

Capitol Volkssport Club Board Meeting

Tuesday January 13, 2015

Izzy's Classic Buffet - Olympia

Meeting was called to order at 6:15 by President, Liz Morrison. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

1. Nancy Wittenberg gave a presentation on the Pathway to Excellence program. This is a voluntary program of self-assessment to help clubs develop practices to attract new members and sustain healthy enjoyable participation. Several handouts and a form to be filled out were distributed.
2. A discussion of agenda items for the upcoming National Executive Council (NEC) meeting was led by Nancy Wittenberg.
 - a. This year 13 new special programs are proposed. It was suggested that in the future the number of new programs offered should have a set limit.
 - b. Should there be board approval of all contracts over \$5,000?
 - c. Should The American Wanderer (TAW) have an electronic version? Could we reduce the publication from 6 issues to 4 each year? Should we eliminate the list of events from the format?
 - d. Should there be a per participant sanction for smaller clubs to bring down their costs?
3. We received a thank you note from Susan Berry for all those who helped with the Christmas walk. A thank you note was received from Nancy Wittenberg for supporting NW Volkssporting and participating in the 10-11-12-13-14 walk.
4. Liz Morrison and Bonnie Tucker gave a Seabreeze update. All committees are finalizing their preparations. Liz and Bonnie will travel to Ocean Shores this week to tie up several loose ends.
5. The price for a book for the Centurion challenge has been reduced to \$15 for the first book and \$10 for books thereafter.
6. Karen Younkings has suggested another train trip to Portland. Although the 2 for 1 discount tickets don't seem to be available this year there is a 15% discount for seniors. The trip has been suggested for Thursday, March 12 leaving Olympia at 9:10 and returning from Portland at 6:30. After discussion the 4T's (including trains & trams) walk seems to be favored.
7. Sheila Morrison, Treasurer has asked if the group would be willing to give 1/2 of the donations we receive each year to the AVA. We would be able to designate how the funds would be used. She has also asked us to consider giving donations to specific groups when we use their trails to show our appreciation. One example would be Theler Wetlands Community Center in Belfair which is one of our walks. They have recently improved the trails and boardwalks. Since they are a community group they rely on donations. Suggestions for other groups would be considered. Certificates of appreciation could also be given to businesses along with certificates of meritorius service awards could be given to deserving club members.

8. Sheila also suggested that we later schedule a pizza party for all volunteers who work at Seabreeze.
9. Liz adjourned the meeting at 7:40.