

## Capitol Volkssport Club General Membership Meeting

Tuesday June 9, 2015

Izzy's Classic Buffet - Olympia, WA

The meeting was called to order by President Liz Morrison. She congratulated members for distance and event awards.

Bill and Holly Spaulding gave us a presentation of their recent cross country driving trip with highlights of 3 of their favorite walks and a photo tour of New York City.

Susan Berry reported that the Northwest Regional Conference for 2016 is being organized by the Treasure Valley Volkssport Club and will be held September 16 - 18, 2016 in Boise, Idaho. The Puyallup Daffodils are sponsoring a walk on June 27 and on the 28th they will have a 50 mile bike ride in conjunction with the Tour de Pierce. The ride leaves at 12:30 from the Saturday Market Community Gardens. Check online and pre-register for a cheaper entrance fee. There is also an upcoming walking event at Pt. Roberts. You will need to check online and RSVP for lunch because of the logistics of bringing in food and supplies to the area. You will need your passport to travel through Canada to Pt. Roberts, WA. Susan thanked the group for honoring her with a lifetime membership to the Capitol Volkssport Club.

The president's report included the following items:

1. We discussed the possibility of reading the minutes from the previous meeting allowed. After discussion it was moved and seconded to accept the minutes as published on our website. It pass. Members who don't have access to a computer will receive a copy of the minutes in the mail.
2. The Big Give on May 5 reached their goal and received matching funds from an anonymous donor (\$30,000).
3. On June 12 the Tator Tours will be in Olympia to walk the capitol walk. If you wish to join them meet at Bayview and be ready to walk at 9:30 sharp. Then they will travel to Aberdeen to leave the Guesthouse Inn & Suites at 2:00 sharp. Then they will continue on to the convention in Salem, OR.
4. Check the AVA website for a walk in historic Vancouver, WA sponsored by the Cedar Milers in connection with the Vancouver Days Celebration on July 4.
5. The Cedar Milers and the Columbia River Volkssport Clubs invite you to join them August 7 - 9 in Dufur, OR for 3 walks and a Threshing Bee (the Dalles, Dufer and Boyd). Events will be \$3 each. Walks will be in Dufur, Boyd and The Dalles.

Some of the items to be voted on during the upcoming convention include the ability to use a voice vote for unopposed candidates (our club delegate will vote yes). Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer are currently running unopposed. There are 2 candidates for President and our delegate will be voting for Chris Michel. Our delegate will vote no on requiring a 2/3 vote to change the bylaws), she will vote yes to allow voting for regional director by email, she will vote yes to have the ability to elect a deputy regional director and vote no on the affiliate organization initiative.

Let us know of any ideas you may have for the AVA 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. All clubs are encouraged to participate. We will learn more about it at the convention.

The vote to join IVV Americas did not pass. Our club can become an affiliate member and participate but will not be able to vote. It was moved and seconded that we join. The motion passed. We will be finding out what the yearly affiliate dues will be.

Tom Altus of Camas is doing a bike ride across America for arthritis awareness (RA). He and his wife will have a booth at the convention where you can choose to donate to either RA or to the AVA. His internet site is [tombikeride.wordpress.com](http://tombikeride.wordpress.com).

Harry Saukrants has been doing our monthly newsletter for years. Let's help him out by submitting pictures of people on our walks and interesting or historical sights we see along the routes. If you tried a new walk, feel free to write a short article to share what you liked about it and encourage others to try it.

We received a thank you card from Val Lance thanking us for honoring her with a lifetime membership.

We discussed what walks will be sanctioned for the coming year. It was agreed to retire the Anderson Island walk, the Hoquium walk and the Ocean Shores walk. Walks to be added are the Grayland-Westport, the Lake Sylvia (Montesano) and a new walk in Tenino which Perki and Peter Sweet will map out. Get information on your walks to our co-vice presidents in mid July so they can be submitted by the end of August. Try to include any challenges applicable and write something interesting about each walk which will be included in the Starting Point and the Pathfinder. Just a reminder that you challenge books usually are issued for 3 years but you can still submit them for a year after that.

Nancy Wittenberg reported that AVA convention walks do not allow free walkers. Other walks at the convention are free if they are in National Forests, State Parks or by a written contract such as the one with the City of Eugene. Individual clubs can decide to allow free walkers. Portland, Salem, Lincoln City and others require a non IVV fee of \$2 from non-credit walkers. Nancy let us know that the next convention could either be held in Albany, NY or Billings, MT. She is suggesting we back the Billings location. The new per participant sanction fee passed on a 2 year trial. Normally a club would have to pay a \$25 fee to sanction a walk and a \$30 fee for an event walk. For walk that receive low participation it may be cheaper to go with the \$1 per participant fee. Try it out for new walks you are setting up.

Our August 11 membership meeting will be our annual potluck. It will be at Shelter 1 at the Rose Garden in Priest Point Park in Olympia. There will be a 5K walk before dinner starting at 4pm. Dinner will start at 5:30 followed by a short business meeting. Board members will bring a main dish. We already have a volunteer bringing water and soda.

For people looking for an event list try  
[HTTP://walking.about.com/od/volkscal/tp/Walking-Festivals.htm](http://walking.about.com/od/volkscal/tp/Walking-Festivals.htm).  
(provided by Wendy Baumgartner)

It was moved and seconded that all current board members be re-elected by acclimation. It was passed.

The meeting was adjourned by Liz Morrison, President.