

Capital Volkssport Club Meeting

March 8, 2016

Izzy's Classic Buffet, Olympia, WA

A board meeting was held at 4:45 pm. We discussed whether we needed to change the bylaws regarding who is responsible for archiving registration sheets and waiver cards at the end of each year. The current bylaw states it is the Secretary. It was decided to follow the current bylaw and keep all documents with the Secretary. Records are to be kept for 7 years and not to be archived in our storage area. We want all box tenders to know that they should be giving their registration sheets to the Secretary for storage at the end of each year.

After dinner, the general membership meeting was called to order by President Liz Morrison. Two new members were welcomed and awards for distance and events were announced.

Jeanne Allan shared a walk she enjoyed in Portland where even though you are within the city limits it will feel as if you aren't.

A vote to change Article III, Section 1 of the bylaws passed. The term for all officers (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Membership Chair) will now be 2 years. If we elect co-vice presidents, their terms should be staggered.

A nominating committee for new officers needs to be in place in April to prepare for the upcoming election. Please let Liz know if you would like to be part of the nominating committee. If we do not get the volunteers we need the bylaws state that members will be appointed.

Bob Morrison shared the following updates from the last ESVA meeting:

1. The ESVA recognized the value of Meetup.com and has agreed to pay the fees to join. All clubs will be able to use this tool to list their walks and event.
2. The AVA is celebrating its 40th year. Special patches can be ordered by our club at \$3 each and made available at events.
3. Results from the recent AVA survey are available online or you may request a copy from Liz Morrison or John Warhol.
4. The Northwest Regional Conference will be September 16-18 in Boise, Idaho.
5. The John Wayne Trail has come under fire. Local landowners want to remove management from the Parks Department and require a users permit. John & Carolyn Warhol will attend an upcoming meeting to voice opinions of Volkssporters and other groups who use the trail.
6. The ESVA annual meeting will be held June 4 in Edmonds.
7. California has initiated an online start point system. They are encouraging other states to join. You will be able to electronically sign the waiver sheet and you will only have to do this the first time you use the system. Clubs will have to set up a Paypal account to pay for the walks you sign up for. Copies of the walk directions will be online for you.

Bill Spaulding reported that 2 of the walks for Seabreeze have been sanctioned. The next committee meeting will be after the Thursday walk on April 21 at Karen Younkins home.

Liz Morrison gave the President's report:

1. Harry Saukants, who sends out our monthly newsletter, has been having trouble with his computer. If you items to submit to the newsletter, you may want to call him first.
2. The Check Point publication which comes out every other month, can be viewed on the AVA website. You can request a copy to be sent by email at intern.ava.org.
3. May 3 is the day for the Big Give. To give you will go to the AVA website and there will be a button to click in order to donate. Last year there were matching funds for your donations but that is not the case this year.
4. There will be a guided walk in May for the Girl Scout Region which runs from Lewis County to Puyallup. If you are willing to join the planning committee or help out later with the walk please contact Liz Morrison. More information will be forthcoming as to the date and time of the walk. We are thinking of using our existing YRE walk around the lake and capitol building. The AVA has a patch available for participants.

Upcoming walks:

1. Our 1st evening walk of the season will be Tuesday April 5 at Woodard Bay. Meet at South Bay Market at 5:45 pm.
2. Jeanne Allan is asking for help with a guided walk on March 19 starting at the Historical Park in Tumwater. The group will be stopping for lunch at the Oyster House during the walk.
3. March 19 is also the date for the St Patrick's Day Teddy Bear Walk in Portland. Contact the Cedar Milers Club.
4. March 19-20 you can join the Four Plus Foolhardy Folks at NW Trek in Eatonville.
5. March 26 the Emerald City Wanderers will host a Easter Stroll at Celebration Park.
6. May 21 is the Armed Forces Day Event at Fort Lewis. Please note that as of April 1 new security regulations apply for entry to JBLM. 2 pieces of photo ID are required. You will need a military ID or a passport and a driver's license or state ID card. A driver's license alone will not get you in.
7. The Millersylvania State Park walk has been changed to August 25 to coincide with the free entry to all state parks. Please change the date on all bookmarks listing upcoming walks.

This year's potluck picnic and walk will be at the Tumwater Historical Park.

Another reminder to take Seabreeze 2017 flyers with you to any walking events you attend. Contact Liz Morrison or Bonnie Tucker for copies.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.