



IHPVASM BULLETIN Member Information Edition

Editorial: *Alice Krause, Eureka, California, USA*

The wait is over!

If you hadn't noticed the masthead already, please look again. Our organization has gone back to its roots and reclaimed the name given us by our founders. We are officially the International Human Powered Vehicle Association!

While some of our members had never realized there had been a change in our name, many did. During our attempt at re-organization we gave the original IHPVA name to the newly formed committee that was to oversee the "association of national clubs" and our original club assumed the HPVA moniker.

Like many ideas this one was founded in enthusiasm and the feeling that change would be a benefit to all of us. As the enthusiasm waned the lack of benefit became increasingly apparent. With vague guidelines, lack of volunteers to fill yet even more positions and no legal funding source the association of National Representatives had dwindled down to about 6 with only about 4 communicating regularly.

With the passing years members felt alienated from the process of decision making about rules, events and direction. The HPVA board was often taken to task about the action or inaction of the IHPVA association. Confusion was compounded by the name change that was so similar.

After much discussion and being actively lobbied by many members, the HPVA board decided to present to the membership at the annual membership meeting held in Battle Mountain, Nevada in 2006 the proposal to re-establish our original name and change the bylaws to reflect the change. The vote was unanimous. Please see the meeting minutes for both 2006 and 2007 for more details of the process.

The "Statement of Resolution" also included in this newsletter outlines the many reasons for enacting this change. Ten years is a long time to wait for anything. There comes a time when the best thing is

to acknowledge that something was not successful and move forward with what has been proven to work, our "association of individual members" was the brainchild of our founders and is still an effective means of structuring our non profit. One person = one vote allows for freedom to participate as much or as little as our members are inclined. With this system, any member can run for the board on an annual basis, volunteer for a number of necessary and important jobs, host events, participate in events, make record attempts, lobby the rules committee, or even be appointed to the rules committee. Or members don't have to do any of those things, but enjoy the satisfaction of belonging to an organization that promotes human power and the technology behind all aspects of it.

We would like to welcome back any and all members that were orphaned by the re-organization. National and special interest clubs are still a wonderful resource and fulfill local and regional needs but their competition rules vary widely as do design classifications.

The IHPVA will continue to provide World Record competition rules and guidelines, keep records of those achievements and host events for International competition and participation. We will continue to publish this newsletter HPV News and the technical journal Human Power. These things are part of every membership in the IHPVA!

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Statement of resolution for the reunification of the HPVASM and IHPVASM October 2006

WHEREAS – the IHPVA re-organized in 1998 with the goal of providing a better means to meet the needs of the Human Powered Community.

WHEREAS – the intention of this new entity was to create a better International body to oversee National clubs and competition rules.

WHEREAS – the newly named HPVA would continue to accept members from any country and publish Human Power and HPV News.

WHEREAS – the publication Human Power was to continue to be funded by members of the HPVA with the future intent of the IHPVA to provide content in the form of an insert communication.

WHEREAS – National Clubs were to elect from their members a representative to the IHPVA to serve on it's board.

WHEREAS – the National clubs were to be assessed and pay dues in proportion to their size for the support of the IHPVA.

WHEREAS – the IHPVA National Representatives were given the task of deciding on a mission statement and creating bylaws to govern the newly formed organization.

WHEREAS – the intentions of the formation of the new IHPVA have not been met.

WHEREAS – the dues from the National Clubs were held in trust by the former treasurer of the HPVA.

WHEREAS – the dues held in trust were returned to the national Clubs of origin due to the IHPVA representatives inability to establish a bank account in the name of the IHPVA.

WHEREAS – the IHPVA to date has yet to become a legal entity in the eyes of International law.

WHEREAS – the HPVA has continued to provide the same services to it's members as before the re-organization.

WHEREAS – the HPVA has had no representative to the IHPVA for 2 years due to the lack of bylaws that provide the process to conduct business in a democratic fashion.

WHEREAS – the HPVA is a legally formed association of members with bylaws and members rights.

WHEREAS – the HPVA is an International Association of members.

THEREFORE – the HPVA recognizes the failure to achieve the original intention of the Re-organization and from this time forward will revert back to the original form and function set forth by the founders of the IHPVA as an International Association of individual members called the IHPVA.

**MEMBERS
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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES 2006

HPVA Annual Membership meeting Oct 2006 • Battle Mountain, Nevada

Board members present: Al Krause, Alice Krause, Tom Nowak, Rob Hitchcock, Gerry Pease

Meeting Co-Chairs: Al and Alice Krause

Agenda

- Relationship with the IHPVA
- Bylaws
- Announcement of upcoming elections
- Accept nominations for new director and VP positions
- Treasurers Report

The HPVA Annual membership meeting was held in the conference room of the Super 8 Motel in Battle Mountain Nevada.

A quorum of members was present allowing business to be conducted.

Relationship with the IHPVA

Alice Krause began the discussion with the question to the membership: Are we satisfied with the relationship with the IHPVA and if not would the membership like to change it?

It was stated that the membership would have to decide and vote any changes they wished to implement.

Discussion included a list for reasons for a change:

1. Re-unite the HPVA/IHPVA
2. Resume the function of being the international sanctioning body for HPV racing and records.
3. Re-establish a transparent rules committee with a known protest and rules change process open to all members.
4. Re-establish an association of members with no National distinction.

General discussion included concern for our relationship to the individuals currently calling themselves the IHPVA and changes that would be met with hostility by other HPV organizations.

It was stated that the current IHPVA had never incorporated, and had no legal standing in any country. The current acknowledgement was by common use only and website recognition.

Members complained that the IHPVA website was years out of date. Chris Broome noted it had been updated last in 2003.

Chris Broome added to the discussion that as Past Chairman to the IHPVA and Past President of the HPVA he had been involved with the IHPVA group. He stated they were not able to agree on a mission statement, or establish bylaws. Any attempt to proceed with either was met with resistance from various IHPVA reps, this being the current state as well.

Alice Krause informed the members that the initial dues paid by the national clubs to the IHPVA had been returned. The IHPVA group had never established a bank account and had Carole Leone as past treasurer holding the money in a private account for them. The HPVA board had voted to give the money back to the original national clubs in 2005.

The question was raised about the current make up of the IHPVA representatives. Al Krause stated that

currently Richard Ballantine was chair and there were 6 other national reps. It appears that only four were active of the group. Richard had nominated himself to continue as chair and 4 others agreed. Al pointed out that without bylaws there is no quorum requirement or voting protocol.

Many of the members were confused about the structure of the IHPVA. Many assumed the HPVA was still the IHPVA.

Alice explained that we still were functioning in the same way but we had changed our name to allow for the transition expected to happen after the re-organization in 1998. We still have international members and were assigned the title during the Re-org as the "catch all" association for any person not having a national club.

Al pointed out the original system of an association of members worked well, with one member one vote and equal representation and opportunity for anyone to serve on the board, as VP or officer.

The current IHPVA has no members.

Bill Gaines stated that while the Re-org appeared to be a good plan it only added another layer of duties to those in office. The work of the record keeping had been in his hands throughout the change. Bill noted that since we had more volunteers now it would be a good time for a change.

Damjan Zobovnik stated that he had tried to join the IHPVA but found it had no members so joined the HPVA.

There was discussion about the former Speed Championships and the international draw they had.

Alice Krause brought the subject back to the question of the HPVA re-uniting and becoming the IHPVA again.

She also stated that the HPVA would give 1-2 year free memberships to all current IHPVA Reps and invite them to continue as volunteers in another capacity. They were also eligible to run for the board if they chose.

Sam Whittingham asked about the IHPVA rules committee. Bill Gaines stated that when the event organizers or individuals wanted to attempt to set a record they called him.

Al Krause stated that Richard Ballantine had recently informed the HPV community that the rules committee would only be considered an advisory committee to the IHPVA group. The IHPVA group would take any new rulings by the committee and new records "under advisement" and ratify them if they thought they were acceptable.

The racers in the room were not very happy to hear about this change.

Al Krause stated that the rules committee and processes could be re-established if the membership voted to re-unite the IHPVA and HPVA.

Alice Krause read into the minutes a resolution for the membership to approve.

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Tom Nowak commented that approval by the membership would effectively reverse the re-organization.

Al Krause said that Chet Kyle was fully behind this change.

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES 2006

The question was asked by a member what would happen if the current IHPVA group wanted to fight the change,

It was noted that they could but they would have to prove they have legal standing and exist as a legal entity.

Alice stated we had changed our name and we could change it back.

Scott Wilson asked if there was a national name recognition body.

Alice explained that as a California registered non-profit we could file for a name change as long as it wasn't in use by another group. She had checked into the IHPVA name and found it was available and reserved it.

Scott asked if the name could be trademarked.

Alice said that could be done.

Chris Broome mentioned a service mark might be easier to get. He also was concerned about registering the name outside the US and said he would look into it.

Dave Kennedy made a motion for the HPVA to change names to the IHPVA-HPVA

Scott Wilson added a friendly amendment to trade or service mark the name with the change.

Larry Lem seconded

Discussion - Chris Broome didn't like the hyphenated name. He felt if we were going to be the IHPVA again we should have one name.

Bill Gaines said we could drop the hyphen later.

Sam Whittingham said it would make the HPVA name vulnerable.

George Leone felt the club should just be the IHPVA.

Dave Kennedy made a motion to change the name to IHPVA only.

Chris Bechtel suggested we trademark both names.

Dave Kennedy amended his motion to state the HPVA adopt the name IHPVA and trade or service mark as widely as practical.

Larry Lem seconded

Vote was unanimous

Bill Gaines abstained

Dave Kennedy made a motion that we retain the name HPVA and trade or service mark it as widely as practical.

Bill Gaines seconded

Vote unanimous

George Leone moved that if there was a legal conflict in retaining both names that we adopt IHPVA as the sole name of the organization.

Gabe DeVault seconded

Vote was unanimous.

Bylaws

Alice said that where the proposed name IHPVA-HPVA was changed in the bylaws it would now read IHPVA only if the membership voted to pass the suggested changes.

Bill Patterson was concerned about compensating the International Representatives. He suggested we make an effort in outreach to the other national HPV groups.

Dave Kennedy said that in the past the board and VPs were internationally represented and it worked as long as the group itself was reasonable. The Current IHPVA reps were welcome to run for the board or VP positions.

Mark Anderson asked if there were any legal liabilities for the HPVA for anything the current IHPVA group did.

Bill Gaines said we were already liable.

Scott Wilson moved to accept the Bylaws changes with the proviso that if any member at the meeting would like to pull a specific change and discuss it they could.

Dave Kennedy seconded.

Alice felt the changes should be read thru for those that did not get a chance to read them. She said members could pull any of the suggested changes for further discussion.

(Alice reads proposed bylaws changes)

The Quorum requirement was pulled for discussion.

Alice Krause was concerned if our membership became too low the current quorum requirement for meetings would be very low and make us open for manipulation.

Gabe DeVault thought we could have a percentage and below that a minimum # required to make a quorum.

Questions were raised about online voting.

Chris Broome said when membership was high it was hard to get a quorum.

Alice felt there should be a reasonable percentage agreed upon for each type of meeting.

Mike Sova made a motion to accept the Bylaws changes but leave the quorum requirements as they were for now.

Scott Wilson seconded

Vote was unanimous

A committee was formed to come up with a workable quorum requirement. The volunteers were: Tom Nowak, Gabe DeVault and Scott Wilson with Gerry Pease saying he would be willing to help if needed.

Call for nomination of Directors and VPs

Board positions up for election were Gerry Pease, Sean Costin and Charlie Ollinger. Gerry Pease said he did not think he would run for another term. Scott Wilson expressed interest in running.

VP positions still open include Water, and Communications (PR)

Rob Hitchcock said he was finding it difficult to do his Secretary and Online Chair jobs with his current workload. He was hoping someone might volunteer for those positions as well.

Scott Wilson said he might be interested in the Online Chair job.

Treasurers Report

Alice Krause said that the club showed a good steady income. Expenses were lower and the investment accounts were earning at a steady rate. She noted that we had come out a little behind but we had purchased new radios and an ALGE timing system.

Eric Ware moved to adjourn

Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,
Alice Krause
Acting Secretary

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES 2007

IHPVA Annual Membership Meeting Oct 4, 2007 • Battle Mountain, Nevada USA

Directors present: Al Krause, Alice Krause, Tom Nowak, Scott Wilson, Rob Hitchcock

Announcements:

Alice Krause opened the meeting with the announcement that the legal process had been finalized in the returning to original name International Human Powered Vehicle Association or IHPVA.

Al Krause announced the formation of the new Rules and Records Committee was complete. The Committee Chair is Bill Gaines with committee members Chet Kyle, Hans Van Vugt, Mike Mowatt and Matjaz Leskovar.

Their 1st act was to approve the new Junior Records category of 17-18 year olds for IHPVA competition.

Al concluded with noting this information would be added to the websites.

Agenda Items:

Item 1:

VP National Clubs and Affiliates

The board had discussed to propose to the membership the addition of new VP and Affiliate positions. The purpose would be to expand the input to the IHPVA board and include more interested representatives. This would be a non-voting position. This new position would be added to the bylaws.

Proposed text to bylaws:

The Secretary will maintain a list of affiliate organizations and their representing officers as well as other appointees of the board.

A written description of the duties and responsibilities of each position will be available for review by any member.

Scott Wilson moved the motion be accepted. Bob Glass seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Item 2:

Restrictions to Major Changes in the direction of the organization. Changes in the communication methods of the Directors.

Presented by Tom Nowak and Scott Wilson.

Tom Nowak explained to the group the need to make changes to the bylaws to protect the corporation from being manipulated by a small group. He and Scott came up with the idea to only change the requirements for what would be considered Major changes. These would include changes to the Mission Statement, Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws and expenditure of more than 10% of the assets. Additional changes were to reflect the current meeting style of the board through email and the ongoing meeting without adjournment which is the normal way the board conducts business.

Changes to the bylaws would include:

Section 4.09 Membership meetings.

(c) Quorum: A meeting with at least 4% of the membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. {Delete rest of section}

{Add section F}

(f) Major changes: Changes to Articles of Incorporation, Mission Statement, Bylaws or the expenditure of more than 10% of the assets of the corporation shall require approval of a majority of the membership or two-thirds of the entire Board of Directors. There shall be no proxy voting on major changes.

Article V: Directors

Section 5.04: Elections {keep the 4% quorum requirement}

Section 5.06: Meetings

(b) Where held {add sentence at end} The board shall accommodate director attendance by electronic media.

(d) Special Meetings

{Last sentence} All actions of the board shall require approval by a majority of the entire board.

(e) Quorum

{Extension of last sentence}, however all actions of the board require approval by a majority of the entire board.

(f) {Line 1 insert} entire board of {after the and before directors}

{Line 5 insert} entire board. {After majority of the and delete required quorum}

(h) Adjournment: {delete entire section as the board meets continuously by electronic media}

(h) {New section} Communication:

All board meeting discussion shall be communicated concurrently to all directors at all their addresses of record.

Discussion: Chris Broome suggested a friendly amendment to the last new section (h) to change the word communicated to "sent" making the change read:

(h) Communication:

All board meeting discussion shall be sent concurrently to all directors at all their addresses of record.

Additionally he pointed out the wording for the new Major Changes did not work well.

It was agreed that the Directors could not change the bylaws legally and that the text should be separated into two statements.

Scott Wilson expressed concern over making bylaws changes too difficult in the future.

It was agreed that future changes would likely have to be conducted through a mailed and/or electronic voting format to get enough member participation. The need to have a higher percentage of members required for the quorum would make it more difficult to have a physical meeting.

The proposed amended change to section 4.09

Membership Meetings:

(f) Major Changes: Changes to Bylaws shall require approval of 10% of the membership.

Expenditure of more than 10% of the assets of the corporation shall require approval of two-thirds of the entire Board of Directors. There shall be no proxy voting on Major Changes.

Chris Broome moved to accept as amended, George Leone seconded. Vote unanimous.

Final announcement by Alice Krause:

We need a new Secretary. Rob Hitchcock has asked to be replaced. There are still VP positions that need filled.

Please sign the condolence card for Paul MacCready's family.

Al Krause moved to adjourn. Scott Wilson seconded.

Respectfully submitted 5-20-08
Alice Krause Acting Secretary

Announcements

Rules and Records Committee

Chairman:

Bill Gaines

Committee members:

Chet Kyle

Matjaz Leskovar

Mike Mowett

Hans Van Vugt

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Results 2008 board election:

Chris Broome - 47 votes

Steve Delaire - 44 votes

Alice Krause - 47 votes

Some members wrote on their ballots questioning why we needed to vote when there were only three candidates for three open seats. Our bylaws do not have an alternative to the annual election process. We have to send out the ballots even if there will be no change in the makeup of the board after the election.

Nominations for the Board:

Director's terms to expire in 2008 are:

Al Krause

Matjaz Leskovar

Tom Nowak

If you are interested in running for the board please send your candidacy statement to the address listed in the page 2 sidebar. Directors need to have a computer and the ability to regularly conduct business by email.

New Editor for Human Power:

The IHPVA Board has approved the appointment of Charles Winkler as Human Power Editor. Charles' background includes Editor in Chief of daily city newspapers over the last several years. His contact email is editorhumanpower@gmail.com. Send in your articles now to be published in future editions of Human Power.

HPV News Articles Needed!

Wondering why you have only received two issues of HPV News this year? The answer is simple... We don't have enough articles to fill one! We are not reporters we do not have time to gather stories and edit the newsletter. We also do not reprint from websites or internet postings. We need original content. Send us what is interesting to you. Your latest event, building project, or trip. You send it we'll print it!

Volunteer needed for Calendar

We really could use a volunteer to be the Event Calendar Editor. Job would include compiling and updating event listings to be on the website and in the newsletter. Email necessary. Contact Al or Alice if interested.

Submissions:

Tired of reading about topics that don't interest you? Then send something that does! Categories can include, but aren't limited to: Events, Travels, My HPV, My 1st HPV (remember those!), Letters to the editor, How to..., Low-tech solutions to common problems, Featured business or service (must be HPV oriented), Calendar of upcoming events, Competition or event results, Book/web reviews, Photos with descriptive captions (for those who don't like to write!).

Please include contact information with all submissions.

Formats:

Text should be in Microsoft Word (.doc) files or in Rich Text Format (.rtf) to maintain formatting. Photos/grayscale illustrations should be high-resolution (at least 250 dpi) files in PhotoShop (.psd), TIFF (.tif) or high-quality (low compression) JPEG (.jpg) formats. Line art should be at least 1200 dpi resolution. Graphs and charts can be sent as Microsoft Excel files or as any of the above graphic formats. Old computer? No computer? We also accept plain text in a standard email or mail directly to HPV News.



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Who Should Join? All are welcome! Individuals, schools, clubs, businesses. Buy a membership for a friend, school or library!

What Are The Benefits Of Membership?

- Receive the IHPVA official newsletter, *HPV News*, keeping members updated on current/upcoming events and fun and interesting topics regarding Human Power.
- Receive the technical journal *HUMAN POWER*, which covers human power technology in a scientific manner, where you will read in depth reports about technological developments of lasting interest for the human power community.

How Do I Join? Please send in a completed application. Photocopies are accepted.

What Does It Cost? Yearly membership dues are as follows: US, Canada and Mexico: US \$32; all other Countries: US \$37

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