

Capitol Volkssport Club Meeting

February 14, 2017

Izzy's Classic Buffet, Olympia, WA

A board meeting was held at 4:30. Some of the results of the National Executive Council were discussed.

1. The IVV changed the minimum distance for bike events from 25k to 10k. The NEC changed our requirements accordingly.
2. The AVA will be upgrading the look of our stamps and how they are made. The stamp will be laser cut from a sheet of rubber and attached to a wooden block with double sided tape. The blocks will be reused when a new stamp is made. The AVA will save at least 50% of the current cost of producing and mailing stamps and handles.
3. The AVA will be sending out the new privacy policy to all current members.
4. A new special program has been approved for 2018-2021. Walk Like an Olympian requires 20 events in a city with the same name as an Olympic venue.

New Business:

1. Chase Davis is developing a new walk in Olympia. The board felt that we could try it out on a Tuesday evening walk this spring or summer.
2. We need a delegate for the upcoming convention in June in Billings, MT. If no board member wants to volunteer then it will be opened up to the general membership. The registration fee for the delegate will be paid by the club.
3. Sheila Morrison has bought a \$50 gift card for Henry Rosales when he attends our Seabreeze Event. The board voted to reimburse Sheila.
4. Our Christmas walk scheduled for December 9, 2017 is not yet on the AVA Northwest Region's Calendar of Traditional Events. Vice President, Julie Heath will get it sanctioned so it will be added to the calendar.
5. Bill Spaulding's Tumwater Salmon Walk has been scheduled for October 5, 2017.
6. When bylaw changes are made we need to notify Peter Sweet to make the changes on the webpage also.
7. In the future, the folder of archived walks will be kept in our storage unit where it will be available to anyone needing to access it.
8. We will be setting up a check out system in the storage unit listing the item taken, the date taken, the person using the item and the date it is returned.
9. All board members and other positions in the club have been asked to write up their job descriptions to assist in the smooth transition of those who agree to serve the club.

Following dinner, the general membership meeting was called to order at 6:30 by President, Liz Morrison. She welcomed new members and thanked Peter Sweet for his work on our website, Perki Sweet for all her recent articles for Seabreeze, and Bob & Sheila Morrison for their program on walking the Cotswold Way at last month's meeting.

Nancy Wittenberg reported on the recent Portland Heartbreaker Walk in the West Portland hills which is a 12k (3c) walk that includes 900 stair steps. Chase Davis recently walked 8 walks in Phoenix.

The January minutes were approved at distributed.

President's Report:

1. The club will be receiving a ballot soon for AVA elections. We will decide who our delegate to the convention will be at the next meeting and they will vote our preferences.
2. The Checkpoint was emailed to all members last month but because of its size it was decided not to continue emailing this publication.
3. We will be voting for our Northwest Regional Director at the March meeting.
4. Liz wanted to clarify a couple of points regarding articles written for the TAW. Perki Sweet is our publicity chairman and she generally writes the articles to be submitted. Since we are allowed only 1 article per publication please coordinate with Perki if you wish to submit an article. She also has a list of the guidelines required (ie 500 words) which you will need to write your article.
5. For our own club newsletter, anyone can submit an article to Harry Saukants. Any articles or photos would be appreciated.

Seabreeze News: Set up at the Lion's Club on Friday will be at 5pm and the worker's dinner at Alex's Restaurant will be at 7:15. The Executive Committee meeting will be Saturday at 1:30 and the round table discussion with Henry Rosales will be at 3pm Saturday. Holly Spaulding will be leading a group walk Saturday morning at Seabrook. Nancy Wittenberg has volunteered to assist and Sue Henny will be the sweep.

New Business:

1. Membership Chairman, Karen Younkens will be submitting a written request to change the bylaws for Article 7 Section 2 regarding dropping members from our rolls who have not paid their dues. She wants to change it from 4 months to 3 months to be able to drop their names on October 1. We will vote on this at the March meeting.
 2. Bonnie Tucker has submitted our clubs publications and website for the the contest in conjunction with the AVA Convention in Billings, MT. There is also a 5th category for photos and still time to get them sent in.
 3. Bonnie is also our ESVA representative and reported that they have a new website – <http://www.esva.online>.
 4. AVA Convention registration is now online and you can pay by credit card. Cost is \$299 which includes everything. Cost for a club delegate is \$75 but does not include the dinner ticket.
 5. Nancy Wittenberg reminded us that the Big Give is coming up in May. Nancy is the Fund Development Chair and the AVA hopes to raise \$60,000 nationally.
 6. Nancy Wittenberg reported that there will be bylaw changes in May regarding the National Executive Council.
 7. The March meeting will include a program by Tom & Barb Malone on their recent trip to China.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:07.

