

**Minutes of Meeting to Form AussieWalk IVV:
National Association of IVV in Australia
on 16 January 2016 at Southern Cross Yacht Club**

Attendees

Kathleen Berg	Elisabeth Judge	Wanda Stewart
Kevin Berriman	Diana Marshall (Chair)	Jill Wicklander
Albert Brakel	Betty Pearson	Lachlan Wilkinson
Doug Fitzgerald	Faye Powell (from 10am)	Thea Wykes
John Gordon	Tony Powell (from 10am)	
David Horton	Mark Schipp	

Apologies

Harry Berg	Cathy Davies
Judy Brown (Gosford based)	Anne l'Ons
Kendra Carattini (Sydney based)	

The Chair opened the meeting at 9.30am and welcomed those in attendance. Apologies were advised.

The meeting aims to form a National Association for IVV in Australia and subsequently seek National Membership of the IVV.

Item 1. Report by Current Australian IVV Coordinator (DM)

This meeting follows up on an informal meeting held after a walk on 10 Oct 2015 where an initial vision for IVV in Australia was proposed. Since then the vision has been refined:

- NZ was contacted on 3 occasions but did not respond, so is no longer part of the proposal.
- The club requirements have changed to make it more attractive for clubs to participate.
- A draft constitution has been prepared, based on the model rules for the ACT.
- CTDW Inc. and AussieWalk now have year round public liability insurance.
- IVV VP, AVA and IVV Americas have been contacted to advise of planned changes.
- Various FAQs sheets and draft guidelines have been prepared and circulated to IVV walkers for information and feedback/discussion (noting that it will be up to the committee to approve the drafts and promulgate the final versions, so there may be further changes).

The reasons for changing to a national association, with the advantages and disadvantages and an indicative cost comparison were previously circulated to all known IVV walkers in Australia, and were summarised again briefly for attendees.

Item 2. General Discussion (Questions/Comments from and for Attendees)

Attendees were supportive of creating a national association, and look forward to greater opportunities for more IVV accredited walks.

AussieWalk IVV will only have the minimum 5 clubs initially. One concern was raised about what happens if one of those clubs later drops out. Would we then lose our national member status? This possibility needs to be raised with IVV Headquarters.

The Personal Walking Challenge proposal was discussed and agreed that the minimum qualifying distance should be 5km (not 1km).

The draft constitution and rules were discussed, with minor changes required to paragraph 1B to correct grammar. The receipting of monies was also discussed and agreed that this was still required, except when payments were made electronically.

Action: DM to circulate the constitution to AussieWalk inaugural members for final agreement.

A number of specific proposals were also discussed:

a. Use of electronic spreadsheet to record walks (for AussieWalk IVV members only)

Walkers were happy with this option on the understanding that IVV books and stamps would still be available if preferred, and would still be needed for any IVV walks undertaken internationally. Walkers will still need to pay for any awards that are earned.

b. Certificates & presentation of awards

Many walkers like receiving the award certificates. A single progressive certificate that combines the current IVV Record of Achievement card with the award certificate for distance on one side and events on the other side is proposed, similar in concept to the one currently in use for the Canberra Walking Festival. Presentations of most awards will likely be undertaken in conjunction with the World Walking Day and St Nicholas Embassy walks each year, for those walkers who can come to Canberra. Otherwise awards will be mailed.

c. Walking clubs

Walkers are currently members of AussieWalk, CTDW Inc, Walking For Pleasure ACT, Heart Foundation Walking and Brindabella Bushwalking Club. These are the proposed foundation clubs needed for national membership.

d. Membership fees

Walkers were happy with the proposed fees. EFT details will be provided once a bank account has been established. AussieWalk IVV will also investigate the possibility of setting up PayPal or similar to allow international walkers to pay fees electronically instead of mailing cash.

Item 3. Nomination & election of office bearers

The following people were elected unopposed:

- President - Diana Marshall
- Vice-President - Kathleen Berg
- Secretary/Public Officer - Doug Fitzgerald
- Treasurer - Mark Schipp
- Committee member - Faye Powell
- Committee member - Jill Wicklander

The meeting was closed at 11.30am.

Note: An AGM will be held in January or February 2017. In the meantime the new committee will undertake necessary steps to get the association incorporated; get IVV monies transferred from CTDW Inc. and seek national member status from IVV HQ. Australian IVV walkers will be kept advised of progress.



Diana Marshall
President