

Capital Volkssport Club Meeting

May 10, 2016

Izzy's Classic Buffet, Olympia, WA

A board meeting was held on April 21. Sheila Morrison reported that the Daffodil Valley Volkssport and the Interlaken Trailblazers Volkssport have been using sandwich boards with arrows for their event walks. She will bring examples to the May meeting for the group to view. At that time the group will vote on replacing our wooden signs that have to be pounded into the ground with new sandwich boards.

Karen Younkins reported that she was the only club member to show up at the park & ride for a recent Thursday walk. A new walker rode with her. Karen felt that if no club member had shown up that the new person who came expecting to carpool would not have been ready to try to get to the start point on their own. It was suggested that we come up with a plan to ensure that a club member is always available at the carpool area. It will be discussed at the regular monthly meeting.

Discussion was held in regard to always making sure every walker is out of the restrooms before the group continues on.

The general membership meeting was called to order by President Liz Morrison at 6:30 pm May 10. New members were welcomed and distance and event awards were announced. Interesting recent walks that were shared with the group included Jacksonville, OR, the border crossing walk between Canada and Washington, and a new walk between Yuma, AZ and California. The previous months were accepted as written.

Liz opened discussion on the following items:

- a. The Girl Scout walk will be held May 22. A table will be set up at the bottom of the Capitol steps. Sign up sheets will be available at 11:30 and the guided walk will begin at 1:00. There will be business cards from our club and the Daffodil Valley Club, bookmarks listing our club walks, and flyers from Seabreeze and other events available to participants.
- b. After much discussion regarding how to ensure a club member always is available at the park & ride for Thursday walks it was decided to ask for volunteers at the beginning of each month. The members felt that they would rather volunteer by the week rather than a month at a time. The walks for the remainder of this month have been covered. Further it was suggested to put a note on our website that if no club member shows up at the park & ride walkers should continue to the start point on their own.
- c. Our nominating committee members, Bob Morrison and Peter Sweet, had previously discussed at last month's meeting that we change the bylaws to make the terms of elected officers 2 years. A resolution was made and seconded to do so. The resolution passed. It had also been discussed that officers terms should be staggered so for this year only the newly elected

President, Secretary and ESVA Representative will serve for 2 years. The officers serving as Vice President, Treasurer and Membership Chair will serve for 1 year. We will also be voting to fill the new position of Sales and Information Chairperson. Elections will be held at the June meeting. The list of candidates running thus far was read.

- d. Safety of walkers is an ongoing concern. One of our members was recently hit in a crosswalk. You are reminded that even though we are walking as a group that everyone needs to be aware of traffic and pay attention at all times.

Bob Morrison has brought catalogs and will be taking orders for club shirts, jackets and hats after the meeting.

The membership voted to purchase 4 sandwich boards (in orange) for \$300 for walking events. Before they are ordered Bob Morrison will check to see if the Daffodil Valley Club have some extras they are willing to sell. We will be using the money donated by Susan Berry toward the purchase of the sandwich boards.

Seabreeze Update - Karen and Jim Younkins have completed the pamphlets. There is only 1 walk left to be sanctioned. George has agreed on the menu and catering for the dinner. The cost will be \$22 each.

New Business - The Kitsap Volkssport Club is disbanding. Nancy Wittenberg would like to keep as many of their walks as possible for next year. We could possibly set up a remote start point online. The Daffodil Valley Club may be interested in taking the Bremerton and Port Orchard walks. Our club could consider taking on one or more of their walks which include Poulsbo, Kingston, Hansville, Port Gamble and 3 in Silverdale.

Upcoming Walks:

1. The Darrington - Oso walk is May 14. You can start between 9 am and noon. It is 130 miles to Darrington and will take you approximately 2 ½ hours to drive.
2. The Cure Arthritis walk is May 21 in Vancouver, WA.
3. The Armed Forces Day walk at JBLM is also May 21. Just a reminder that you may need a passport and driver license to enter the base.
4. The Girl Scout walk is May 22 at the capitol building in Olympia.
5. The Fat Tire Bike Ride on the Willapa Trail is June 25 at 8:00 am. It is a 22 mile ride from Chehalis to Pe Ell. Refreshments will be available at a farm along the way.
6. The Canadian Convention is May 26 - 29 in Langley, BC.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 pm.