

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

1. The January minutes, as posted on the website, were approved.
2. The Treasurer's Report, sent out to members February 7, was approved.
3. Bob and Sheila Morrison gave a presentation about their walking adventures in Southwest England.
4. Pam Davis presented an update on Wild and Woodsy in Washington planning. It has been decided to do group walks on Friday and Saturday mornings at 10:00, as well as group walks before the evening events on both days. Proofing walks will be held for the three new walks. These will be done as worker walks and not publicized. Two hikes will be first: March 15, Mima Falls and March 22, Big Creek, and another walk on March 29. The March 10 Sunday walk will proof Tumwater Valley and the April 13 Sunday walk West Side Nature. E-mail notices will be sent to members.
6. The President and Pam Davis reported on their progress in researching a place to park excess CVC cash in Certificates of Deposit. There was some discussion afterwards.
7. The President reported that Birgit Miller will be leading the Sunday 5K walk on February 11 from the Tumwater Safeway. The next four walk leaders have been determined, but volunteers are needed for further walks.
8. The February 29 walk has been changed to Shelton.
9. Bonnie Tucker reported on the recent ESVA meeting. ESVA is having a winter walking challenge. The nominating committee for ESVA is still receiving nominations for officers. The deadline is February 10. To encourage members to review existing walks, a contest will be held from April 1 to September 30. Members can walk walks and fill in an online review form. Bonnie reported on various walks that are scheduled around the state and in Oregon.
10. Pam Davis reported that the Northwest Regional Conference will be September 19-22 in Silverdale. Two Washington clubs have already donated \$300 each to sponsor the event. Another club has donated \$500 to defray costs for the Friday dinner. Pam is organizing the

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Saturday dinner and invited volunteers. The club voted to allocate \$200 toward sponsorship of the conference.

11. Pam Davis reported on the ESVA motion discussed at the last meeting. The final preamble and motion that were adopted at the recent ESVA meeting are as follows:

“The recent fee structure changes imposed by the AVA which now require an increased payment to the AVA for event participants and payment to the AVA for free or guest participants will severely impact the fiscal health of ESVA clubs. These changes threaten the survival of ESVA clubs in the long term. Local clubs may be best served by a serious examination of a wide range of strategies and options to assist in sustaining their operations both short-term and long-term. The ESVA has representatives from clubs all across the state and would be in an excellent position to explore options that might provide local clubs with common solutions going forward.”

The motion:

“That the ESVA form a committee comprised of individuals chosen by the ESVA President and approved by the Executive Committee to urgently identify options and strategies which will ensure the short-term and long-term fiscal and operational health for local clubs.”

Mike Nagin made the motion, Pam Davis seconded it, and it was adopted 18-3. The committee has been formed, approved, and notified and a meeting notice sent out for a meeting later this month.

Pam reported that Washington State has 286 sanctioned walks; Oregon has 197 walks; California has 167 walks; and tenth-ranked North Carolina has only 60 walks. Nancy Wittenburg noted that group walks are very important to the health of clubs world-wide.

12. Pam Davis reported that the Troll challenge proposal was sent in to AVA in November and it is currently the only proposal. CVC’s proposal is called “Walking with the Wild Things.” It includes trolls, gargoyles, fairies and gnomes.
13. The 5K train trip to Portland is Thursday, June 20. We will meet Dick Baker in Portland but the walk will be sanctioned under CVC’s Traveling Guided Walk stamp. The Portland group would like CVC members to meet them for lunch. Details are on the website. Members need to make their own AMTRAK reservations. The Portland Club will be coming up by train to Centralia on a Wednesday in July and would like us to come down and walk with them.
14. The Harbor House has been reserved for the Holiday Walk on December 14, 2024. A leader is still needed for the walk.

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15. Suggestions were received for members to receive cards. The President reported that CVC had sent a card to Joy Adams' family. If the family schedules a memorial service, they will notify the club and a decision will be made as to how the club might participate.
16. Please let Jim Younkins know if you have travel pictures you would be willing to share with the club. Jim is also willing to provide technical assistance to anyone who would like to make a presentation.
17. Peter Sweet asked if the Flags challenge should be on the website. Pam Davis said that the challenge was limited to members, so it should not be on the website. Peter also asked how many of the other clubs' events should be listed on the website. It was decided that if other clubs in our region offer information about their festivals or major events, then Peter could provide links to those events.
18. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



David R. Black, Secretary CVC