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Preface

Walking, good for you!

Good news! People who walk five 5 quarters of an hour per week, live on average 1.8 years longer. That reported nu.nl early November in a message on its website. American scientists, who followed for ten years no fewer than 650,000 volunteers, confirmed what we already presumed: walking is healthy! The researchers discovered also that sex or origin makes no difference, nor how slim or thick someone is. The advantage is similar at each weight. In case the physical activity will be increased to 2.5 hours per week (the number recommended by the national Government), then the average profit will even increase to 3.4 years. This having read it is not strange at all that many of our members are active into old age. The Four Day Marches only confirm this; we have a good and relaxed edition of the walking event behind us and many of you have participated. The new location of the Start / Finish area with a clear separation between service desks and catering has given everyone satisfaction and the weather was on our side.

Now we look forward already to 2013. The first meetings about the 97th Four Days Marches have already been held. Within our association we are not idle either. We are busy with the preparations for the members survey which we announced. The aim is to send the survey by e-mail or by post at the beginning of 2013. We hope you will take the time to answer the questions, because we are going to use the results of the survey as the basis for a policy plan based on which we will move forward confidently into the future.

Personally, I think the holidays are always a good time to make plans for the new year. Maybe you will also plan your activities for the coming walking season. On behalf of the Board, I wish you a merry Christmas and good luck with the preparations for the 97th Vierdaagse. And furthermore we wish you a good and especially healthy 2013!

Leonie Vink
Chairman



Announcements (from the board)

Contribution payment 2013 – Collection

The contribution for 2012 by members living in The Netherlands and who gave authorization for automatic transmission, will be cashed at the beginning of January 2012, with the exception of those members who became member after this years' Vierdaagse as their contribution already has been paid.

Payment orders

It may seem a long time ahead, but as from 1 February 2014, payment orders can only be carried out using the so-called IBAN code. The code for our association is NL70 INGB 0000 375702. The corresponding BIC code is INGBNL2A. You will need this account number in future if you pay your contribution to us yourselves.

For members making use of preauthorized debit we hope to be able to carry out an automatic conversion via the ING Bank. But first we are awaiting an update of our software for members administration and bookkeeping, which is due in mid-2013.

Fill in the members' questionnaire!

Why are you members of the Gold Cross Owners' Association? Because you want to belong? Or simply because it is cheaper than a KNBLO-NL membership? Do you attend meetings? Or do you think nothing of them? This kind of questions is important when, as an association, one is making plans for the future. And that is exactly what we want to set about: by probing what opinions are held by our members we intend to gather information that serves as a basis for a policy plan with which we can step into the future, fully determined and full of confidence. That is why we would like to hear from you why you think our association is so important and what we (can) mean to you. The questions are to be found in a poll which will be conducted in the beginning of 2013. Members who have got an email address will be informed by email and can fill in the form digitally. Those without an email address or whose email address is unknown to us, will be sent the questionnaire by post. Filling in the questionnaire – which is anonymous – will take about 15 minutes and among the respondents 5 Iris-cheques (which can be used in a selection of shops in Holland) will be raffled off. Please, keep an eye on our website and Facebook for further information.

Crisis of confidence within the KNBLO

During the union meeting in Amersfoort on 10 November last, board members of the KNBLO Walking Sport Association (KNBLO-NL) collectively disposed of their functions. The reason for this is that there are fundamental differences of opinion as to the administration of the KNBLO-NL, causing an impossible situation and taking away any basis for further cooperation.

The board has committed itself to settling current affairs until a new committee has been chosen. A confidential committee, appointed during the meeting, is preparing a list of candidates for a new board. Our treasurer Fancien van den Heuvel has taken place in the confidential committee on behalf of walking-clubs that are affiliated with

the KNBLO-NL. Hopefully, this committee will be able to present a new board within a few months.

During the meeting, KNBLO representatives decided to approve of the budget for 2013 in order to enable the association to fulfill their financial liabilities. Further policy decisions were postponed to a next KNBLO meeting. The policy proposal regarding a possible merger with the NWB (Nederlandse Wandel Bond) (Dutch Walking Association) was approved of in the second instance. This means that the steering committee is preparing a declaration of intent which should effectuate a merger of KNBLO and NWB. This mutual signing of the declaration of intent is scheduled for the spring of 2013.

Change of address, new email address, change of bank

Should you move, please let us know your new address in good time stating your membership number so that we can send your post to your new address. We appreciate it if you would inform us also of any changes with regard to your email address or your bank. The latter is especially important in the case of automatic collection from your bank account.

But we also appreciate it if you will inform us when you change your e-mail address. Recently we had to remove 160 non-existing addresses.

Successful canvassing for members

This year, we have again, in cooperation with KNBLO.NL, been able to launch a splendid full colour brochure for canvassing members. Immediately after the Four Days' Marches this brochure was sent to ten-time finishers. Also, articles about our association in the June issue of the Walking Sport Magazine and the Four Days' Marches magazine provoked a number of positive reactions. In all, over 230 walkers both from the Netherlands and abroad enlisted.

Why do you not always receive a confirmation?

During the year the Board receives hundreds of mutations. Apart from this hundreds of entries for the reunion as well as requests for anniversary rewards and tickets for the public gallery are received. Even though the administration do their best to deal with all the requests in a proper manner, it is simply impossible to confirm each and every request even though we do realize this would be appreciated by our members. We are volunteers and apart from doing work for our society we have our other functions. We hope that we can count on your understanding for this situation and that you no longer mail us in order to get a confirmation. However, should you wish to inform the Board on other matters we will be glad to hear from you.

Society flags, badges and bathing shawls for sale

Nice idea for a gift for the month of December.



The flags are measured 50 x 30 cm and could be attached to your rug sack, a nice way to promote your Association and they have been reduced in price!

Anniversary badges are also for sale. Given the high demand for these, we bought new badges.



We also have 20 shawls for sale. 1.30 x 30 cm in beige with an embroidered logo of our society.

The flag is on sale and now costs € 12,50, the badge € 2,50 and the shawl € 12,50. Should you wish to purchase anything, please transfer the due amount to bank account number 375702 in the name of " Gouden Kruisdragers Vierdaagse te 's-Hertogenbosch stating your order.

Digital circular letter

A large part of our foreign members receive a digital circular letter by email for some years now. Should you wish to receive a digital circular letter please mail us to ledenadministratie@goudenkruisdragers.nl mentioning “digital circular” in the subject box and stating in your mail your email address, home address and your membership number. Your e-mail address will not be shown as in the circular mailings the addresses are noted in the blind copy field.

Editorial activities

Also as part of “many hands make light work” we are looking for members willing to help us with the maintenance of the circular letter.

Are you interested, please sent an e-mail to redactie@goudenkruisdragers.nl and we get in touch a.s.a.p.

Welcome and Congratulations!

Greetings from the Association of Holders of the Four Days Marches Gold Cross! On behalf of the Board, I would like to congratulate you on becoming a member, and thank you that you have allowed us to 'adopt you'. We hope you enjoyed participating in the 2012 Marches for the 10th or more time, and we welcome you to our Association!

If next time you have a Four Days Marches lustrum, please let us know, as we will give you a beautiful pin. Once you put it on your lapel, you will feel like a true Four Days Marches hero!. We applaud you for your great achievement and hope you will stay with our Association for many more years!

Francie de Leeuw



Invitation General Meeting 13 April 2013

Herewith we like to invite you for the General Meeting, which is the annual meeting as well, in Nijmegen on Saturday 13 April 2013 in Kolpinghuis, Smetiusstraat 1, start time 11.30 CET.

The board proposes the following agenda:

1. Opening by the chairman
2. Incoming correspondence & announcements from the board
3. Minutes of the General Meeting held on 16 July 2012
4. Annual report of the board on 2012
 - a. Secretary's report
 - b. Treasurer's
5. Report cash audit team
6. Appointment cash audit team 2013
7. Budget 2014 and determination subscription
8. Election of the board
9. (Other) Proposals of the board
10. Proposals from the members
11. Any other business
12. Closure

Explanatory notes:

Item 3: A short report of the General Meeting of July 16 2012 is printed in this circular letter. The draft minutes of meeting will be made available later, however 3 weeks prior to the General Meeting at the latest. These can then be found on our website.

Items 4 & 7: The pieces belonging to this agenda item will be available at a later date, though at least three weeks prior to the date of the General Meeting (see below).

Item 7: The board proposes to set the contribution for 2014 at € 20,00 and to give a reduction of € 10,50 for members where the remittance to the KNBLO-NL .

Punt 8: Periodically outgoing and immediately eligible for re-election are secretary Mr. F Leijtens and board member Mrs. F. de Leeuw. Every other member who wishes to nominate him or herself is obliged to make known to the board his candidacy in writing, at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the meeting, accompanied by at least 10 signatures of entitled members. Submitting candidacy in an earlier stage is of course possible through the secretariat of the association.

Punt 10: Members who would like to make a proposal, are requested to provide these written to the board in such a timely manner that they can be added to the pieces for the meeting.

“It will be investigated”

The board kindly asks you to communicate questions, which reasonably demand some research, to the board some time before the date of the meeting, in writing or by e-mail.

Availability of meeting documents

The board imagines that not all members will be able to be present at the General Meeting, but on the other hand wish to have the meeting documents at one's disposal. If you intend to visit the meeting, than you surely will want the documents to be available. They can be obtained in two ways. Three weeks in advance of the meeting the documents will be published on our website. Besides of that, every member has the possibility of having the papers sent by mail. In that case we kindly ask you to request them in advance, by mail or e-mail. As a matter of fact the documents will be available before the meeting in the assembly room.

General Meeting prior to the 96th Marches

For years you are familiar with the fact that the circular letter contains a literal transcription of the minutes of the members meeting.

The board has decided not to print a full transcription of the minutes because there are two member meetings a year (with extend minutes) and we like to create space in the circular letter for other news.

Like other documents as annual reports and budget, the minutes of the meeting will be published at the internetsite of the association.

People who like to receive a hardcopy of the minutes prior to the meeting should address a request to the secretary.

At Monday afternoon 15 july 2012 151 members of the association were gathered at the Kolping House in Nijmegen. They reserved an hour in their busy scedule to be told the latest news about association and the Vierdaagse.

The president of the association K.N.B.L.O. Miel Termont and marchleader Johan Willemstein were present as usual to wish the members all the best for the 4Daagse. Mr. Termont announced several initiatives of the K.N.B.L.O.-walking organization, eg. the idea for a Water Walk Challenge in 2014. The marchleader memorized the cancellation of the opening ceremony at the Waalkade and reminded the less favorable weatherforecast. He stated that a marchleader doesn't care about

the weather because he is allways inside. He advises everyone to bring an extra pair of dry socks.

Then the organizers of the reunions in Enkhuizen 2012 en Veenhuizen 2013 presented a short overview of the proposed programs. The reunion in Enkhuizen is fully booked. The board thinks about the capacity of locations for the reunion. For 2013 efforts are made to have a nice day in Veenhuizen in the province Drente: the reunion will be held in the weekend after the Monuments Day.

At the end of the meeting the members have the opportunity to speak. They have questions about the muddy registration area in Juliana Park, the date and number of participants of the reunion and about the decision of the board not to remember members, that have passed away, during the meeting in july.

A long cherished wish will finally be fulfilled.

Orchestra St. Lazerus is asked to support the four-days-march song with music during the traditional closure of the meeting.

As mentioned before you will find a full report of the meeting in the minutes at the internetsite: www.goudenkruisdragers.nl





Again, a lot of members are present at the meeting.



The (new) chairman speaks.



Similar to prior years, Johan Williemstein is one of the speakers.



The musical support during the anthem (Vierdaagslied).

In memoriam: Ben Hoge

Former Chairman and Honorary Member

On November 18, 2012, Mr. Ben Hoge passed away. Although his death was not unexpected, it is a great loss for his wife Lieke, his family, and for our Association.

After becoming a Board member in 1969, he was our second Chairman from July 16, 1973 until July 18, 2005. He took over the gavel from Mr. W.W. Feith, who had been Chair since the foundation of our Association. For nearly 40 years, Ben Hoge would serve us. Four decades of major change. The first years of Ben's leadership were characterized by firmly anchored traditions and formal behavior, which was very common in our Association in those days. One would dress up and wear a tie when attending a meeting, and address each other with Sir or Madam. This was not a problem for Ben; as a notary public, he was used to this. His quiet, almost referee-like, behavior came in very handy when the relationship with KNBLO became strained. Thanks to his diplomacy, tensions disappeared and the relationship turned back into a warm and pleasant one.

Gradually, the culture of the GKV changed. In the second period of Ben's leadership, the Association grew to more than 2,000 members. The member administration was computerized, the newsletter's style changed, and the quality of the reunions received ever more attention. Younger, ambitious new Board members came in, policies were developed and implemented; surveys, a website, new regulations. The Association took on the role of a Union for loyal Four Days Marches participants. Even if Ben sometimes had his doubts about the speed with which those changes took place, he always fully accepted those developments, for example, the implementation of a Vice Chairman role in 1997.

Ben's vision was not that a Chairman should be the Primus Inter Pares. He always considered all members equal, regardless of their status in society. After all, they all had to walk the same distance. He always remained the amicable (retired) notary public. When Ben ended his position as our Chairman, he was made an Honorary Member. He participated 56 times in the Marches, until he finally had to give up because of health issues, something he had difficulty accepting.

Ben was almost 79 years old when he passed away. It is hard to say goodbye to him. Not only was he a loyal Board member, but also –and above all- an amicable person, a walking buddy and a dedicated holder of the Gold Cross. We will remember him with respect and great gratitude. Ben, on behalf of all members, I repeat what I said when you retired as our Chairman: "Mare Majorem!" May you rest in peace. You made it, you finished your walk.

Henny Sackers



Ben Hoge

In memoriam

After appearance of the last circular letter, we have received notice of the decease of the following people:

Mrs.	N.W. van Bezeij	1924	Rotterdam
Mr.	W.J. Bijl	1917	Bussum
Mr.	S. Goede	1925	Den Ijp
Mr.	B.H.O. Hoge	1933	Malden
Mr.	B. Liefhebber	1942	Streefkerk
Mr.	W.P. Lindgreen	1923	Berg en Dal
Mr.	H. Schaap	1930	Waddinxveen
Mr.	B. Smit	1923	's-Gravenhage
Mr.	P.B. Stokkers	1952	Nederhorst Den Berg
Mr.	W.J. Velders	1939	Schoonoord
Mr.	S. Voulon	1943	Nieuwegein

Our condolences go out to the relatives.

Lustrum list

We congratulate the following members after all with the achievement of a lustrum during the 4 Days Marches of 2012.

Did you had a lustrum this year, but is your name not on the list? Then your request was not received or not received in time or you indicated that you did not appreciate to be in the list. It's not necessary to mention it to us.

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Mr. T.C.G. Bongers Apeldoorn

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Mr. L.M.G. van der Lans Nijmegen

Reunion in Enkhuizen on 8th September 2012

On 8th September we travelled up north for the yearly reunion which took place in Enkhuizen.



We were given a warm welcome by the mayor of the city in restaurant “De nieuwe Doelen” while we enjoyed our coffee and cake. After this we went off on a boat trip on the IJsselmeer. On the boat a delicious luncheon was served which gave us plenty of energy to, once on land again, take a long walk through the town admiring historic buildings and monuments

Late afternoon we gathered once again in The Nieuwe Doelen where the anniversary medals were handed out to the walkers who participated for the 15th, 20th, 25th (or more) time to the 4 Daagse in 2012..

The day came to a festive conclusion with a drink and a little present to take home,

We hope to welcome you for the reunion in 2013 in VEENHUIZEN.



Due to the absence of the chairman the secretary opens the reunion.



A member of the organisation, Mr. Coert Peeters.



During the reunion there is enough time to have a chat with board members.





Lustrum reward ceremony.



Closure of the reunion with the anthem (Vierdaagslied).



Farewell present.

☆ **Prettige Kerstdagen en een Gelukkig Nieuwjaar** ☆

☆ **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year** ☆

☆ **Fröhliche Weihnachten und ein Glückliches Neujahr** ☆

☆ **Joyeux Noël et Bonne Année** ☆

☆ **Boas Festas e Feliz Ano Novo** ☆

☆ **Glædelig Jul og godt nytår** ☆

☆ **God Jul och gott nytt år** ☆





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