

Capitol Volkssport Club Board Meeting

March 13, 2018

Izzy's Classic Buffet, Olympia WA

Board members were asked for information ideas for our webpage. One idea was to have a club email address and an access person assigned to respond to questions. Holly Spaulding and Karen Younkins suggested that all phone numbers be removed from the website and only email addresses used.

Individual keys to our storage shed were discussed. It was felt that 2 club officers should be responsible for having keys and a spare should be kept by a club member living in Olympia for quick emergency access. Presently Julie Heath, Liz Morrison and Chase Davis have keys to the unit.

Liz Morrison felt that the club should have a specific person responsible for sending out get well, congratulation or sympathy cards. We will be asking for a volunteer to be our "sunshine person".

It was noted that digital copies of all our walks (past & present) could be online and available to box tenders and officers. These could be printed out as needed for walk boxes. Other clubs are already doing this and Sharon Moats would be willing to help us set this up or have her web person advise us. We would also need to know how to password protect this information and limit who has access. It was suggested that oversight for walk copies could become part of one of our officer's duties.

Holly wrote up instructions for box tenders and has also volunteered to do the same for trail master, ESVA representative and monthly newsletter editor. These along with the officer job descriptions could be emailed to all members when we have openings. This would be in addition to asking members to consider running for office as we currently do at club meetings or in the newsletter.

We currently have 4 wooden file cabinets taking up space in the storage unit. Perki Sweet, Jeanne Allan and Mert Turner spoke up for 3 of them.

It was agreed that the outgoing president (or other officers) would be on board for the 1<sup>st</sup> couple of meetings to help the transition.

Bob Morrison talked with Harry Saukants who currently does our monthly newsletter. Harry is a longtime member and is now 93 and feeling like he might like to pass this on to a new person.

There will be a meeting for all box tenders in the future. A list has been compiled with new rules and regulations to follow when writing up a walk. Box tenders will be reviewing their walks to see if they comply.

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Thanks to Ian Heath for showing us pictures of past club events & walks from 6:30 to 6:45 and to Bill Spaulding for helping him.

President, Liz Morrison opened the meeting by congratulating club members for their achievements for events and distances. Mert Turner and Norm Adams completed walking in all 50 states. Their dog Zander walked in the lower 48 states.

Chase Davis reported doing interesting walks in old downtown Snohomish. Mert Turner and Norm Adams walked in German town (Fredericksburg, Texas) where you are free to walk around with wine glass in hand. This walk is #0001 – the very first volkssport walk. Bonnie Tucker previewed the walk from the ferry dock to Ediz Hook to see the ships. This will be part of the Northwest Regional Conference in July in Port Angeles.

The February minutes were accepted with 2 corrections to be made.

The President's Report:

1. The Big Give is here again. The AVA is one of the organizations you can donate to individually or as a club. Holly Spaulding commented that our club walks are the cornerstone of the AVA. Their website provides us a way to find a walk anywhere in the US and they coordinate with Europe. They also provide online registrations. Sheila Morrison, Treasurer gave background on how much we pay to the AVA for each walker and the totals for the year and special events. The AVA is asking for donations to cover a shortfall partly because there are fewer walkers stamping books than past years. The club voted to give the AVA a \$1000 donation this year.
2. Chase Davis reported that he is designing the walk for the Anniversary Celebration.
3. The Christmas walk December 8 will use the same start point at the United Churches on Capitol Boulevard. The walk will be during the day this year. The 5-6K walk has been sanctioned and the longer walk is being designed.
4. The next Seabreeze meeting will be Thursday March 15 after our morning walk. It will be at Karen and Jim Younkens house at 12:30. Bring your sack lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided. Jim will have the "Save the Date" flyers available.
5. Sheila Morrison, Treasurer reported that February was a big month for our walks. She has found a man who will make copies for 9 cents each. Contact her for further information.
6. Holly Spaulding, ESVA rep wanted to report that the next meeting will be April 28 and will include walks.

New Business:

1. New AVA stickers are available for your walk box. There will also be an identification page available soon to include in the walk box in case it becomes misplaced. As discussed at the board meeting we will be reviewing YRE's for standardizing with the new rules and regulations.
2. Nominating committee members Bob Morrison, Chase Davis & Tom Malone have been polling current officers and other club members who may be interested in running for election in June. Notify Bob if you are interested or have questions about job descriptions.
3. The club is looking into getting a P.O. Box to use as the address for the club to eliminate giving out personal addresses or phone numbers on the website or internet. Holly Spaulding and Karen Younkens will be looking into this for us.
4. We will be hoping to get a volunteer to be the "sunshine person" for the club to send out cards, balloons or flowers for illness, death or other events. Liz Morrison will send out and email to all club members.

5. We are hoping to get digital copies of all our YRE walks online. Holly Spaulding will contact Sharon Moats for help.
6. Bike riding season is coming up. The first event will be in June on the Willapa Trail. Holly is sending around an information sheet. There is a bike book available to stamp. It is for 5000K. Peter Sweet will post bike rides on the website.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25.