

**Capitol Volkssport Club Membership Meeting Minutes  
11 January 2024  
Olympia Lacey Church of God  
President Karen Younkins Presiding**

1. The President recognized members who have earned event and distance awards: Cathy Lee: 200, 225 events, 2000 Km, Jim Younkins: 650 events, Karen Younkins: 1100, 1150 events, 16,000 Km, Sandi Severtsen: 1450 events, 15,000 Km, Carol Musaka: 2300 events, Bob Morrison: 2700 events, 27,000 Km, 28,000 Km, Sheila Morrison: 28,000 Km, John Warhol: 2700 events, Carolyn Warhol: 3100 events.
2. The December minutes, as posted on the website, were approved.
3. The Treasurer's Report, sent January 8, was approved.
4. Chuck Andrews presented slides from his trip to Southern France and Switzerland in 2023.
5. Pam Davis gave an overview of Wild and Woodsy, slated for Thursday, April 25 through Sunday, April 28. A new wrinkle is a Thursday night pub crawl. There will be a meet and greet Friday evening and a dinner Saturday evening, both at the same location as last time, The Rivers Edge. Admission for the Northwest Trek event on Sunday is \$15 general, \$11 seniors, \$9 youth and \$6 for children. The registration form is available on the CVC website. Registration forms must be mailed by March 31, 2024.
6. The online store for CVC apparel at Creative Ink and Embroidery is open until January 31 (<https://stores.creativeink1.com/CapitolVolkssport/shop/home>). The President proposed ordering some stock to have on hand and to sell at Wild and Woodsy. The club voted to spend up to \$300, the items purchased to be selected by a committee appointed by the President. Bob and Sheila Morrison agreed to be appointed.
7. A new coordinator for the Sunday walks is needed. Birgit Miller has agreed to organize the walks if someone else will assist. It was suggested that different people might lead the walk each month. For now, the walks will be organized month by month, still on the second Sunday of the month. A volunteer is needed to set up the February 11 walk.
8. Pam Davis presented an ESVA draft motion to form a new committee at the ESVA level. The proposal was formulated by some of the ESVA

board members in response to a “growing dissatisfaction with how money is being spent at the national level, how concerns are being ignored or squelched when they are made by people voicing their concern toward what we see as mishandling and decisions that are being made. As this dissatisfaction grows, and people are threatening to walk away from our organization, it has become more and more apparent that something needs to be done and that solutions need to be found.” A summary of the draft motion is as follows: “The AVA has recently approved an event fee increase starting in 2024 that will very likely cause financial hardship to some clubs and cause further erosion of our local and national club membership base. AVA has not taken appropriate steps to reduce spending at the national office in order to limit ongoing deficit spending. With approval by the clubs of Washington State a committee will be formed to research all facets of potential realignment of the clubs of Washington State as being separate from the AVA. Committee subjects and issues to investigate may include the insurance changes and requirements, official notification requirements, potential damages that may be incurred, the estimated timeline that would be associated with this course of action, and in what manner the clubs of Washington’s affiliation or non-affiliation with the IVV will continue.” The ESVA is not a governing entity, so this committee would act as a fact-finding body that would make recommendations to the Washington clubs. The motion to form the committee, as finally amended, would be considered at the January 23 ESVA meeting.

Nancy Wittenburg, Board President of AVA, pointed out that the IVV cannot consider membership by individual clubs outside of a national organization. She also disputed some of the assertions that she said had been made by ESVA board members.

A motion was made to instruct CVC’s representative to ESVA (Bonnie Tucker) to vote in favor of the proposed committee at the January ESVA meeting. There was considerable discussion, much of it related to concerns about a perceived lack of transparency at the AVA. An amendment was proposed to instruct our ESVA representative to vote for a committee whose mandate would also include seeking communication and transparency with AVA about issues of concern. In the end, it was decided not to instruct CVC’s ESVA representative how to vote, but to allow her to decide how to vote at the meeting in light of concerns expressed at the meeting and depending on the final form of the committee proposal.

9. It was decided to reserve the Jacob Smith House for the December 12, 2024, Holiday Party.

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10. It was decided to reserve the Harbor House for the December 14, 2024, Holiday Walk for a period of six hours. A person or several persons are needed to organize the Holiday Walk. Nancy Wittenburg volunteered to work on a committee.
11. The deadline for the February and March newsletter is January 25. Submission of articles for the newsletter was encouraged.
12. Let Jim Younkings know if you have walk photos that you are willing to share.
13. Bob and Sheila Morrison have agreed to make the February 2024 meeting presentation. A presenter is needed for March.
14. It was voted to instruct the Treasurer to invest up to \$3,000 of excess cash in Certificates of Deposit from six months to 2 years at the best available rates, call protected. The President and Treasurer will make the purchase together.
15. Suggestions were received for members to receive cards.
16. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



David R. Black, Secretary CVC