

## Capitol Volkssport Club Meeting

Tuesday November 10, 2015

Izzy's Classic Buffet, Olympia, WA

A meeting of board members was held at 5:00. We again discussed the meeting and start times for walks beginning in January of 2016 in order to begin walking at precisely 10:00. Published notices for regular walks will now state to register at the start point at 9:45 and begin walking at 10:00. Walks with a remote start point will request that you be early. Walkers will leave registration area at 9:50 to allow time to get to the remote start and begin walking at 10:00. The board meeting was closed at 5:30.

At 6:30 the general membership meeting was called to order by President Liz Morrison. Liz welcomed new members. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as written. The following in the president's report:

1. The upcoming Holiday Walk is December 5. Sign up sheets to provide cookies at the checkpoint and for volunteer duties were passed around. You can leave you cookies at the start point at the United Churches before the walk begins at 3:00.
2. Our holiday potluck and meeting is December 8 from 5:00 until 8:30 at the Jacob Smith House. The rental time for the house was extended in order to provide more time to socialize. The potluck is BYOB.
3. Now that the AVA has established the deputy regional director position, the general membership will be voting to fill that position at the next meeting. Currently , Tom Baltus is the only candidate running. His qualification sheet was passed around for everyone to read.
4. The survey that our club filled out for the AVA is available for you to read.
5. The AVA has sent a request for anyone who feels artistic to design and submit a patch to celebrate the upcoming 40th anniversary. Members are also encouraged to submit stories or anecdotes about Volkssporting.
6. The Oregon Trail State Volkssport Association (OTSVA) has issued a walking challenge to the Evergreen State Clubs again this year. The new focus is that all walks must be done in Oregon. For each 10 walks completed you will receive a chit to enter into a drawing for prizes of \$25, \$50 and \$75.
7. If you plan to walk in Vancouver, WA please note that there has been a start point change.

Sheila Morrison reported that the Treasurer's report is available online.

The next ESVA (state level) meeting will be in February 2016. They will be electing new board members. ESVA meetings are held 3 times a year. Please consider running for an office.

New Business:

1. New members suggested that we wear our nametags to our club meetings. We will also be putting together a new order for name tags.
2. During our Christmas potluck meeting you are asked to join us in bringing hats, gloves, mittens, scarves or socks which we donate to a local charity.

3. We haven't had any programs presented lately at our meetings. If anyone has pictures they would like to share with the group from a walk or challenge let the board know. Peter and Perki Sweet volunteered to put together a program of the county walks they did in Washington. Other suggestions were to invite South Sound Running to do a presentation. The owner Greg was willing to do this in the past. Or to ask the Thurston County Trails Association to give us an update on what is available. Several members volunteered to check into these options.
4. The Girl Scouts of Lewis County have asked to schedule a walk with them in the spring. The AVA has a special patch that may be applicable to this event. It may be possible to include their walk with the guided walk to be held in August 2016 at Millersylvania State Park.

Upcoming events:

1. Several members plan to join the New Year's Eve walk in Seattle. They plan to stay at the University Inn. Make your reservations soon. They need suggestions for a good restaurant for dinner in the area.
2. The Turkey Trot in Edmonds will be November 28.
3. The Canadian Volkssport Convention will be May 6 - 9, 2016. If you make your reservation by November 30 you will receive a discount.
4. The Columbia Gorge walking event will be June 16 - 19, 2016. You need to make your hotel reservations now.
5. The regional conference in Boise will be September 16 - 18, 2016.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14.