

Capitol Volkssport Club General Membership Meeting

Tuesday April 14. 2015

Izzy's Classic Buffet - Olympia, WA

The meeting was called to order by president Liz Morrison. The first order on the agenda was a presentation by Bob & Sheila Morrison of their recent trip to Portugal. Liz recognized awards earned by individual members for events and distance. The minutes for the previous meeting were approved without changes.

Our appreciation for a successful Seabreeze Event was extended to all committee members. Our co-chairs were Liz Morrison and Bonnie Tucker. Committee chairs were Peter & Perki Sweet for publicity, Sheila Morrison and Linda Polzin for registration, Jeanne Allan, Pat Brower, Mert Turner and Norm Adams for walk routes, Susan Berry and Barb Malone for the soup kitchen, Karen Younkins for dinner tickets and Pat Harmon for sponsorship and dinner set up and take down. Special recognition was given to Pat Harmon and Yoko Melrose for the raffle, to Bob Morrison and John Warhol for being MC's and for leading walks and for the "3 Dudes" Bill Spaulding, Norm Adams and Tom Malone for being available to help wherever needed.

The National Convention is coming up June 13 - 21. There is still time to volunteer. Pat Harmon will be the lead for our basket to be given for the auction. Let Pat know if you wish to help her. It was suggested that we give 2 baskets with a \$50 value rather than 1 worth \$100. We were reminded that boxes for mailing baskets home should be provided.

Other reminders:

1. Bob Morrison and John Warhol have given the bike ride schedule to Peter Sweet and you can view it on our website.
2. Sheila Morrison has new business cards available for any members to have to pass out to new people inquiring about our club.
3. AVA challenge books will now be mailed out as they are sold but you must continue to hold them until the challenge start date.
4. The "Big Give" an AVA donation day will be May 5. Any donations you make will be matched.
5. The Tuesday walk schedule for April and May has been set up by Peter & Perki Sweet. Arrive at the start point by 5:45pm to sign in and leave promptly at 6pm. The schedule can be viewed on the website.

After further discussion of the Pathway to Excellence program the club voted not to participate at this time as there were no volunteers to lead this project.

We also discussed joining the IVV America's. We would be part of the IVV International with continental groups including Asia and Europe. The AVA would pay a \$100 year fee to be a member. The club voted to join. When we receive the ballot for the club it will be signed by president Liz Morrison and secretary Barb Malone and returned before the National Convention is held.

Susan Berry brought us up to date with the ESVA which will now meet only 3 times per year. The new Pathfinder Club which has been set up is a joint Oregon & Washington venture.

Upcoming events:

1. Wednesday April 22 is Earth Day. The upgrade of the Woodard Bay natural area has been completed. We were notified that there will be an open house from 12:30pm until 4pm. There will be a ceremony at 1pm. The club will be holding a 15k walk to start at the South Bay grocery at 11am since we utilize this trail and area as a regular walk. It is suggested that you carry water and snacks and plan to stay for the ceremony. It is also encouraged that you wear club identification and bring your business cards to hand out. Help us be a presence.
2. On April 24 - 26 the Four Plus Foolhardy Folks will be sponsoring an event at Grand Coulee.
3. May 3 will be the Bloomsday walk in Spokane. You can register online through April 19.
4. The Puyallup Daffodils will be holding a walk on Wednesday May 13th in conjunction with World Walking Day events (May 2 - 16). Carolyn Warhol will send the information to Peter to be posted on our website or check meet-up.com.
5. August 7 - 9 walking event will be in Dufur, Oregon in conjunction with the Dufur Threshing Bee.
6. On August 15 the NW Tulip Trekkers will sponsor a walk in Point Roberts, WA.
7. September 11 - 13 will be the Whidbey Walking Festival sponsored by the NW Tulip Trekkers.

The meeting was adjourned.