

Capitol Volkssport Club Meeting

November 8, 2016

Izzy's Classic Buffet, Olympia, WA

A short board meeting was held at 4:45. The board discussed meeting on another day of the week other than Tuesday. It was agreed to stay with Tuesday. There was also discussion on holding a group walk on Black Friday but the idea was dropped. It was confirmed with the AVA that our club was formed on 1/21/1983. The club will be 34 this year. Liz Morrison, President has suggested a special walk and celebration next year for our 35th birthday. The AVA asked if we would consider working with the Navigator Club, a youth group. Sheila volunteered to check into the possibility. Liz reminded us that we are already working with the Girl Scouts and they plan to participate in our Holiday Walk. The board has notified Linda Polzin to schedule more of our own walks next year and to continue supporting the Daffodil Valley Volkssport walks.

Liz Morrison opened the general membership meeting at 5:30. Liz read of the names of members with event and distance awards. The October minutes were accepted as written.

Interesting walks included Jim and Karen Younkins walking in Fulda, Germany. Jeanne Allan and the Monday group enjoyed all the Halloween decorations downtown and in the capital neighborhoods. Nancy Wittenberg also enjoyed the Halloween decorations walking in Boise. John and Carolyn Warhol completed walking the 50 states.

Sign up sheets were again circulated for workers at the Susan Berry Memorial Holiday Walk on December 10. The worker walk that morning to mark the trail has been changed to 10 am. Those who have already signed up will be notified. We will be displaying a quilt that Susan made using Volkssport patches along with a picture of both Lloyd and Susan Berry. Liz announced that 64 girl scouts and parents have already signed up for the walk.

The board had discussed the need for programs at our membership meetings. Perki Sweet volunteered to be the program chairman. She has already lined up Bob and Sheila Morrison to give a presentation on their recent walk through the Cotswolds in England at the January meeting. Tom and Barb Malone will show pictures from their trip to China at the March meeting. Jim and Karen Younkins will give their presentation in July. Bill Spaulding has offered his technical support to anyone giving a presentation.

Liz reported that the new IVV America's president is from Brazil. See WWW.IVV-Americas.org for more information.

Nancy Wittenberg has a form for printing certificates of appreciation. We plan to print and frame these and give them to the businesses and organizations who we use as our start points. Nancy again asked for members to submit stories to the AVA of how walking has helped you or improved your life.

Upcoming walks include our Susan Berry Memorial Holiday Walk on December 10, the Portland Christmas Ship walk on December 17 and the Longview soup walk on December 18. Please note there

will be no free walkers on the Longview walk. Check the Pathfinder for other events such as the Rogue Valley Riches Festival in Shady Cove, Oregon 3 day event May 12, 13 & 14, 2017.

Sheila Morrison, Treasurer reported that we currently have over \$10,000 because we have been collecting for the dinner at the Seabreeze event in February.

Membership Chairman, Karen Younkens reported that our current enrollment is 85.

Holly Spaulding attended the ESVA meeting October 22 in Yakima. New challenges next year will be wineries, breweries and distilleries. The ESVA currently has a balance of over \$32,000 and has decided to have clubs pay only \$25 yearly rather than a by walker fee to use some of this money. Our state currently has 523 walk routes. Joe Blazek has suggested that we do periodic reviews on our YRE's to standardize our directions, maybe 25% a year. We have only done 5% so far this year. There is a form available on the ESVA website. You are only allowed to review other clubs walks. Once you have done that it should be posted on the website as completed. The ESVA is hoping for more publicity at the state level. Tom Baltes is offering a new challenge January – March. You can walk, bike, ski or swim. You must complete 10 events to be entered in a drawing. There will be a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winner for both Washington and Oregon. Tom who is currently Deputy Regional Director will be running for Regional Director. Our current director – Nancy Wittenberg will be running for a position with the AVA. Oregon has a program to scan all of their old walks digitally. Washington will be looking into doing the same. The next ESVA meeting will be at the Seabreeze event February 2017.

Bill Spaulding gave an update on the Christmas Potluck on December 13. It will be BYOB and the club will provide coffee and tea. We will be set up for 75 but more tables will be available if needed. Bill has asked for current photos from the Millersylvania walk, the NW Regional Convention in Boise and pictures of club bike rides for the slideshow at the potluck. We will again be collecting warm hats, gloves, socks and scarves to give to Community Youth Services. Please bring you unwrapped items to the potluck. Sign up sheets will be available that evening for workers, cookies and soups for Seabreeze.

Lesley Willardson checked with Tags Trophy's regarding new name tags in the shape of our state. Because of cost we may have to rethink changing from our current name tags. We may ask the Daffodil Valley group who their supplier is. Lesley will be putting in an order for shirts and hats soon.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm.