

Capitol Volkssport Club Meeting

January 9, 2018

Izzy's Classic Buffet, Olympia, WA

At 6:30 Tom Baltes, Northwest Regional Director, and his wife Louise were introduced and welcomed to our meeting. Tom gave a video presentation on his adventures riding on his bike across America trips. He raised money for arthritis awareness and for the AVA. We not only enjoyed his presentation but also meeting Tom and Louise. Tom awarded Bonnie Tucker one of his handcarved walking sticks for her dedication to Volkssporting.

Liz Morrison, President called the meeting to order and congratulated members who completed the walks for their Centurion patch in 2017 including Chase Davis who earned 3 patches. Special thanks were given to Bonnie Tucker for coordinating our holiday donation to the Garfield Elementary School.

Nancy Wittenberg reported on her recent walk in Bellevue through the Kelsy Creek Botanical Gardens. Jeanne Allan and Mert Turner walked on January 2 in Ocean Shores through many small parks.

The minutes for December 2017 were accepted as written.

President's Report:

1. September 22 has been chosen for our 35th anniversary walk. We will be using the rose garden shelter in Priest Point Park for registration for a guided walk and for the celebration following. Walkers are encouraged to bring a sack lunch and join us for cake. Chase Davis is heading up the committee.
2. The Seabreeze walking event is scheduled for February 16, 17 & 18, 2019. Chase Davis and Bonnie Tucker are our co-chairs.
3. The holiday walk, Christmas in the Capitol City, will be December 8. It will be a daytime walk with a new route. We will again use the United Churches as the start point. Committee members are Val Lance, Liz Morrison and Linda Polzin.
4. We have our own club challenge this year to walk 1 of our walks each month. Challenge books are available free from Liz Morrison.
5. The 401K, Invest in Your Health is ready for your participation with online registration. You can use your paypal account to pay your \$18 entry fee (or sign on as a guest to paypal or pay by check). Go to the AVA.org website and use the red button to get started.

Bob Morrison gave the Treasurer's report. The holiday walk had 165 total walkers of which 104 were paid walkers. Our income was \$467.75 and our expenses were \$481.00. Our current balance is \$9,577.

New Business:

1. The new AVA president will be attending the NW Regional Conference in Port Angeles July 13, 14 & 15.
2. Lesley Willardson still has club hats, shirts and backpacks for sale. She also has 3 unclaimed name tags waiting for their owners.
3. It was suggested that we ask Carolyn Warhol or Nancy Wittenberg to give a refresher on the proper way to write walk directions.
4. Bonnie Tucker suggested that Thursday walks could benefit by having an appointed leader to step in to be there early to retrieve the walk box, set it up and be willing to give advice and to

provide options for eating in the local area. There will be further discussion as to establishing a signup sheet for each month.

5. Chase Davis has now taken up the job of posting our walks to Meetup.
6. The question was asked if we could use a YRE for a Saturday walk when there is an open day on the calendar. The answer was yes and we were encouraged to do so to fill up blank spots on the AVA Northwest Region's Calendar of Traditional Events.
7. There are still copies of the Canadian event schedule available.
8. The Northwest Hiking Weekend is going to be April 20, 21 & 22 in Othello, WA sponsored by the Four Plus Foolhardy Folks.