

Capitol Volkssport Club Meeting

May 14, 2019

Izzy's Classic Buffet, Olympia, WA

Chase Davis presented a slide show of hiking the Alps with Walking Adventures in Slovenia, Austria, Italy, Switzerland and Germany.

President Holly Spaulding opened the meeting by welcoming members. There were no changes to the April minutes and the membership accepted them as written. It was noted that the Treasurer's report could be viewed online.

Unfinished Business:

1. The Big Give was a success raising \$80,077.
2. Bob Morrison presented the motions to be voted on at the AVA Convention by our delegate.
 - A. The AVA will be changing from a fiscal year to a calendar year (January 1 – December 31). Individual clubs can choose either way to keep their records.
 - B. The AVA plans to add up to 3 new associate members to the board to increase expertise in additional fields.
 - C. The AVA is changing the existing committee structure to 3 (Finance, Governments and Awards). New committees can be added by the President.
 - D. AVA has become aware of a corporate charter law for non-profits in Texas and will analyze the impact on the organization.
 - E. Other motions can be made during the convention and our delegate, Julie Heath, is instructed to use her best judgement on how to vote.
3. A motion was made and approved by members to provide \$340 for our delegate, Julie Heath, to register and attend the AVA Convention, it's meetings and dinner.

New business:

1. Chuck Andrews presented 3 walking options for the club picnic on August 13. In order to offer all 3 guided walks we will need volunteers to lead and sweep each one.
2. The national organization feels that free walkers are affecting the income stream. Tom Baltus, ESVA Director, wants to set up a Regional Free/No Free Walker committee to discuss whether we want to do away with free walkers or offer it in some manner. Liz Morrison, ESVA Representative volunteered to be on the committee. There will be additional reps and all clubs will be asked for input.
3. Sheila Morrison gave the ESVA report for Liz who was absent.
 - A. There will be 3 winners in the Winter Walking Challenge.
 - B. ESVA will be setting up a challenge committee for the new year (2020).
 - C. To date only half of walks in our state have been reviewed. There is still a need for volunteers to complete this process. Remember you can't review your own walk. The review document is available online at ESVA.online.
 - D. The AVA as suggested changing all club names without using the word Volkssport. Holly passed out a list of suggestions and members came up with some alternatives. We will vote on whether or not to change our club name and if so, what the new name should

be at the upcoming picnic in August. Marsha Majors will check into using “survey monkey”.

- E. A walking event offered in Wallace, Idaho will be August 24-25.
- F. Next board meeting will be June 3, 11:30 – 1:30 at Linda Darkenwald’s home. Bring a sack lunch. A 2:00 walk is available.
- G. Next membership meeting will be June 11.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10.

Minutes taken by Barbara Malone for Linda Darkenwald, Secretary