

Capital Volkspor Club Meeting Minutes
12 March, 2026
Olympia/Lacey Church of God
5005 Lacey Blvd.
Lacey, WA 98503
President Karen Younkings, Presiding

1. Sign-up sheets are in the back of the room for Wild and Woodsy, and also Tuesday evening walk leaders.
2. CVC items for sale, including shirts, hats, and bags, are also in the back of the room.
3. Thanks to Ginny Miller for providing tonight's treats. Sheila Morrison will bring them for our May meeting.
4. RoseMarie Hirsch has done 3000 events and 22,000 km as of latest count! Other opening comments tonight were from Mike and Cindy Extine, who have now completed walks in every State Capitol West of the Mississippi. They also recently attended the International Marching League event in San Antonio and gave a short synopsis. Also, it was noted that there has been a fire in Kelso at the startbox location for walks in Kelso, Kalama, and Longview. These walks are fortunately on the OSB.
5. January minutes, sent to the club via email on January 12th, were approved as submitted.
6. The Treasurer's Report was emailed to the club on March 10th. Pam Greig-Davis noted that we actually made a bit of money since the last report.
7. The event "Dinner at the Cove," following a Monday walk, was given a thumb's up, attended by approx. 18 people.
8. David Black gave a summary of the latest ESVA Board meeting. Notable topics discussed were:
 - a) The latest financial statement showed a balance of \$13, 719. and pointed out that ESVA is making money on all challenges.
 - b) Several clubs are just hanging on, such as the Sunstriders club now down to 7 members, the FS Family Wanderers, who have about 4 to 5 years left based on membership, the Idaho Treasure Valley Volkssport Club, who will change all of their walks to OSB only, and then dissolve their club.
 - c) It was pointed out that the Northwest Meetup Group is now a private group, and you must join the group to receive email notices for walks in the Northwest Region.
 - d) The cost for liability insurance for the AVA has increased by \$5000. They are attempting to eliminate some of the events that contribute to that amount.

The next ESVA meeting will be at the Wild and Woodsy event location in Hawk's Prairie on Saturday, April 25th, at 1PM (and at 2 PM for the general public.)

9. See the CVC Website for details of Wild and Woodsy 2026. The dates are Thursday, April 23rd-Sunday, April 26th. Notable events are the pub crawl on Thursday, the Pizza dinner on Friday evening at Hawk's Prairie (\$15) and the more formal dinner at the Tumwater Golf Club on Saturday evening (\$37)
Three new walks will have their debut at this event.

10. Bonnie Tucker gave the area coordinator's report for our South Sound area, and several events are coming up, including Flaming Geyser State Park (Daffodil Valley group,) on May 16th. Mt. Ranier State Park (Daffodil Valley group,) on August 15th, and a multi day event in Bellingham (also the Daffodil group,) Oct. 8-11th. This is the 40th Anniversary year for the Daffodil Valley Volkssport Club! Also, the Evergreen Wanderers will put on the Tacoma vs. Ruston event on April 11th. Details of the events are on the AVA website.

11. Colored Door Challenge books are now due; please submit books to Pam Greig-Davis and awards will be presented at the May CVC meeting.

12. The new club challenge, "Tea Shops, Wine Bars and Coffee Shops" began on March 2nd. Details were emailed to the membership.

13. Julie and Karen have agreed to Chair the Holiday Party for this year. Thanks to you both!

14. Leaders are needed for Tuesday evening walks, especially for the Traveling Guided walks. Please sign up in the back or let Karen know if you are interested in leading one of these walks.

15. Voting on CVC Club Officers will be in May. Installation of officers will be in July. Liz and Bonnie continue to identify candidates for office.

16. In keeping with our attempts to schedule new and (hopefully) exciting events in the months when we do not have a meeting scheduled, Mary Clem will lead a walk in the Lakehills area of Bellevue on Saturday, June 27th. We will walk at 10:30 to give us a bit more time to do the trek north, so registration, which will be provided onsite by the Interlaken Trailblazers Club, will take place at 10:15. The start point is at the Bellevue Demonstration Garden parking lot at 15500 SE 16th St. in Bellevue. There is a good size parking lot, and restrooms. We will have a 5 km route, and a 10 km route. These walks are mostly through greenbelts on nicely groomed trails, and include the Larson Lake Blueberry farm, Phantom Lake Park (5 k) and Weona Park (10k.) The walks are rated 1B by the Interlaken club, though the 10K will have a couple of diversions from the sanctioned 10K and will include some short but steep ups and downs in a wooded setting. There are many choices for lunch in the area, but a favorite of Mary's from her old neighborhood is at the Crossroads Mall just up the avenue from the start point.

17. The deadline for submissions to the April/May newsletter is March 26th.

18. Next CVC Board meeting is on April 28th, at 2:30 PM at Karen Younkin's house.

19. There was a call for a sympathy card for Linda Darkenwald on the death of her daughter, Amanda. It was also noted that Ginny Miller has injured her leg and will be out of commission for a few weeks. David will send her a card from the CVC.

20. And now for part two of the slide show "Winter Down Under," courtesy of Jim and Karen Younkings.

21. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary L Clem

Mary Clem, Secretary, CVC