

**Capitol Volkssport Club Membership Meeting Minutes  
9 November 2023  
Olympia Lacey Church of God  
President Karen Younkins Presiding**

1. The President noted that there were sign-up sheets for food for the Holiday Party and for help with the Holiday walk and the Holiday party available at the meeting.
2. The President thanked Barb Malone for baking cookies for the meeting snacks. Joy Adams agreed to bring snacks for the January meeting.
3. The minutes of the October meeting were approved as posted on the website.
4. The October Treasurer's Report was approved as sent to members. The quarterly Walker Participation Report was also sent to members. Pam Davis reported that there had been 2245 walkers so far this year. The meeting also thanked Pam for her work.
5. Chuck Andrews presented the second half of his show about his Switzerland travels.
6. The President reported that the board of AVA has voted to increase the amount they charge clubs per walker from the current \$1.25 to \$2.00, beginning January 1, 2024. Online start box registration will also increase to \$4.00, with AVA keeping \$2.00 per walker. AVA has authorized clubs to charge up to \$4.00 per walk. Evergreen State Volkssport Association and Oregon Trail State Volkssport Association are in discussions to set a single regional non-club member rate for the region that clubs will be strongly encouraged to follow. If CVC keeps its current member rate of \$2.00 per walker, the club will make no money on member walks. Treasurer Pam Davis reported that the club currently maintains a yearly account balance between \$7,000 and \$8,000 and approximately breaks even each year. If the club does not increase its member rate, that balance will slowly decrease due to lost revenue. After a lengthy discussion, it was voted to keep the current fee structure for a period of 6 months and then reconsider the issue as necessary. The club can revisit the fee structure sooner if required.
7. The President noted that there is a Sunday walk at 2 PM on the Chehalis Western Trail with registration at the South Bay Market.
8. The President stated that the Board had voted to donate \$100 to the Olympia Lacey Church of God as thanks for their hosting of our membership meetings.

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9. The annual CVC picnic will be held on Thursday, August 8, 2024 in Picnic Shelter One at Squaxin Park. No alcohol will be allowed due to the greater cost for rental and insurance.

10. The President asked for suggestions for members to send cards to. It was suggested that the club and members send cards to Mert Turner. David Black thanked everyone for the cards sent to Sandra Andersen.

11. David Black has agreed to speak to Creative Ink and Embroidery about setting up an online store for CVC logo apparel and merchandise, as we had two years ago. Sheila and Bob Morrison agreed to pick items from CI&E's online catalog to be placed in the store. It is anticipated that the store will be open for the month of January. During that time, members can order and pay for items which are in the online store. When the items are ready, they can either be mailed to the purchasers or picked up at the company's office on Steele Street in Olympia.

12. Bonnie Tucker reported that the Back to the Beach event at Ocean Shores is still on for August 13-15, 2024.

13. The deadline for the November/December CVC newsletter is November 25. If you have something you'd like to write about, or a picture or two, please get them to Carol Froelich.

14. The President asked for suggestions about the new CVC walking challenge to start in January. Flags was approved as the challenge, with \$100 dollars in prizes. Pam Davis reported that she has submitted a proposal for Trolls as one of the AVA twelve challenges for 2025.

15. Perki Sweet asked for volunteers to come early to the next meeting to help set up chairs.

16. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



David R. Black, Secretary CVC