

Capitol Volkssport Club Meeting

February 13, 2018

Izzy's Classic Buffet, Olympia, WA

President, Liz Morrison welcomed club members. She then wanted to clarify the requirements for our Club Challenge for this year. You are required to walk one Capitol Volkssport Club walk each month. It has to be one of our walks not our club walking another club's walk. If in doubt as to which walks belong to our club check everyday walks on our website.

Interesting walks reported by members included Nancy Wittenberg doing the very strenuous Heartbreaker in Portland which includes 900 steps. Bob and Sheila Morrison did 13 walks on their recent trip to Florida. Bill and Holly Spaulding did the volcano walk on the big island of Hawaii.

The January minutes were accepted with 2 corrections to be made.

The President's report included:

1. A welcome back to Peter Sweet after his recent surgery and hospital stays. Rosemarie Hirsch of the Daffodil Valley Volkssport is continuing physical therapy and now has a smaller cast on the wrist she broke on our club walk from Bayview around the marina, downtown and Capitol Lake. There was discussion on the slippery nature of the boardwalks around the marina area. It was suggested that we provide an alternative by using sidewalks rather than the boardwalks during wet weather.
2. Christmas Committee additions include Pat Harmon and Linda Darkenwald.
3. Members of the Seabreeze Committee will be going to Ocean Shores on February 25 to confirm the setup at the Lions Club and meet with their representative and to walk several of the walk routes to be used. It was decided to delete the jetty walk and go with a route at the new Oyehut Bay Development.
4. The Big Give will be March 22. You can go online and donate early – March 15-21. The ESVA wants to give \$500 and asks that each club vote their approval. Our club voted for the donation. There will be matching funds given this year. Individual clubs are also encouraged to donate. We will be voting at the next meeting as to what amount we may want to give. The AVA (American Volkssport Association) receives money from this promotion. The AVA provides nationwide walks and also pays the biggest portion for the liability insurance that covers all our sanctioned walks.
5. Bob Morrison is heading up the nominating committee for the election of officers in June.

Holly Spaulding our ESVA (Evergreen State Volkssport Association) Representative gave a report from the ESVA meeting. Holly will be running for ESVA secretary next year. Here is your chance to be the next ESVA Representative. Remember to register for the NW Regional Convention in Port Angeles July 13-15 (www.esva.online). The AVA President, David Bonewitz and his wife will be attending. The next ESVA meeting will be in Battleground on April 27. Walks sponsored by the Vancouver USA Volkssport April 28-29 will be in Battleground and at Dallas Mt. State Park in Klickitat County.

Sheila Morrison, Treasurer reported a balance of \$9,705.88 after writing checks to reserve the venue for the Christmas dinner and the 2019 Seabreeze Event. She was happy to announce that the treasurer's report to the AVA has been revised making it much easier and less time consuming.

Bob Morrison reported on the NEC (National Executive Council) meeting which generally draws 30-40 people. AVA conventions can draw 500. But the AVA put in a bid to sponsor the 2021 IVV (International Volkssport) convention in Washington, D.C. It would draw thousands of people from throughout the world. The IML (International Marching League) are hoping to hold an event in San Antonio, Texas which would include a 10K and a 20K. The next NEC meeting will be in Albany, N.Y. in 2019.

New Business:

1. Sheila Morrison mentioned that there are 4 file cabinets in the storage facility which aren't being use and are taking up space. Any suggestions are welcomed.
2. Sheila also brought up again that we need to have a volunteer to be a sweep for each of our walks to keep from leaving people behind and to ensure that new walkers become accustomed to following our directions and maps. Remember these are supposed to be group walks and if necessary have a fast and a slow group.
3. Perki Sweet let us know that the Tuesday evening walks will be starting up on April 17 and run through the end of August. Contact Perki if you would be willing to set up the walk schedule for this year.
4. Barb Malone, Secretary asked box tenders to get last year's registration sheet to her to be archive.
5. Barb also reported that we have been asked by Daffodil Valley Volkssort members if we could publish a list of yearly walks. Many of them have obtained books for our club challenge and would like to be able to see which of our walks they could plan to get to to complete the challenge.
6. Barb reported back after talking with the parks manager as to the problems we have had on the Chehalis Western Trail and the condition of the bathrooms just off the trail on 14th Avenue. Our club is not the only one to report abusive language while walking from bicyclists. He says he routinely talks to bicycle clubs and asks for their help in spreading the word. He also wanted to remind us the the Chehalis Western Trail is not a bike trail as it is often referred to. It is a multi-use trail for walkers, bicycles, roller skaters, mothers with strollers, joggers and in some cases horses. As far as the restrooms are concerned his budget has been cut so he is no longer able to provide someone to check on them each day and see that they are cleaned up. He is also aware of the homeless problem there. And he says that the plumbing is substandard and won't improve until they have the funds to upgrade it.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30.