

Minutes
Capitol Volkssport Club Membership Meeting
April 12, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by CVC President Liz Morrison

Three new members were welcomed and awards for distance and events were announced.

Four people reported on recent interesting walks they had done. Nancy Wittenberg walked in Australia, Pat Brower walked in California, Bob and Sheila Morrison walked in Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Louisiana, and Liz Morrison walked in Las Vegas.

It was moved by John Warhol, seconded by Jeanne Allen and carried to approve the March minutes with the addition of the following sentence: "Peter and Perki Sweet presented a program with pictures of their walks in all of Washington's 39 counties."

Liz Morrison gave the **President's report**:

1. The permit has been approved for the Girl Scout's walk on the Capitol Campus on May 22. The walk starts at 1 pm. Liz has not heard from Helen, the Girl Scout contact, on whether or not they are ready to do this. We are ready, and Liz needs people to commit to work and other people to walk with the girls. Talk to Liz if you can help.
2. The Tuesday Trekkers are going to walk in Tenino on Tuesday, April 19. They will start from the Tenino Market at 11 am. We are welcome to join them.
3. The article picturing the Seabreeze Committee in *The American Wanderer* paper was shown. Nancy Wittenberg mentioned that if we received the TAW online, the pictures show in color. We can opt to do this by sending an email to intern@ava.org to request an online version as opposed to a paper copy.

Bob Morrison, our **ESVA representative**, updated us on ESVA activity:

1. To look at the ESVA Facebook page, we need to type in Evergreen State Volkssport Association, not "ESVA." We are welcome to post pictures on this site.
2. ESVA is proposing changes.
 - a. Documents referring to the Pathfinder as a magazine are being eliminated, as the Pathfinder is now a separate club.
 - b. Area coordinators used to find places for club meetings. Change would make it the responsibility of the vice president.
 - c. Change ESVA meetings from four per year to two per year. Executive committee would still meet four times a year.
 - d. Change the way we pay ESVA. Rather than paying 30 cents per paid walker per walk, we will pay \$25 per year per club.
 - e. Those who don't file required reports just wouldn't get to vote, rather than be fined.
 - f. Reduce the number of area representatives.

It was moved by Peter Sweet, seconded and carried that Bob vote in favor of these changes proposed by ESVA.

Regional Director, Nancy Wittenberg, reported on AVA's annual fundraising campaign, The Big Give. There are two ways to donate. 1) Go online at TheBigGiveSA.org and make a contribution, or 2) Send a check to AVA, marking "the big give" on the memo line. Nancy is encouraging as many as possible to go online from 10 pm to midnight on May 2, (it will be May 3 in San Antonio), to increase the possibility of winning a prize.

Nancy moved that CVC contribute a \$100 check to the Big Give. That was seconded and then amended to make it a \$200 check. The amendment was seconded, and the motion carried.

Nancy also mentioned the Canadian Volkssport Convention being held May 25-29 in Langley, BC. There will be lots of walks, dinner, etc. A link to the convention details is on the CVC website.

The Tour de Pierce Bike Ride event on Sunday, June 26 was announced. Contact Nancy for a reduced registration fee. John Warhol said the 20K route was pretty flat and easy.

The next **Seabreeze** meeting will be at Karen Younkin's house on April 21, following our regular Thursday walk and lunch. Liz reported that the caterer we have used in the past has been contacted and has agreed to cater our event again.

A **Nominating Committee** consisting of Bob Morrison and Peter Sweet will bring recommendations to our next meeting as to how to solve the problem of the entire slate of officers' terms expiring at the same time. It was suggested that some people run for one year terms and others for two year terms. This will be for the 2016 election only, so that we will be able to implement the bylaw changes (making all offices two-year terms) in the upcoming years.

Upcoming Walks

Saturday, April 16 – Lilac Festival Walk in Woodland

Saturday, April 23 – Water Flume Line Trail Walk in South Tacoma. This is a new trail!

Saturday, April 30 – Bridge our States Walk in Vancouver, WA. This is the Pathfinder Club's walk of the year. Details for all these walks are in the *Pathfinder* magazine.

August 5-7 – Surrey Trekkers are hosting an International Walking Weekend. The Daffodil club participants are staying at the Oxford Suites in Bellingham. Walks will be in Canada and Bellingham. A passport is needed for Canada and a Discover Pass to park at Peace Arch Park.

April 28-30, 2017 – Phoenix Festival in Victoria. See link on CVC website for details.

Monday, August 21, 2017 – There will be a total eclipse of the sun this day, and a walk in Oregon will be planned around this.

New Business

Bob Morrison showed several samples of CVC apparel that can be ordered. See him if interested in purchasing any.

Bob also reported that Chuck Repik would be willing to present a program about his 300 mile walk in Norway.

Sheila Morrison announced that she has new business cards. See her if you need more.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Submitted by,
Perki Sweet
Substitute Secretary