks they sanctioned. For the province as a whole, once the effect of the CVF Convention is taken into account, it seems overall participation is down a little.

Ada Robinson  
Director/Sanctions

Attachments: 2016 PT Summary  
PT Comparison 2006 - 2016  
2016 Scheduled Event Summary  
Scheduled Event Comparison 2006 – 2016  
Comparison by Region 2015 – 2016

**COMPARISON BY REGION - 2015 to 2016 - Events, Special Events, and PTs**

| Region/Event                      | 2015   | 2016   |         |
|-----------------------------------|--------|--------|---------|
|                                   | events | events | walkers |
| Mainland (2 clubs and CVF BC Dir) | 31     | 30     | 1,243   |
| Upper Vancouver Island (2 clubs)  | 13     | 3      | 61      |
| Lower Vancouver Island (3 clubs)  | 46     | 44     | 1,355   |
| Sub-Total                         | 90     | 77     | 2,659   |
| CVF Convention                    |        | 9      | 1,615   |
| Surrey Trekkers Wine Walks        |        | 4      | 190     |
| VIWFS Phoenix Walks               | 5      |        |         |
| Sub-Total                         | 5      | 13     | 1,805   |
| Total scheduled events            | 95     | 90     | 4,464   |

Note: The VABC President's walk is a moveable feast: included in Phoenix Walks in 2015, sanctioned by Vancouver 'Venturers in 2016.

|                                  | PTs | PTs | walkers |
|----------------------------------|-----|-----|---------|
| Mainland (2 clubs)               | 15  | 15  | 3,011   |
| Upper Vancouver Island (2 clubs) | 8   | 8   | 1,432   |
| Lower Vancouver Island (3 clubs) | 20  | 20  | 3,612   |
| Sub-Total                        | 43  | 43  | 8,055   |
| VABC                             | 11  | 11  | 702     |
| CVF/BC Director                  | 24  | 26  | 355     |
| Sub-Total                        | 35  | 37  | 1,057   |
| Total PTs                        | 78  | 80  | 9,112   |

Grand Total participation

13,576

**SUMMARY OF B. C. SCHEDULED EVENTS FOR 2016**

| <b>Volkssport Club</b>                    | <b>Number of Sanctions</b> |  | <b>Total Walkers</b> |
|---|----------------------------|--|----------------------|
| Bastion City Wanderers                    | 1                          |  | 32                   |
| Comox Glacier Wanderers                   | 2                          |  | 29                   |
| Garden City Wanderers                     | 24                         |  | 796                  |
| Juan de Fuca Pathfinders                  | 10                         |  | 286                  |
| Surrey Trekkers (includes CVF Convention) | 34                         |  | 2728                 |
| Vancouver 'Venturers (incl VABC AGM)      | 8                          |  | 293                  |
| Victoria "Y"                              | 10                         |  | 273                  |
| Sub-Total                                 | <b>89</b>                  |  | <b>4437</b>          |
| CVF Director                              | 1                          |  | 27                   |
| <b>Total</b>                              | <b>90</b>                  |  | <b>4464</b>          |



**COMPARISON - 2006 to 2016 (Total Walkers) - BRITISH COLUMBIA SCHEDULED EVENTS**

| Volkssport Club                   | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013  | 2014  | 2015  | 2016  |
|-----------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Bastion City Wanderers            |      |      |      | 66   |      |      |      | 305   | 373   | 191   | 32    |
| Comox Glacier Wanderers           |      |      |      |      |      |      |      | 94    | 112   | 135   | 29    |
| Garden City Wanderers             |      |      |      |      |      |      |      | 818   | 809   | 827   | 796   |
| Juan de Fuca Pathfinders          |      |      |      |      |      |      |      | 379   | 249   | 295   | 286   |
| Mid-Island                        |      |      |      | 34   | 26   | 11   | 16   | 10    |       |       |       |
| Mount Cheam                       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |       |       |       |
| Peachland                         |      |      |      | 39   | 21   | 27   |      |       |       |       |       |
| Richmond Trailblazers             |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |       |       |       |
| Surrey Trekkers                   |      |      |      |      |      |      |      | 799   | 1,052 | 720   | 1,113 |
| Vancouver 'Venturers              |      |      |      |      |      |      |      | 331   | 317   | 228   | 247   |
| Victoria "Y"                      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      | 342   | 375   | 327   | 273   |
| Westcoast Walkers                 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |       |       |       |
| VABC                              |      |      |      | 9    | 16   |      |      |       |       |       |       |
| VABC - AGM**                      |      |      |      |      | 46   |      | 76   | 258   | 42    | 256   | 46    |
| Sub-Total                         |      |      |      |      |      |      |      | 3,336 | 3,329 | 2,979 | 2,822 |
| CVF Convention                    |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |       |       | 1,615 |
| CVF Director                      |      |      |      |      |      |      | 36   | 7     | 27    | 22    | 27    |
| Cowichan Family Caregivers        |      |      | 7    | 3    | 0    |      |      |       |       |       |       |
| International Wanderers           |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |       |       |       |
| Victoria Int'l Walking Festival** |      |      |      |      |      |      | 48   | 607   |       | 825   |       |
| Total                             |      |      |      |      |      |      |      | 3,950 | 3,356 | 3,826 | 4,464 |

\*\*2009 - VABC AGM walk was the Sunday VIWF (Phoenix) walk - total Phoenix participation was 776.  
 2011 - VABC AGM walk was the Sunday VIWF (Phoenix) walk - total Phoenix participation was 855.  
 2012 - CVF 25th Anniversary Walk hosted by VIWF.  
 2013 - VABC AGM walk was the Sunday VIWF (Phoenix) walk - total Phoenix participation was 865.  
 2015 - VABC AGM walk was the Sunday VIWF (Phoenix) walk - total Phoenix participation was 1081.  
 2016 - VABC AGM walk was sanctioned by Vancouver 'Venturers

**SUMMARY - BRITISH COLUMBIA 2016 PERMANENT TRAILS**

| <b>Club</b>                          | <b>Sanction<br/>CVF PT 16/</b>  | <b>Total<br/>Participants</b> | <b>Club Total</b> |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Bastion City<br>Wanderers<br>(6)     | 096, Nanaimo - Downtown         | 363                           | 1040              |
|                                      | 097, Nanaimo - Neck Point       | 91                            |                   |
|                                      | 157, Nanaimo - Country Club     | 191                           |                   |
|                                      | 158, Nanaimo - Westwood Lake    | 133                           |                   |
|                                      | 199, Ladysmith                  | 101                           |                   |
|                                      | 307, Cedar                      | 161                           |                   |
| Comox<br>Glacier<br>Wanderers<br>(2) | 001, Comox                      | 325                           | 392               |
|                                      | 010, Courtenay                  | 67                            |                   |
| Garden City<br>Wanderers<br>(6)      | 019, Victoria - Harbour Towers  | 237                           | 1,347             |
|                                      | 025, Victoria - Harbour Towers  | 168                           |                   |
|                                      | 029, Victoria - Henderson Park  | 225                           |                   |
|                                      | 140, Victoria - Pearkes         | 159                           |                   |
|                                      | 260, Victoria - Broadmead       | 514                           |                   |
|                                      | W004, Victoria - Broadmead RLDW | 44                            |                   |
| Juan de Fuca<br>Pathfinders<br>(9)   | 026, Sidney                     | 538                           | 1,729             |
|                                      | 083, Langford - Running Room    | 158                           |                   |
|                                      | 088, Langford - Frontrunners    | 160                           |                   |
|                                      | 102R, Sidney Bicycle            | 168                           |                   |
|                                      | 108, Elk Lake                   | 137                           |                   |
|                                      | 109, Brentwood Bay              | 87                            |                   |
|                                      | 160, Sooke                      | 160                           |                   |
|                                      | 163, Colwood                    | 184                           |                   |
|                                      | 180, Metchosin                  | 137                           |                   |
| Surrey<br>Trekking<br>(9)            | 023, Surrey - Crescent Beach    | 374                           | 2,277             |
|                                      | 055, Surrey - Fleetwood         | 288                           |                   |
|                                      | 080, Delta - Sunshine Hills     | 342                           |                   |
|                                      | 101, Vancouver - False Creek    | 113                           |                   |
|                                      | 106, New Westminister           | 209                           |                   |
|                                      | 138, Langley - Langley Parks    | 261                           |                   |
|                                      | 139, Delta - Nordel             | 231                           |                   |
|                                      | 154, Surrey - Green Timbers     | 323                           |                   |
|                                      | 156, Surrey - Cedar Hills       | 136                           |                   |

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| Vancouver<br>'Venturers<br>(6)  | 053, Vancouver - Stanley Park         | 204 |     |
|   | 063, Delta - Ladner                   | 110 |     |
|   | 079, Vancouver - Downtown             | 105 |     |
|   | 162, Vancouver - Kitsilano            | 127 |     |
|   | 164, Vancouver - Shaughnessy          | 122 |     |
|   | 252, West Vancouver - Ambleside       | 66  | 734 |
| Victoria "Y"<br>(5)   | 007, Victoria - Downtown              | 106 |     |
|   | 015, Victoria - Oak Bay               | 66  |     |
|   | 253, Esquimalt                        | 118 |     |
|   | 256, Victoria - Oak Bay               | 132 |     |
|   | 306, Victoria - Cedar Hill Rec Centre | 114 | 536 |
| VABC<br>(11)  | 009, Hope                             | 17  |     |
|   | 046, Richmond - Centre                | 94  |     |
|   | 081, Richmond - Steveston             | 153 |     |
|   | 104, West Vancouver - Horseshoe Bay   | 38  |     |
|   | 107, Peachland                        | 7   |     |
|   | 155, Richmond - Terra Nova            | 74  |     |
|   | 176, Coquitlam - Town Centre          | 76  |     |
|   | 177, Port Moody - Rocky Point         | 87  |     |
|   | 178, Kelowna                          | 41  |     |
|   | 179, Burnaby - Central Park           | 58  |     |
|   | 322, Coquitlam - Mundy Park           | 57  | 702 |
| CVF/BC<br>Director<br>(26)<br><br>Mail-in<br>Walks<br>Except For<br>323, 200,<br>and<br>251 | 064, Whistler                         | 13  |     |
|   | 082, Lake Cowichan                    | 7   |     |
|   | 095, Mount Robson                     | 2   |     |
|   | 103, Kamloops                         | 10  |     |
|   | 105, Kimberley                        | 4   |     |
|   | 110, Chemainus                        | 30  |     |
|   | 137, Qualicum Beach                   | 15  |     |
|   | 159, Prince George                    | 2   |     |
|   | 196, Mill Bay                         | 9   |     |
|   | 200, Penticton                        | 19  |     |
|   | 251, Parksville                       | 72  |     |
|   | 254, Oliver - Riverside               | 3   |     |

|    |                                       |    |      |
|----|---------------------------------------|----|------|
|    | 255, West Vancouver - Lighthouse Park | 22 |      |
|    | 257, Salmon Arm                       | 12 |      |
|    | 258, Invermere                        | 7  |      |
|    | 259, Okanagan Falls                   | 6  |      |
|    | 301, Princeton                        | 6  |      |
|    | 302, Keremeos                         | 7  |      |
|    | 303, Mayne Island                     | 23 |      |
|    | 305, Summerland                       | 6  |      |
|    | 308, Ucluelet                         | 19 |      |
|    | 309, Tofino                           | 19 |      |
|    | 310, Golden                           | 8  |      |
|    | 323, Duncan                           | 20 |      |
|    | 324, Yale                             | 10 |      |
|    | 330, Field                            | 4  | 355  |
| 80 |                                       |    | 9112 |

**VABC AGM – March 19<sup>th</sup> 2017**  
**Website and Mail-in Walks Director – Report for 2016**

The VABC Website continues to receive, on average, about 7 hits per day – about 3000 hits in 2016. The website is actually pretty simple – just informational, not transactional. So, the major workload is at year end when the event schedule and the PTs for the following year are updated and entered. Thanks to Anita for doing a great job in getting that information to me in good time. After that, the job of keeping the site up to date as changes occur has been quite straightforward and low volume. Ada is doing a fine job of giving me all the details when something changes relating to an event or PT walk.

I am also responsible for managing the mail-in registration process. It continues to work well and is quite successful as measured by the volumes, the financial returns, and the positive feedback from those who did the walks.

The number of mail-in locations has grown from 8 in 2010 when we first started to 28 in 2017. At those 28 locations we have 64 routes.

Over the 7 years the annual number of walks completed has roughly doubled. 2014 was the record year with 379 walks completed but this was largely due to the Convention in Banff. The bus tour contributed 112 walkers at Mount Robson and many people did walks on their way to and from the Convention.

Last year, 2016, was the third highest total (244) so if you try to normalise the numbers by removing exceptional events like Banff I would say that the mail-in walks are still as popular as ever.

The A to Z program helped last year. Qualicum Beach and Ucluelet hit new highs and, of course, Invermere and Yale also contributed.

We reduced the fee to \$1 in 2015 so that last year we just about broke even. I.e. we don't do it to make a profit, we do it to encourage people to continue walking all over BC

I believe that the program as a whole is well worth while and that we should retain all of the walks.

David Cattrall

March 2017

### **Bastion City Wanderers Club Report**

We currently have 32 members, with approximately 18-22 attending most walks. Lunch after the walk is still an important element with approximately ¾ to all walkers attending. Members take turns doing registration and sign up each quarter for the time when they do are able to register the walkers, give a short spiel, arrange the lunch reservations and ensure they start at the designated time.

We have only one event for the year, Newcastle Island, as Club members have been against having more Event walks as only the Club members attend. We continue 6 YREs which have various versions but have withdrawn the 12 km routes originating from the Country Club Mall as members didn't want to do the walks anymore.

I can count on the fingers of one hand the number of walkers who collect Distance stamps and even fewer who collect Event stamps. In Graham's words, we are not a true Volkssport Club and I question how long we will remain one. To date, no one has suggested we stop functioning as part of Volkssporting. The Club is relatively successful in retaining members and attracting them to the walks.

Submitted by Ethel Hansen

### **Comox Glacier Wanderers Report**

CGW has a committee of 8 who work together to support and encourage each other and our membership, taking on roles as needed, to help make walking an enjoyable experience.

CGW had 2 sanctioned walks; Salmon Point Campbell River in May and Paradise Meadows, Mt. Washington Comox on the Labour Day Saturday Sept 3.

The group meets every Saturday for the PT walk in Comox and on Sunday for the PT walk in Courtenay.

In 2017, we continue to have a small group that walk every Tuesday to Friday at a variety of interest locations: 1st Wed at Goose Spit, 2nd Tues at Crown Isle, 3rd Wed interest walk and 4th Tues at the Courtenay Air Park.

Usually the 3rd Wednesday in March to October, CGW either have one of our sanctioned walks or a longer interest walk in a nature location followed by a good meal. Participation is usually between 12- 20.

There is a correction for the Paradise Meadows Walk. It should read Sat. Sept 2nd not Sunday Sept 3rd. This change was sent into VABC earlier this year once the error was noticed in the new magazine.

The CGW have agreed to organize and plan a walk for the AGM in the spring of 2018. We are hoping to get a date set for April.

Submitted by Pam Taylor

## **Garden City Wanderers Report**

Garden City Wanderers had another very successful year in 2016. As of the date of the AGM, November 5, 2016, the club had 92 members, a number which has remained relatively stable in recent years with new members joining to replace those who are no longer able or wish to walk with the club. Of those 90 some odd members about 1/3 of the members actively volunteer for and work in the various offices and volunteer positions that are needed to ensure that the club's activities run smoothly. Those walk activities include about 35 weekend walks (both event and PT), 6 Permanent Trails (with anywhere from 2 to 4 or 5 routes each) and two evening walks each week, Tuesdays (all year) and Thursdays (seasonal -April to September). We generally have lunch at a nearby restaurant, which is attended by anywhere from a six or eight to fifteen plus members, after each weekend walk. Potluck meals are a feature of many of our special walks such as Walkfest in April, US/Canada Friendship Walks in July and August, the AGM in November and the Christmas Walk in December. Our PT walk owners and event hosts are continually suggesting improvements to established routes and we continue to develop new routes such as the Scafe Hill/Mount Stewart walk this last June.

In 2016, the GCW Managing Group adopted a long term commitment to concentrate on two initiatives: to encourage new members to join in walking to enjoy the benefits of Volkssporting, Fun, Fitness and Friendship, and to build upon one of the club's strengths by encouraging even more members to not only walk with us but also to volunteer for active participation in the various offices and positions that support the club's walking activities. As part of these initiatives the GCW brochure aimed at attracting new members has been updated, simplified and made visually more attractive. The new brochure was approved at the AGM and is now being distributed at various public locations in Victoria. We continue to ensure that information about the weekend walks appears in various local publications including the Times Colonist Thursday edition. In addition, the GCW Information Manual, a document that was hopelessly out of date has been revised to make it simpler and more readable, with up to date and accurate information about the organization of the club and what volunteers do. We hope this information will encourage more people to volunteer to assist in the operation of the club.

Submitted by George Copley

## **Juan de Fuca Pathfinders Report**

The Juan de Fuca Pathfinders continues to be a busy club. Our membership is up a little this year. We continue to put on 9 - 10 events a year as well as our 8 PTs. We also continue to sanction the only bike PT in BC. This year to celebrate the 30/150 program our Parks day walk in July will go through 2 Historical sites, Royal Roads and Fort Rodd Hill.

Submitted by Christine Desjardins

## **Surrey Trekkers Volkssport Club Report**

2016 year was a great year for the Trekkers, being our 25th anniversary as a CVVF member club. Our club membership remains near the 100 mark. Today we are pleased to announce that we have 94 active members. During 2016, we had an increase in the turnout of participants for our map walks, scheduled weekend PT walks, our Wednesday morning walks as well as our Thursday evening summer period walks. This is in addition to hosting the 2016 CVF Convention and AGM as well as the various map walks and PT's that were made available during the convention.

A detailed report was submitted to CVF on the experiences encountered during the planning and delivery of this successful Convention and AGM. Hopefully this report can be of assistance for the planning and delivery of future CVF Conventions. The written report emphasised the importance of having a terrific volunteer base to work with. I am please to confirm that our members embraced the event admirably.

For 2016, we held 34 map walks (including the Convention and Thanksgiving Events). The Wednesday morning walks were expanded to all year around while the Thursday evening walks were held from May through to early September.

This past year in addition to the successful CVF Convention and AGM and as part of our 25th Year-Celebrations, the club held a celebratory BBQ and Pool Party in July. During this celebration we acknowledged our Convention Committee Coordinators; CVF recognition awards as well as issuing nine Honorary Memberships to Trekkers who participated significantly with the creation and ongoing development of the club over the years. This included our first club President Reg Beebe. On Thanksgiving weekend we again hosted the Wine Walks in the Kelowna area. Another successful event was experienced by the attendees with four walks comprising of three routes incorporating Kelowna area wineries while the fourth route took in the scenic Myra Canyon trestles and tunnels.

All in all 2016 was a pinnacle year indeed for the Surrey Trekkers. We delivered the most map walks delivered by our club in a year and our PT participation showed an increase of 6% over the 2015 participation rate. Financially in 2016, we had a successful year as well. I am happy to announce that for 2017, the Surrey Trekkers Volkssport Club is an active and vibrant club both during the events and as per the Surrey Trekkers' reputation, socially after each event. We look forward to seeing you on the trails in 2017.

Respectfully,

Rick Bortolussi, President, Surrey Trekkers Volkssport Club



## **Vancouver 'Venturers Report**

2016 was a good year for the Vancouver 'Venturers. The club currently has 38 members. We held 8 map walks and 6 permanent trails. We also coordinated 5 PTs on behalf of VABC. We thank members of the Surrey Trekkers for supporting our walks. We also compliment STVC for the success of the national Volkssport Convention, which they hosted in Langley last May. This year, we are having 4 walks with a special theme: on Saturday, May 13, we will celebrate Canada's 150th Anniversary; on Monday, July 3, it's the club's 20th Anniversary; on Sunday, August 27, we will be celebrating the CVF/FCV's 30th Anniversary; and on September 9 and 10, there will be an international weekend of walking with the Surrey Trekkers and a club from Washington State: Saturday morning in Point Roberts, Saturday afternoon in Tsawwassen, Sunday morning in White Rock, and Sunday afternoon in Blaine. You are all invited to participate in these special events.

Submitted by Verni Brown

## **Victoria "Y" Volkssport Club Report**

This was a somewhat eventful year. The infamous Tent City had a growing number of homeless becoming permanent residents in the park across the street from the back of the YM-YWCA downtown. The YM-YWCA experienced many problems with this group and tried to take stricter access measures to their building. Our club was also affected. We have had a wooden stand in the Lobby for 25+ years. Our Stamp pad and holder with slugs plus some pins and patches were stolen. Fortunately money was in a locked compartment. The Y finally agreed to allow us to put our Walk Box (binder) at the reception desk. I am still receiving comments about the need to get a key to use the washrooms. However, attendance for this PT was quite low for the entire year. Many tourists stayed away from Victoria due to the adverse publicity concerning Tent City. Also, it now looks like we can put our stand back into the Lobby so stay tuned.....

The remaining PT's were "so-so" and our Club continues to appreciate the Monday/Wed group. A couple of Scheduled Walks were affected by nasty weather including one we cancelled due to a pending "massive wind storm". It was in a heavily forested area so we cancelled the walk on Thurs night so that we could "get the word out to walkers". Then the storm pattern shifted. C'est la vie. Summer was great and attendance was good as most of our walks.

We moved the Christmas Lights to Oak Bay with an open start and coffee/cookies in the upstairs lounge. It poured. Those who did come sat around and chatted for a couple of hours. Those who walked came back like drowned rats and were happy to get a warm drink. A group went out to do the 5k and see the trucks. The rain eased off, the trucks were much slower travelling along Oak Bay Av and we could actually enjoy the details of their decorations. In 2017 we are back to the Y on a Sunday afternoon/evening so stay tuned.

We ended the year with 20 members.

Judy Haynes