

Capitol Volkssport Club Meeting

October 11, 2016

Izzy's Classic Buffet, Olympia, WA

Vice President, Julie Heath opened the general membership meeting at 6:30. She welcomed everyone and congratulated those who had earned awards for distance and events attended.

Several members had interesting walks to share. Bill and Holly Spaulding talked about attending the Kelowna wine walks in Canada. One walk included stopping at 6 wineries where your wine purchases were delivered to you after you finished the walk. They especially recommended the afternoon canyon walk which had 18 trestle crossings and 2 tunnels. Perki and Peter Sweet enjoyed a historical homes tour in Walla Walla. Nancy Wittenberg commented on the great weather and walks in Boise at the NW Regional Conference. Julie and Ian Heath enjoyed walks in Oregon at the Dalles and in Baker City.

The September minutes were accepted as written.

Sign up sheets for the December Holiday walk were circulated for worker positions and for cookie donations. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the plaque on the bench at the farmers market. The membership voted to spend up to \$150 for a separate plaque to honor Susan Berry. It will be added to the bench which already contains Lloyd Berry's honorarium. Bill Spaulding will order the new plaque and get back to us with final cost.

Carolyn Warhol was congratulated for submitting a photo for the next Starting Point publication. Her photo won second place and will be on the back cover of the Starting Point.

Sheila Morrison, Treasurer reported that we have received monies for 60 dinners for Seabreeze in February and have a healthy balance of \$9,691.74.

Peter Sweet, Webmaster asked to be notified if you have any changes to your walks in the new year. Information would be especially helpful if your walk includes one or more of the new challenges. He would also appreciate any new photos you might have for the website.

Lesley Willardson has 1 hat and a few shirts left for sale. We will need 13 people signed up before we can order long sleeve shirts. We are still considering an order for visors. Lesley has been trying to check prices for name tags in the shape of Washington state. Bob Morrison will give her one from the Puyallup Volkssport Club to show to our usual supplier Budd Bay. It was also noted that the Puyallup group only charges \$5 for a pin and the club picks up the remainder of the cost.

Bill Spaulding gave an update on the Holiday Potluck scheduled for December 13 at 5pm. The Jacob Smith house has been reserved and the state liquor permit acquired so that you may bring your own bottle for the party. The club voted to use white plastic tablecloths for the dinner. Volunteers are needed to help with setup at 4pm on December 13.

Bill also gave us an update on Seabreeze. The caterer has been nailed down and a state parks permit acquired. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday October 17 at the Lacey fire station at 1231 Franz St SE at 10 am. Peter Sweet has put up a display including photos on our webpage. Perki Sweet has had

articles in 2 issues of the TAW already. She has now contacted Coast magazine and is writing a 2 page spread for them.

New Business:

1. IVV America's dues will soon be due. We should be receiving and invoice soon.
2. Linda Polzin will be working on the walk schedules for next year. You can send your suggestions or request a specific date for your walk.
3. Perki Sweet commented on the poor attendance at recent monthly meetings. She offered 2 suggestions – the first was to only have membership meetings every other month as was done in the past. Board meetings could be held on the opposite months, every month or as needed. Liz Morrison felt that we could possibly go to 3 board meetings a year which would include a 5K walk downtown and then dinner upstairs at Bayview or possible at another restaurant. We would only use the meeting room at Izzy's for club membership meetings. Perki's second idea was to appoint a program chairman to line up some form of entertainment at club meetings. This could be a short (½ hour) program by a club member showing photos from a recent trip or a speaker such as a personal trainer, physical therapist or other person with a talk related to walking. Val Lance said that in the past her son-in-law was willing to talk to our group. A notice in the monthly newsletter before the scheduled meeting detailing the upcoming program was suggested to help bring up attendance. Bob Morrison agreed to write an article for the next newsletter and ask for any other suggestions.

Upcoming walks:

1. October 22 is the ESVA meeting in Yakima. Help the local club celebrate the Greenway 30th anniversary with a walk and cake. The Oxford Inn has rooms reserved for event participants.
2. October 29 is the Trick or Treat walk at Remlinger Farms in Carnation.
3. November 5 is a walk in Duval at a Historic Railroad Depot.
4. November 5 & 6 there will be walks at Lake Samish Parks and Cedar Lake/Pine Lake sponsored by the Four Plus Foolhardy Folks.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.