

Capital Volkssport Club Meeting

February 9, 2016

Izzy's Classic Buffet, Olympia, WA

A brief board meeting was held at 5pm. Discussions were held about several of the questions we were trying to answer on a survey received from the ESVA. This included how often the ESVA should meet and whether or not an individual club should host the meeting and provide lunch or not. We were asked how the state organization should be funded and for any ideas in changing the ESVA organization structure. Since our state organization has \$30,000 in funds we were asked to vote on ways to use some of this money and reduce the large balance in the future.

The general membership meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Liz Morrison. New members were introduced and awards earned by members for distance and events were announced. The membership voted to accept the January minutes as written.

Liz asked if anyone had an interesting walk they would like to share. Nancy Whittenberg praised the newly reworked walk in the Proctor District of Tacoma. It starts at a Safeway and includes the UPS campus, homes, shops, bridges and great views. Both a 6K and a 10K are offered. It is on our schedule for a Thursday in the future.

Bob Morrison was nominated to fill the vacant ESVA representative position through June 2016. Bob was unanimously elected.

We again discussed several points raised on the ESVA survey. It was noted the every club receives 5 copies of the Pathfinder. Susan Berry, as our previous representative received them. Now we need to update the address they are mailed to. It was noted that the state organization should promote the formation of new clubs and new walkers which is not currently happening. Clubs should be encouraged to offer additional walks on weekends when there is no special event listed on the calendar. ESVA meeting should not be officers and reps reading published reports out loud. Liz will complete the survey and offer our opinions.

The membership discussed the possibility of the ESVA to cover the cost of listings on the Meet-up groups for 2016 – 2017. Since this would encourage individuals other than our members to join walks a motion was passed to have Bob Morrison recommend this at the next ESVA meeting.

The results of the AVA survey are out and have not been positive. 52% of responders felt that the AVA National Council needed to make changes.

We were the first club to join the IVV Americas. There was some question as to whether this was a conflict of interest. The AVA hired legal council and found that we were within our rights to join and there was no conflict of interest.

A nominating committee will be appointed and convene in April (according to the bylaws) to put forward names for the election of new officers. We discussed making a change to the bylaws to change the term of all board members from 1 year to 2 years. This would give each officer more time to know their duties and a chance to see where changes could be made. Outgoing officers would be asked to

mentor the new officers. The ESVA and other local clubs currently use 2 year terms. We will vote on changing the bylaws at the March meeting.

Bill Spaulding gave a Seabreeze update. Notes from the previous meeting have been written up and sent out to committee members. There will be a write up and picture in the next issue of the TAW magazine. The next committee meeting will be Thursday April 21 at Karen Younkens house after our walk. Bill passed out flyers that have been printed for the 2017 Seabreeze Walking Festival. Copies are available from Bill to put in walk boxes or for individuals to hand out at other walking events they will be attending.

New business:

1. Perki and Peter Sweet will share a presentation and pictures of completing their walks in Washington's 29 counties at the March meeting.
2. A discussion was opened as to where signed waivers are kept at the end of a year. Currently some box tenders give them to the Treasurer and some are given to the Secretary. The bylaws state that they should be given to the Secretary. However the Treasurer is the one who uses the information on the waivers to complete reports. Waivers are to be kept for 7 years. But are they kept in the officer's home or can they be kept in our storage shed. There will be continued discussion at next month's meeting.

Upcoming events:

1. The Canadian Conference will be held in Langley, B.C. May 26 – 29.
2. In conjunction with the Bloomsday Race in May the Lilac City Volkssport will have a walk. You will be able to stamp your books at Manitou Park. Register online. There is no fee for walkers.
3. On August 6 there will be a walk starting at the Peace Arch Park at the border. Bring your passports and Discover Pass. The next day the walk will be in Bellingham. Plan ahead to attend both.
4. September 16 – 18 will be the N.W. Regional Conference held in Boise, Idaho. Both training sessions and walks will be available.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25.