

News from N.E.W. #36, August 21, 2015

1. **NEC Meeting San Antonio August 12:** The two proposals that were accepted for review this meeting were issues “left over” from the last NEC meeting.
 - The Boating policy change to allow a linear course passed.
 - RD Guidelines for approval of Per Participant Sanctioning passed.
 - The June NEC meeting will be in Fredricksburg, TX June 10-12, 2016 during their celebration of the 40th anniversary of the first volksmarch in the US.
 - There will be a January meeting to be determined.
2. **Strategic Planning Committee:** We had a great meeting in San Antonio. You will see more information in the next Checkpoint and TAW. At a joint meeting with the NEC we reviewed the charter and process roadmap. When you get a survey during this process, please take care of it right away.
3. **Per Participant Sanctioning –** These are the procedures if you want to use the Per Participant Sanctioning Fee method (PPSF) instead of the normal sanction fee. I sent out the guidelines I will use earlier. Please let me know if you have any questions.
 - Clubs must go onto the AVA event sanction site and sanction an event in the same manner.
 - Clubs will submit a request to their RD’s to have an event sanctioned as a PPSF.
 - I want to receive your request by **email** with the following information
 - Your club’s name and number
 - The event’s name and sanction number
 - Why you want to use PPSF.
 - The RD will use the “Approval Guidelines” to either approve or disapprove of the club’s request for PPSF.
 - If not approved the RD will contact the club as to the rationale why it was not approved and the club will pay the traditional sanction fee.
 - If approved the RD will submit the fillable form within reasonable time to the AVA Headquarters to the attention of Theresa Hutchison so that the club is not billed the traditional sanction fee.
 - The club will be billed **\$1.00 for each participant** (to include free participants) **in addition to the standard \$1.25 for credit or non-IVV participants** once participation reports have been processed.
4. **YRE/Seasonal Renewals:** Please see the following suggestions:
 - Once you have renewed your event, go back into the ESR and pick “**Starting Point Listing**” under the event city/name. Is information where it should be?
 - **Phone numbers** must have been entered as 10 numbers without spaces, ‘-’s or parentheses. It should now appear with ‘-’s. If it does not appear correctly, you need to edit the ESR and enter it correctly as a 10 digit string of numbers.
 - **Where’s the “walk box”?** As one club member mentioned, we have fewer file cabinets and more file boxes, which could be anywhere. Tell us where it is!! Put it in the driving directions section.
 - **Not renewing?** Check the box in the ESR is you will not be renewing the event for next year. I will contact you if you haven’t renewed and haven’t checked the box towards the end of August.

All for now.

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