

Capitol Volkssport Club General Meeting

Tuesday February 10, 2015

Izzy's Classic Buffet - Olympia

Meeting was called to order at 6:15 by President, Liz Morrison.

Jim & Karen Younkins gave a slide presentation of their recent cross country tour of 24 states. They completed walks at many state capitals and visited many train museums and rail yards.

Liz congratulated members for achievements received.

Seabreeze is coming up this weekend. There are 3 dinner tickets still available.

March 12 is the date for the train trip to Portland. We will be walking the 4T's (Trains, Trollies, Trams & Trails). We will be taking the 501 train leaving at 8:15 from Olympia and the 508 train leaving at 6:50 from Portland. You can get a 15% senior discount if you buy your tickets in person.

There was considerable discussion regarding donations to Theler Wetlands Community Center as we have a walk on their trail which has recently been upgraded. We also discussed giving to the Lions Club in Ocean Shores which we use for Seabreeze and to the AVA. We were reminded that contributions are restricted to funds the club has received in donations. In addition, amounts over \$100 must be approved by a vote of the general membership. A motion was made and seconded to donate \$500 to AVA. The motion passed.

Discussion was continued on the Pathway to Excellence program which spells out what a good club should be and gives ways to improve ourselves. Initially there is a lot of paperwork involved. Sheila has the spreadsheet ready to go. Do we wish to pursue this? Further discussion was tabled until a later meeting.

Laura Kurtz has notified us that she will no longer be able to be a box tender after June for the Tumwater walk. Bill and Holly Spaulding volunteered to take over for her.

The AVA convention will be held in Salem, OR June 13-21. Anyone wishing to be a delegate can contact Bob & Sheila Morrison. One delegate will be given free registration - a \$430 value. Many afternoon workshops are included in this fee. Morning walks will include Silver Falls, Salem, Vancouver, Eugene and Lincoln City. Most of the walks are owned by the AVA and there will be no free walkers. The membership approved spending \$100 to donate a prize to the silent auction. The actual prize will be determined later. Money made by the silent auction goes to the AVA for convention expenses.

A reminder that the Phoenix Festival is coming up in April in Victoria, B.C.

HUB, a Chehalis Western & Woodland Trails meeting will be held Wednesday February 11 at 6pm at Mt. View Elementary.

Nancy Wittenberg announced that the National Executive Council approved 13 new events for next year. She also let us know that the Gig Harbor YRE walk is closed until a new start point can be found because the Ace Hardware closed. Also the Sequim YRE is closed because the railroad bridge over the Dungeness River was damaged in recent flooding.

The Pathfinder Volkssport Club of the Northwest has been established. It is not a part of the Evergreen State Volkssport Club. In order to be set up as a club they need to have a sanctioned walk. This will probably be a guided walk. It will be set up as a C4 which cannot accept donations. They will be looking for board member. These will be voting members.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10.