

Capitol Volkssport Club Meeting

Tuesday, October 13, 2015

Izzy's Classic Buffet, Olympia, WA

A short board meeting was opened at 5:15 to remind members of a club survey coming which will need to be completed and submitted asap. After discussion the board voted to purchase the computer program "Map My Walk" for \$24.99 a year to test how it works for the club with the ability to cancel at the end of the year. Bill Spaulding will do all the maps for all the club walks.

After dinner the general membership meeting was called to order at 6:35 by President Liz Morrison. New members were welcomed and individual awards earned by members were announced. It was moved and seconded to accept the previous months minutes as written. Minutes are now emailed to all current club members each month.

The president's report included the following items:

1. A reminder that general membership meetings will now be held each month. A short board meetings will be held before meeting for dinner if necessary.
2. The Holiday Potluck Dinner is set for December 8. The membership voted to approve the final payment of \$160 for the rental of the Jacob Smith House. An additional outlay of \$11 was made for a banquet permit. Libations are BYOB. If you have photos of Volkssport events from the past year you can submit them to Bill & Holly Spaulding by email to be included in the slideshow during the potluck. Bill will be asking for volunteers to help with decorations the day of the potluck.
3. October is National Volkssport Month and there will be a walk scheduled every weekend. You are encouraged to attend. October 17 it will be a friendship walk with the Kitsap group. Meet at 8:30 at the park & ride. The foot ferry ride from Port Orchard is \$2 (\$1 for seniors). On October 25 there will be a Ghost Walk in Seattle at 2pm. The start point is the QFC on Capital Hill at 417 Broadway E. There will be a walk on October 31 at Remlinger Farms in Carnation.
4. A survey for all members to take to assess the current and future status of AVA is available on email. All members are asked to complete the survey by November 1.
5. After discussion, the membership voted to approve a Deputy Regional Director position once the AVA passes on it.
6. As an update to previous discussions, the 3rd weekend in July was picked for a guided walk on Anderson Island and September 24 has been set aside for a guided walk in Olympia and Tumwater to include salmon returning to spawn. August 4, a Thursday, was picked for a guided walk at Millersylvania State Park. Anyone else with suggestions for walks needs to know that dates for 2016 are filling up rapidly.
7. Liz suggested we make a donation to Tom Baltes who is raising money for arthritis. He rode 4000 miles across America by bike. The AVA didn't contribute to him because they didn't want to set a precedent. Individual clubs are free to make donations. Our Treasurer, Sheila Morrison reported that we have over \$9,000 in our account. A motion was made to donate \$100 to this cause. It was seconded and the vote passed.

An ESVA report was made reminding us that elections will be in the spring. Please consider running for a position.

The Holiday Walking Event will be December 5. The start point will be the United Churches of Olympia on Capitol Blvd. The directions for the walk have been completed. Opportunities to volunteer are coming up.

New business:

1. Perki Sweet gave an update on the "Walk the USA Street by Street" book that is available for purchase. There is a website that is useful to help you to know what place names (cities) are found in which states. The site is placesnames.com. Some names can be common to 11 states but only 3 states can be used at one time. But you can always do a walk several times.
2. Perki also suggested that we put the AVA logo as well as our club logo on the top of walk directions. She also felt that it would be nice to mention on the bottom of directions to thank the local business who provides space for our start point. Nancy Wittenberg reminded us that she is willing to print up any thank you documents we would like to present to businesses who provide a start point.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 pm.