

Capital Volkssport Club Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2025
Olympia-Lacey Church of God
5005 Lacey Blvd. SE
President Karen Younkings presiding

1. Thanks to Barb Malone for bringing treats today. Mary Clem will bring treats for the next regularly scheduled meeting in November.
2. Sign up sheets for the Holiday walk are in the back. Please help out the Club by bringing snacks, and/or helping to sign up walkers.
3. Welcome to a new member: Bobbi Fuchs.
4. September meeting minutes were approved as submitted via email to club members.
6. September Treasurer's report was approved as posted to the group via email on Oct 8.
7. Congratulations to: Nancy Wittenberg for 35,000 km and 3800 events; Liz Morrison with 8,000 km!
8. A free-ranging discussion about Club finances ensued. Treasurer Pam Greig-Davis elaborated on her concerns that we are losing money each year due to the low price of our walks and possibly our yearly dues amounts. She stated that our yearly storage locker costs \$780, in addition to the cost of our annual party and picnic. We also must forward money to AVA for each walker depending upon our method of sanction for the walks. Several members had differing opinions of the Club's total balance, and some reminded us of our previous decision to continue the \$2 cost of our walks for the remainder of 2025. As we have never decided on an amount for a prudent reserve, it was decided that the Treasurer will prepare some projections of our budget with differing walk prices and dues prices to help us in our decision-making for the future.
9. Several members spoke about recent trips and walks they had taken, to locations such as Leavenworth, New Hampshire, Colorado, and Australia.
10. Nancy Wittenberg and Liz Morrison discussed preparations for our annual Holiday Walk, which will begin at the Washington Council of Police and Sheriffs building at 200 Union Ave. SE in Olympia. After some discussion, it was pointed out that the Club will need to acquire a permit for walkers to enter the Capital Building, which is usually part of the walk, and that each group of walkers will need to have a copy of the walk directions, which will contain the permit number, if they intend to enter the Capital.
11. It was disclosed that Squaxin Park did not have availability on August 13th for our annual picnic next year, so the Club voted on the next acceptable date of August 20th as their preferred replacement. Karen will attempt to reserve that date and report back.
12. Bonnie Tucker gave her report as ESVA Area Coordinator for the South Sound, describing walks just completed and some of those to come. She gave a shout out to those in our area who are serving, or have served, in leadership roles for AVA and the state of Washington. Well done all.

13. Diane Malone spoke of her recent trip with Tater Tours, which will be the last one, and introduced a topic being discussed as an addition to AVA's upcoming 50th Anniversary, which is to be called "Walk a Mile with Me." The idea is to have an introductory one mile walk suitable for most people in order to encourage participation. More discussion will follow.

14. There were no suggestions for get well cards proffered.

15. Bob and Sheila Morrison have agreed to lead the last traveling guided walk on November 6th at the Evergreen College. Also, ESVVA will have their next meeting in Port Angeles on Oct. 11th at 1 pm, at the Port Angeles High School. All are allowed to attend. In addition, there will be a walk sponsored by the Olympic Peninsula Explorer's Club.

16. The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary L Clem

Mary Clem, Secretary