

Capitol Volkssport Club Meeting

January 10, 2017

Izzy's Classic Buffet, Olympia, WA

The evening started with a slideshow given by Bob & Sheila Morrison of their recent trip to England and walking the Cotswolds Way.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Vice President Julie Heath. Achievements by club members for events and distance were announced. Julie again thanked all the members who volunteered to help with our Christmas walking event. Next year's event will be December 9, 2017. The December minutes were accepted as written. Recent walks of interest included the Longview soup & Christmas lights event, the New Year's walks on Alki Beach and West Seattle, and our recently rewritten westside hills walk done by club members last Thursday.

January 21 our club will be 34 years old. The board has suggested we do something special next year to celebrate our 35th. Let the club know of any ideas you come up with. One suggestion made was to have a 35K relay walk.

Sheila Morrison gave the Treasurer's report. We currently have \$9,299.31 after spending \$1,000 as a down payment for Seabreeze in February and \$100 to the United Churches for the use of their building for the Christmas event.

Bill Spaulding gave a Seabreeze update and reminded us that the event is only 37 days away. Our insurance coverage and the state parks permit are in place. Bill, Holly & Jeanne have been proofing the walks. Bill will have a site visit with the Lion's Club manager next week and he is planning a slideshow on the stage during the event. We could still use volunteer help. Check the sign up sheets to see what is still open. Bill is asking the board for \$100 to make a welcome basket of Washington products for Henry Rosales, AVA Executive Director who will be attending Seabreeze and having a round table discussion with members. If you have donations for the raffle or for the welcome basket get in touch with Bill. Bill is renting a trailer and is willing to take anything you have that needs to go to Seabreeze on Wednesday February 15. John Warhol authorized us to use the Puyallup Volkssport's walker sandwich boards in addition to our own. The next committee meeting is January 23 at 10:00 am at the Lacey fire station at 1231 Franz St SE.

Lesley Willardson still has club backpacks and T shirts for sale. There has been interest in purchasing long sleeve T shirts. Let her know if you are interested in one.

Peter Sweet, webmaster, asked all trailmasters to review the directions for their walks to insure that they are up to date and to send any pictures you may have for him to add to the website.

In conjunction with this request, Nancy Wittenberg reminded us of the ESVA program to review walks belonging to other clubs. There is a form on the ESVA website for this purpose. There is a trailmaster instruction guide available on the AVA website. It's purpose is to standardize all walks and to offer an excellent product. Please review your walk to see that it is still relevant. Nancy handed out a 1 page YRE Trailmaster Instruction sheet to our trailmasters.

New Business:

1. The AVA has announced a new biennial contest. Entries must be from the period of January 2015 through December 2016. Prizes will be given. The categories are club newsletter, event brochure, club website, and club logo. The AVA website has information about submissions. Bonnie Tucker has volunteered to find our best examples for each category and submit them.
2. Secretary, Barbara Malone reminded trailmasters to turn in their registration logs for 2016 or other previous years if you have them.
3. Chase Davis has rented a house with a kitchen in Ocean Shores for 3 nights for the Seabreeze event. He has extra bedrooms available at a cost of only \$180 for three nights. If you are still looking for an accommodation or want to get out of an expensive hotel room give him a call or email.
4. Winter Walking in Washington is a contest hosted by the ESVA. It runs from January 1, 2017 through March 31, 2017. Any event you walk counts in this contest. Do 10 walks and your name will be entered in a drawing for an REI gift card. The more walks you do the more entries you earn. Check the ESVA website for more information.

Upcoming Walks:

1. January 14, Cool January Walk in NW Puyallup with the Daffodil Valley Volkssport.
2. January 28, Willburton Hill Park, Bellevue (roller coaster hills & park) with the Interlaken Trailblazers Volkssport.
3. February 4, Portland pre-superbowl event with the Columbia River Volkssport.
4. February 11, Heartbreaker Walk (West hills & stairs) with the Columbia River Volkssport.
5. March 18, Pt Defiance Trek in the Woods with the Four Plus Foolhardy Folks.
6. April 21-23, Victoria Phoenix Festival, Victoria, BC.
7. May 12-14, Shady Cove with the Rogue Valley Walkers (8 walks).
8. May 13, McMillan Grange (poker walk with prizes) with the Daffodil Valley Volkssport.